- (b) such other arrangements are made as shall be proved to be at least as effective in preventing the dust from entering any occupied room.
- 17.—(a) All ventilating plant used for the purpose of extracting or suppressing dust shall at least once in every six months be examined and tested by a competent person, and any defect disclosed by such examination and test shall be rectified as soon as practicable.
- (b) A register containing particulars of such examination and test shall be kept in a form approved by the Chief Inspector and shall be available for inspection by any workman employed in any room in respect of which the ventilating plant is provided.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland this 10th day of November, 1950, in the presence of

(L.S.)

R. W. Steele,

Assistant Secretary.

# FIRE SERVICES

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## Conditions of Service

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1950, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION NINE OF THE FIRE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1950.

## 1950. No. 170

The Ministry of Home Affairs by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section Nine of the Fire Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Conditions of Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950, and shall come into force on the date hereof.
- (2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.
  - (3) In these Regulations —
  - "the Act" means the Fire Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1950.

- "the Authority" means the Northern Ireland Fire Authority.
- "Fire Force Commander" means the officer appointed by the Authority under paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of Section Six of the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland) (Reprint), 1947, as amended by the Act, or the person by whom the functions of the Fire Force Commander are, at the direction of the Authority, for the time being exercisable.
- "member" means a person employed by the Authority as a fire officer or fireman.
- 2.—(1) Retirement shall be compulsory for whole-time members
  - (a) holding rank above that of leading fireman, on attaining the age of sixty, and
  - (b) of the rank of leading fireman or any lower rank, on attaining the age of fifty-five,

except that in special cases the Authority may extend any such member's service for a further period or periods not exceeding five years in all on being satisfied that such extension would be in the interests of efficiency.

- (2) Retirement shall also be compulsory for any whole-time member if he is required to retire by the Authority on the ground that he is permanently disabled for the performance of his duty.
- (3) Where a person is required to retire under this Regulation he shall be deemed to retire on the date on which he is so required to retire.
- 3. A whole-time member shall not hold any other office or employment for hire or gain or carry on any trade or business:

Provided that the Authority on the recommendation of the Fire Force Commander and in consideration of the circumstances may, in their absolute discretion, permit such a member to hold such an office or employment or to carry on a trade or business on such conditions and subject to such restrictions as they think fit.

- 4.—(1) The Fire Force Commander, if it appears to him that a member has committed an offence against discipline or a criminal offence, may suspend him from duty, and any member who is in legal custody shall be deemed to have been so suspended.
- (2) The period of any suspension under this Regulation and the rights to emoluments during that period of a member who is suspended shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 29th day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty in the presence of

(L.S.) H. C. Montgomery,

Assistant Secretary,

#### SCHEDULE

- 1. Where a member is suspended on the ground of absence from duty, the period of suspension shall, if the Fire Force Commander so directs, begin with the date which appears to him to be the date on which the absence commenced.
- 2. The period of suspension of a member shall continue until either it is terminated by the Fire Force Commander or terminated by his discharge or until any disciplinary proceedings against the member concerned have been concluded, whichever first happens:

Provided that where disciplinary proceedings have been contemplated but it has been decided that no such proceedings shall be taken, the Fire Force Commander shall forthwith terminate the suspension.

- 3. A member who has been suspended shall not be entitled in respect of the period of suspension to any pay, but shall be paid
  - (a) if he has been suspended on the ground of absence from duty, such suspension allowance, if any, as may from time to time be directed by the Fire Force Commander;
- (b) in any other case such suspension allowance not being less than half his pay as may from time to time be so directed:Provided that
  - (i) if the suspension of a member terminates without his having been found guilty of an offence against discipline or a criminal offence he shall receive in respect of the period of suspension the pay which he would, but for the suspension, have received, less the amount of any suspension allowance paid to him;
  - (ii) where a member is found guilty of an offence against discipline, the award in respect of the offence may contain a direction that the member shall be treated as having been suspended only for a specified part of the period of his suspension, and where a member is found guilty of a criminal offence the Fire Force Commander may give a similar direction, and where such a direction is given the member shall receive in respect of the remainder of that period of suspension the sum which he would have received in respect there if he had not hear found guilty.
  - thereof if he had not been found guilty;
    (iii) no suspension allowance shall be paid in respect of any period during which a member is in legal custody otherwise than on remand or while awaiting trial.

# Discipline

REGULATIONS, DATED 9TH NOVEMBER, 1950, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION NINE OF THE FIRE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1950.

# 1950. No. 200

The Ministry of Home Affairs, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section nine of the Fire Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1950, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Discipline) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950.
- (2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.