

1981 No. 406

POLICE

Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment)
Regulations 1981

<i>Made</i>	<i>1st December 1981</i>
<i>Coming into operation</i>	<i>1st February 1982</i>
<i>To be laid before Parliament</i>	

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of section 25 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a), and after consulting, in accordance with section 34(2) of the said Act of 1970, the Police Authority for Northern Ireland and, in accordance with section 2(1) of the Police Negotiating Board Act 1980(b), the Police Negotiating Board for the United Kingdom, hereby, with the concurrence of the Minister for the Civil Service(c), makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and effect

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment) Regulations 1981.

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on 1st February 1982.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations any reference to the principal regulations is a reference to the Royal Ulster Constabulary Regulations 1973(d).

Meeting of Police Association treated as police duty

3. In sub-paragraph (ii) of regulation 19(a) of the principal regulations after the words “an ordinary or annual meeting of the central committee” there shall be inserted the words “or a meeting of the conferences arrangements committee”.

Public holidays and monthly leave days for higher ranks

4. In regulation 23(4) of the principal regulations for the words “following month” there shall be substituted the words “following three months”.

Removal allowance

5.—(1) In paragraph (1) of regulation 44 of the principal regulations, for the words from “Where a member moves his home” to the words “the Police Authority”, the first time they occur, there shall be substituted the words “Where a member moves his home in circumstances to which this paragraph applies, the Police Authority—”;

(2) After paragraph (1) of the said regulation 44 there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

(a) 1970 c. 9 (N.I.) as modified by S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541)

(b) 1980 c. 10

(c) The relevant functions of the Minister for the Civil Service were transferred to the Treasury as from 7th December 1981 by S.I. 1981/1670. See, in particular, Article 4, which deals with transitional cases

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 31 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 143; S.R. 1976 No. 270; 1977 No. 237 and 1980 No. 353

“(1A) Paragraph (1) applies where the member moves his home—

- (a) on joining the force in the rank of assistant chief constable or a higher rank; or
- (b) except as a consequence of joining the force, and the removal is, in the opinion of the chief constable, due to the exigencies of police duty or is made at the request of the chief constable and is, in his opinion, in the interests of the efficiency of the force.”;

(3) In paragraph (2) of the said regulation, after the words “voluntarily transferring to the Royal Ulster Constabulary from a police force as defined in section 62 of the Police Act 1964” there shall be inserted the words “otherwise than in circumstances to which paragraph (1A) applies”.

Subsistence, refreshment and lodging allowances

6.—(1) In paragraph 4 of regulation 50 of the principal regulations after the words “lodging allowance” there shall be inserted the words “payable under the foregoing provisions of this regulation”.

(2) After paragraph 4 of the said regulation 50 there shall be added the following paragraph:—

“(5) A member above the rank of superintendent may be paid an allowance, at such annual rate as is determined by the Police Authority, to cover additional expenditure incurred by him in obtaining food and lodgings by reason of the exigencies of duty.”;

(3) In paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 6 to the principal regulations for the words “regulation 50” there shall be substituted the words “regulation 50(4)”.

Motor vehicle allowances

7. In paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 7 to the principal regulations the words “unless the specified date is 1st October” shall be omitted.

Northern Ireland Office
1st December 1981

James Prior
One of Her Majesty’s Principal
Secretaries of State

We concur,

J. A. Cope
Robert Boscawen
Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty’s Treasury

16th December 1981.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Royal Ulster Constabulary Regulations 1973.

Regulation 3 allows attendance at meetings of the conferences arrangements committee of the Police Federation for Northern Ireland to count, like attendance at other Police Federation meetings, as police duty. Regulation 4 extends from one month to three months the maximum period of carry-over of monthly leave days by superintendents.

Regulation 5 gives police officers of the rank of assistant chief constable or above the right to be paid removal expenses when joining the Royal Ulster Constabulary. Regulation 6 provides for the payment by the Police Authority of an annual flat-rate subsistence, refreshment and lodging allowance to officers of the rank of assistant chief constable and above in respect of additional expenditure incurred as a result of the exigencies of duty. Regulation 7 makes an amendment to paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 7 to the principal regulations necessitated by the amendment made to paragraph 1 of that Schedule by the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Amendment) Regulations 1980.