



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 5 U.K.

#### WORK

### CHAPTER 1 E+W+S

#### EMPLOYMENT, ETC.

#### *Police officers*

### 43 Interpretation E+W+S

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of section 42.
- (2) “Chief officer” means—
  - (a) in relation to an appointment under a relevant Act, the chief officer of police for the police force to which the appointment relates;
  - (b) in relation to any other appointment, the person under whose direction and control the body of constables or other persons to which the appointment relates is;
  - (c) in relation to a constable or other person under the direction and control of a chief officer of police, that chief officer of police;
  - (d) in relation to any other constable or any other person, the person under whose direction and control the constable or other person is.
- (3) “Responsible authority” means—
  - (a) in relation to an appointment under a relevant Act, the [<sup>F1</sup>local policing body or police authority] that maintains the police force to which the appointment relates;
  - (b) in relation to any other appointment, the person by whom a person would (if appointed) be paid;

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- (c) in relation to a constable or other person under the direction and control of a chief officer of police, the [<sup>F1</sup>local policing body or police authority] that maintains the police force for which that chief officer is the chief officer of police;
  - (d) in relation to any other constable or any other person, the person by whom the constable or other person is paid.
- (4) “Police cadet” means a person appointed to undergo training with a view to becoming a constable.
- (5) “SOCA” means the Serious Organised Crime Agency; and a reference to a constable at SOCA is a reference to a constable seconded to it to serve as a member of its staff.
- (6) “SPSA” means the Scottish Police Services Authority; and a reference to a constable at SPSA is a reference to a constable—
- (a) seconded to it to serve as a member of its staff, and
  - (b) not at SCDEA.
- (7) “SCDEA” means the Scottish Crime and Drugs Enforcement Agency; and a reference to a constable at SCDEA is a reference to a constable who is a police member of it by virtue of paragraph 7(2)(a) or (b) of Schedule 2 to the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 10) (secondment).
- (8) For the purposes of this section, the relevant Acts are—
- (a) the Metropolitan Police Act 1829;
  - (b) the City of London Police Act 1839;
  - (c) the Police (Scotland) Act 1967;
  - [<sup>F2</sup>(d) the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.]
- (9) A reference in subsection (2) or (3) to a chief officer of police includes, in relation to Scotland, a reference to a chief constable.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 43(3) substituted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\), s. 99, Sch. 16 para. 382\(a\)](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, {Sch. 1 para. (nnn)(iii)}
- F2** S. 43(8)(d) substituted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\), s. 99, Sch. 16 para. 382\(b\)](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, {Sch. 1 para. (nnn)(iii)} (with Sch. 2 para. 80)

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