



# Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 21

### PART 2

#### FUNCTIONS OF FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITIES

##### *Assistance in discharge of functions*

#### **13 Reinforcement schemes**

- (1) A fire and rescue authority must, so far as practicable, enter into a reinforcement scheme with other fire and rescue authorities.
- (2) A reinforcement scheme is a scheme for securing mutual assistance as between fire and rescue authorities for the purpose of discharging the functions conferred under section 7, 8 or 9 on any of the authorities participating in the scheme.
- (3) A reinforcement scheme may make provision for apportioning between the authorities participating in the scheme any expenses incurred in taking measures to secure the efficient operation of the scheme.
- (4) The fire and rescue authorities participating in a reinforcement scheme must notify the Secretary of State of—
  - (a) the making of the scheme;
  - (b) the variation of the scheme;
  - (c) the revocation of the scheme.
- (5) The fire and rescue authorities participating in a reinforcement scheme must give effect to it.

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#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 13 in force at 7.9.2004 for specified purposes except in relation to W. and 1.10.2004 otherwise except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2004/2304](#), [art. 2](#) (with [art. 3](#))

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**I2** S. 13 in force at 10.11.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/2917](#), [art. 2](#)

## **14 Directions as to reinforcement schemes**

- (1) This section applies if—
- (a) a fire and rescue authority has asked one or more other fire and rescue authorities to agree to the making, variation or revocation of a reinforcement scheme,
  - (b) the authorities are unable to agree to the making, terms, variation or revocation of the scheme, and
  - (c) one of the authorities asks the Secretary of State to act under this section.
- (2) The Secretary of State may direct the authorities concerned—
- (a) to make a reinforcement scheme in the terms specified in the direction;
  - (b) to make one or more specified variations to a reinforcement scheme;
  - (c) to revoke a reinforcement scheme.
- (3) Before giving a direction under subsection (2) the Secretary of State—
- (a) must give both (or all) the authorities concerned an opportunity to make representations to him;
  - (b) may cause an inquiry to be held.

### **Commencement Information**

- I3** S. 14 in force at 7.9.2004 for specified purposes except in relation to W. and 1.10.2004 otherwise except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2004/2304](#), [art. 2](#) (with [art. 3](#))
- I4** S. 14 in force at 10.11.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/2917](#), [art. 2](#)

## **15 Arrangements with other employers of fire-fighters**

- (1) A fire and rescue authority may enter into arrangements with a person who employs fire-fighters for securing the provision by that person of assistance for the purpose of the discharge by the authority of a function conferred on it under section 7, 8 or 9.
- (2) But a fire and rescue authority may not enter into arrangements under this section with another fire and rescue authority.
- (3) Arrangements under this section may include provision as to the terms on which assistance is to be provided (including provision as to payment).

### **Commencement Information**

- I5** S. 15 partly in force; s. 15 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 61; s. 15(2) in force for certain purposes at 9.7.2002 and s. 15(2) in force for further certain purposes at 1.8.2002 and s. 15(1) in force for certain purposes at 1.1.2002 by [S.I. 2002/1727](#), [art. 2](#)
- I6** S. 15 in force at 7.9.2004 for specified purposes except in relation to W. and 1.10.2004 otherwise except in relation to W. by [S.I. 2004/2304](#), [art. 2](#) (with [art. 3](#))
- I7** S. 15 in force at 10.11.2004 for W. by [S.I. 2004/2917](#), [art. 2](#)

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