



# Police Reform Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 30

### PART 4

#### POLICE POWERS ETC.

### CHAPTER 1

#### EXERCISE OF POLICE POWERS ETC. BY CIVILIANS

#### **41 Accreditation under community safety accreditation schemes**

- (1) This section applies where a chief officer of police has, for the purposes of a community safety accreditation scheme, entered into any arrangements with any employer for or with respect to the carrying out of community safety functions by employees of that employer.
- (2) The chief officer of police may, on the making of an application for the purpose by such person and in such manner as he may require, grant accreditation under this section to any employee of the employer.
- (3) Schedule 5 (which sets out the powers that may be conferred on accredited persons) shall have effect.
- (4) A chief officer of police shall not grant accreditation to a person under this section unless he is satisfied—
  - (a) that that person's employer is a fit and proper person to supervise the carrying out of the functions for the purposes of which the accreditation is to be granted;
  - (b) that the person himself is a suitable person to exercise the powers that will be conferred on him by virtue of the accreditation;
  - (c) that that person is capable of effectively carrying out the functions for the purposes of which those powers are to be conferred on him; and
  - (d) that that person has received adequate training for the exercise of those powers.

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- [<sup>F1</sup>(4A) A chief officer of police may not grant accreditation under this section to a weights and measures inspector.]
- (5) A chief officer of police may charge such fee as he considers appropriate for one or both of the following—
- (a) considering an application for or for the renewal of an accreditation under this section;
  - (b) granting such an accreditation.
- (6) A person authorised or required to do anything by virtue of an accreditation under this section—
- (a) shall not be authorised or required by virtue of that accreditation to engage in any conduct otherwise than in the course of his employment by the employer with whom the chief officer of police has entered into the arrangements mentioned in subsection (1); and
  - (b) shall be so authorised or required subject to such other restrictions and conditions (if any) as may be specified in his accreditation.
- (7) An accreditation under this section, unless it is previously withdrawn or ceases to have effect in accordance with subsection (8), shall remain in force for such period as may be specified in the accreditation; but it may be renewed at any time with effect from the time when it would otherwise expire.
- (8) An accreditation under this section shall cease to have effect—
- (a) if the accredited person ceases to be an employee of the person with whom the chief officer of police has entered into the arrangements mentioned in subsection (1); or
  - (b) if those arrangements are terminated or expire.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 41(4A) inserted (1.4.2007) by [Police and Justice Act 2006 \(c. 48\)](#), ss. 52, 53, [Sch. 14 para. 42](#); [S.I. 2007/709](#), [art. 3\(p\)](#) (subject to arts. 6, 7)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 26F inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 6](#)
- s. 28A(6A)(6B) inserted by [2023 c. 41 s. 45\(2\)](#)