



# Police Act 1964

## CHAPTER 48

### POLICE ACT 1964

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*England (except London)*

*Wales*

Schedule 1B — POLICE AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 3

*Membership of police authorities*

- 1 (1) Where, by virtue of section 3A of this Act,...

*Appointment of members by relevant councils*

- 2 (1) In the case of a police authority in relation...  
3 The number of members of the joint committee, and the...  
4 (1) A council or joint committee shall exercise its power...

*Appointment of independent members*

- 5 The members of a police authority referred to in paragraph...  
6 (1) Every police authority shall arrange for a notice stating—...

*Appointment of magistrates*

- 7 The members of a police authority referred to in paragraph...  
8 (1) Where there is a panel for an area which...  
9 In relation to any appointment made at a time when...

*Chairman*

- 10 (1) A police authority shall at each annual meeting appoint...

*Disqualification*

- 11 A person shall be disqualified for being appointed as a...  
12 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) of this paragraph,...  
13 Without prejudice to paragraphs 11 and 12 of this Schedule,...  
14 (1) Without prejudice to paragraphs 11 and 12 of this...  
15 (1) Without prejudice to paragraphs 11 and 12 of this...

*Tenure of office*

- 16 Subject to the following paragraphs (and to the provisions of...  
17 (1) A person shall be appointed to hold office as...  
18 (1) A person may at any time resign his office...  
19 (1) A member of a relevant council appointed to be...  
20 (1) A police authority may remove a member from office...  
21 A council or joint committee may remove from office a...  
22 If a chairman of a police authority ceases to be...

*Eligibility for re-appointment*

- 23 A person who ceases to be a member, otherwise than...

*Validity of acts*

- 24 The acts and proceedings of any person appointed to be...  
25 The proceedings of a police authority shall not be invalidated...

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*Allowances*

- 26 (1) A police authority may make to its chairman and...

*Interpretation*

- 27 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule, a council is...

Schedule 1C — POLICE AUTHORITIES: SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

*Selection panels*

- 1 (1) There shall be a selection panel for each police...  
2 A person shall be disqualified for being appointed as or...  
3 (1) A person shall be appointed to hold office as...  
4 A member of a selection panel may be removed from...  
5 A person who ceases to be a member of a...  
6 (1) The acts and proceedings of any person appointed to...  
7 (1) A police authority shall make to members of the...

*Functions of selection panel*

- 8 (1) Where appointments to a police authority are to be...  
9 A person shall not be nominated under paragraph 8 of...  
10 In exercising their functions a selection panel shall have regard...  
11 (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations as to—...

*Secretary of State's short-list*

- 12 (1) Where the Secretary of State receives a notice under...  
13 (1) This paragraph has effect where the number of persons...  
14 The Secretary of State shall give to the designated members...

SCHEDULE 2 — Form of Declaration

SCHEDULE 3 — Procedure in respect of amalgamation schemes made by Secretary of State

- 1 Where the Secretary of State proposes to make an amalgamation...  
2 Where any of the authorities to whom notice is required...  
3 Subject to paragraph 3A below, within the period specified in...  
3A If, in a case where a notice of objection with...  
4 Where such an inquiry has been held, the Secretary of...  
5 Subsections (2) and (3) of section 250 of the Local...  
6 Where the Secretary of State proposes to make an amalgamation...

SCHEDULE 4 — Transitory Provisions for Amalgamation Schemes

*Constables and cadets*

- 1 (1) All members of a transferred force who are transferred...  
2 Where, immediately before the date of transfer—

*Staff and assets*

- 3 (1) Where any officers or servants, property, rights or liabilities...

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*Pending proceedings*

4 (1) Where, immediately before the date of transfer, proceedings were...

*Superannuation*

5 (1) . . . . .

*Registers*

6 Any register, or the appropriate part of any register, kept...

*Supplementary*

7 . . . . .  
8 In this Schedule— “date of transfer” means the date on...

SCHEDULE 5 — Disciplinary Appeals

*Notice of appeal*

1 Any appeal under section 37 of this Act (in this...

*Respondent*

2 (1) On any appeal under the principal section against the...

*Inquiries*

3 (1) The Secretary of State may appoint three persons to...

*Notice and effect of orders*

4 (1) A copy of any order made by the Secretary...

*Rules*

5 (1) The Secretary of State may make rules as to...

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SCHEDULES 7 — . . . . .

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SCHEDULE 9 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

SCHEDULE 10 — . . . . .

SCHEDULE 11 — Transitional Provisions

*Police authorities*

1 On the date on which the police authority for a...  
2 Anything done before the said date by, to or before...  
3 . . . . .  
4 (1) Where, for the purposes of any such statutory provision...

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*Amalgamation schemes*

- 5 Any amalgamation scheme approved or made under the Police Act...
- 6 Without prejudice to section 22 of this Act, the Secretary...
- 7—13 .....

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