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ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY RESERVE

Appointment and Conditions of Service

REGULATIONS, DATED 4TH MAY 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE POLICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 26 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consulting the Representative Bodies constituted by the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act 1919(b) hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

(1) "Inspector General" means the Inspector General of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

(2) Except for the purposes of pay, as specified in Regulations 12 and 13, "reserve constable" shall include "reserve sergeant", "reserve inspector" and "reserve superintendent".

Appointment

3.—(1) The Inspector General may from time to time enrol such persons as he may think fit with a view to their appointment as reserve constables.

(2) Only persons who are of good character, healthy and physically fit shall be eligible for appointment, and every person shall declare before appointment whether or not he has previously served in a regular Police Force or in any Special Constabulary.

(3) Without prejudice to Regulation 11(2) the appointment of every reserve constable shall, unless otherwise specified, be without limitation as to period.

Service

4.—(1) The minimum age for enrolment of a reserve constable shall be 21 years or such other age as the Minister may from time to time authorise.

(2) A reserve constable shall be on probation until he has been awarded a certificate of efficiency under rules formulated by the Inspector General.

(3) A certificate of efficiency shall not be awarded to a reserve constable until he has served at least one year.

(a) 1970. c. 9 (N.I.). (b) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 68.

Ranks

5. The ranks in the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve shall be known by the following designations:—

Reserve Superintendent

Reserve Inspector

Reserve Sergeant

Reserve Constable

Control

6. Reserve constables shall be under the direction and control of, and subject to dismissal by, the Inspector General.

Duties

7.—(1) Reserve constables shall attend training parades and perform patrol duty as reserve constables at such times as the Inspector General may require and in accordance with any directions which the Inspector General may issue.

(2) Reserve constables shall normally be required to attend twelve training parades, each of a minimum two hours' duration, during the winter period (1st October to 31st March) and twelve training parades of similar duration during the summer period (1st April to 30th September).

(3) The Inspector General may require patrols, each of a minimum four hours' duration, to be performed by reserve constables instead of some or all of the training parades required as basic duties, and for this purpose one patrol shall be deemed to be the equivalent of two parades.

(4) The Inspector General may at any time direct reserve constables to perform patrols in excess of those that may be required under the foregoing provisions of this Regulation.

(5) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Regulation, the Inspector General may in any period reduce the number of training parades laid down in paragraph (2) provided, however, that any such reduction shall not be deemed to diminish the prescribed basic duties for the purpose of reckoning additional patrols under paragraph (4).

Clothing, etc., issued

8.—(1) All clothing, accoutrements and documents supplied to reserve constables shall remain the property of the Ministry and every reserve constable shall be responsible for preserving in good order all such articles issued to him and for giving them up when required by or on behalf of the Inspector General.

(2) Upon dismissal or retirement from the force a former member will as soon as possible and in any event not later than one month after leaving the force deliver up all items of public property issued to him and where he fails to do so the Ministry will take whatever action is necessary to recover the property.

9. Unless otherwise directed, every reserve constable when called for duty shall wear the clothing and accoutrements with which he has been provided.

Suspension

10.—(1) Where a report, allegation or complaint is received from which it appears that a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve may have been remiss or negligent in the discharge of his duty or otherwise unfit for the same the Inspector General may suspend him from office until such time as either—

(*a*) it is decided that no action need be taken in his case in consequence of the report or allegation, or

(*b*) any such action has been taken.

(2) The Inspector General may delegate his powers under this Regulation to the Deputy Inspector General or to a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary acting in the place of the Deputy Inspector General.

(3) Remuneration shall not be payable in respect of any period during which a reserve constable is under suspension from duty. Where, however, suspension is removed by the Inspector General, the reserve constable shall, at the discretion of the Inspector General, be deemed to have performed during the period of suspension his appropriate basic duties and may be paid accordingly.

Retirement

11.—(1) A reserve constable may retire subject to his having given to the Inspector General a month's written notice of his intention to retire or such shorter notice as may have been accepted by the Inspector General:

Provided that a reserve constable may not, without the consent of the Inspector General, give notice for the purposes of this Regulation, or retire in pursuance of a notice previously given, while suspended under these Regulations.

(2) Retirement shall be compulsory on attaining the age of 57 years, provided that the Inspector General may extend the service of a reserve constable by yearly periods not exceeding five in number on being satisfied that exceptional circumstances render such extensions desirable.

(3) The Inspector General may require a reserve constable to retire on such date as he may specify—

(*a*) on the grounds that he is disabled to perform the ordinary duties of a reserve constable and the disablement is likely to be permanent, or

(*b*) as an alternative to dismissal, where he has been remiss or negligent in the discharge of his duty or otherwise unfit for the same, and in the determination thereof the disciplinary offences applicable to members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary shall apply.

Remuneration

12.—(1) Remuneration (inclusive of boot allowance) at the rates prescribed in this Regulation shall be paid monthly, quarterly, or half-yearly:—

Reserve superintendent at the rate of £125 per annum

Reserve inspector at the rate of £60 per annum

Reserve sergeant at the rate of £20 per annum

Reserve constable at the rate of £15 per annum

Reserve constable on probation at the rate of £11 per annum;

(2) When additional patrols are performed under the provisions of Regulation 7(4), the remuneration shall be increased, for each hour of any such additional patrol ordered and actually performed, by:—

9s. 0d. for reserve constables
10s. 0d. for reserve sergeants

Conditions of Payment—Part-time Remuneration

13.—(1) Payment of full remuneration to a reserve constable or reserve sergeant under Regulation 12(1) shall be conditional on the performance of the basic duties prescribed in Regulation 7(2) and (3). The payment for each training period (winter and summer) shall be reduced by 1/12th for each training/duty period not attended. Each month of each training period shall contain two training/duty parades.

(2) If, under the provisions of Regulation 7(5), fewer than twelve parades are required during each summer or winter training period, the reduction for each parade a reserve constable or reserve sergeant fails to attend shall be his basic remuneration for the period divided by the number of parades required in the period.

Expenses and Allowances

14.—(1) A reserve constable may, on the approval of the Ministry, be reimbursed any out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by him in the execution of his duty other than the basic duties prescribed in Regulation 7(2) and (3).

(2) A reserve constable may be paid an allowance in respect of such other matters as the Ministry may from time to time approve.

Sick Pay

15.—(1) Where a reserve constable loses remuneration in his private employment in consequence of an injury received or disease contracted—

(*a*) in the execution of his duty, or

(*b*) while on duty or while on a journey necessary to enable him to report for duty or to return home after duty,

he shall be entitled to an allowance by way of sick pay, as hereinafter provided.

(2) The sick pay shall be payable for so long as the reserve constable continues to lose remuneration in his private employment or for a period of 26 weeks, whichever is the less; and, subject to paragraph (3), the rate thereof shall be whichever is the lower of the following rates, that is to say:—

(*a*) the rate of such loss of remuneration, or

(*b*) the rate of pay to which he would have been entitled if he had been a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary holding the rank of constable and his service as a reserve constable had been service as such a member.

(3) There shall be deducted from the sick pay an amount equal to the amount of any of the following benefits to which the reserve constable is entitled, that is to say:—

(*a*) any sickness benefit under the National Insurance Act (N.I.) 1946(**c**), and

(*b*) any injury benefit under the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Act (N.I.) 1946(**d**).

(**c**) 1946. c. 23. (**d**) 1946. c. 21.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 4th day of May 1970.

(L.S.) *J. G. Hill,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby concurs in Regulations numbered twelve to fifteen.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 5th day of May 1970.

(L.S.) *C. F. Darling,*
Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations set out the conditions as to the appointment, duties and remuneration of members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve.