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FIRE SERVICES

**The Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion)
(Amendment) Regulations 1981**

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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st July 1981

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 18(1) of the Fire Services Act 1947(a), as amended by the Fire Services Act 1959(b), I hereby, after consultation with the Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council, make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1981.

2. The Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations 1978(c) shall be amended by substituting for Regulation 3 the following Regulation:—

“Appointment of chief officer

3.—(1) A person shall not be appointed to be a chief officer of a brigade unless he has served in a rank higher than that of station officer as a member of a fire brigade maintained by a fire authority in Great Britain under the Fire Services Act 1947 or by the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland.

(2) The method of appointment of a chief officer of a brigade shall be as follows:—

- (a) the fire authority maintaining the brigade shall advertise the appointment so that persons with qualifying service in the United Kingdom may have, a reasonable time before the date on which it is proposed that applications for the appointment are to be considered, an opportunity of knowing that the appointment is to be made and the said date;
- (b) the fire authority shall consider all applications for the appointment received by them before the said date; and
- (c) the fire authority shall interview such of the applicants as they consider suitably qualified.”.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office.
26th May 1981.

(a) 1947 c. 41.

(b) 1959 c. 44.

(c) S.I. 1978/436.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations 1978 by substituting new provisions about the appointment of chief officers. The approval of the Secretary of State for such appointments is no longer required but fire authorities are to advertise appointments, consider all applications and interview suitably qualified applicants, who must have previous service in a rank higher than that of station officer in a brigade in the United Kingdom.

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