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FIRE SERVICES

The Fire Services (Examinations) Regulations 1985

<i>Made</i> - - - - -	20th July 1985
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	2nd August 1985
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st August 1986

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

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Examinations) Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1986.

2. In these Regulations “the Regulations of 1978” means, in relation to a member of a fire brigade maintained in England and Wales under the Fire Services Act 1947, the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations 1978(b) and, in relation to a member of a fire brigade maintained by a fire authority in Scotland under the said Act of 1947, the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) Regulations 1978(c).

3.—(1) There shall be a Board, to be known as the Fire Services Examinations Board (hereafter referred to in these Regulations as “the Board”), which shall replace the Fire Services Central Examinations Board and the Fire Services Examinations Board (Scotland) for the purpose of exercising functions relating to the conduct of examinations under the Regulations of 1978.

(2) The Board shall consist of 22 members appointed as follows, namely:—

- (i) a chairman and 4 members appointed by the Secretary of State,
- (ii) 3 members appointed by the Association of County Councils,
- (iii) 3 members appointed by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities,
- (iv) 3 members appointed by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities,
- (v) 2 members appointed by the Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers Association,
- (vi) 2 members appointed by the National Association of Fire Officers,

(a) 1947 c. 41; section 18(1) was amended by the Fire Services Act 1959 (c. 44), section 6.

(b) S.I. 1978/436; there are no relevant amending instruments.

(c) S.I. 1978/1727.

- (vii) 3 members appointed by the Fire Brigades Union,
- (viii) 1 member appointed by the Institution of Fire Engineers (being the limited company incorporated by that name on 25th July 1924).

(3) Members of the Board shall be appointed for such period, not exceeding 3 years, as may be determined by the appointing body or, as the case may be, the Secretary of State and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

4. The Fire Services Central Examinations Board and the Fire Services Examinations Board (Scotland) are hereby abolished.

5. The Regulations of 1978 shall be amended as specified in the Schedule to these Regulations.

6.—(1) Where before 1st August 1986 a member of a brigade has passed the examination specified in Part I of Schedule 1 or 2 to the Regulations of 1978 but has not taken or has failed the test specified in Part II of that Schedule, then he shall be eligible to enter for the examination specified in Part II of Schedule 1 or, as the case may be, Schedule 2 as substituted by the Schedule to these Regulations notwithstanding that he has not passed the examination specified in Part I of that Schedule as so substituted and if he passes that examination he shall be deemed to have passed also the examination specified in the said Part I as so substituted.

(2) Where before 1st August 1986 a member of a brigade has entered and has failed to gain an overall pass in the examination specified in Schedule 3 to the Regulations of 1978, but has failed in one paper only, then if, before 1st August 1986, he had been given permission to re-sit that paper, and if, before 1st June 1988, he satisfies the Board of his competence in the subjects covered by that paper, he shall be deemed to have passed the examination referred to in Schedule 3 as substituted by the Schedule to these Regulations, but this paragraph shall cease to apply to a member when he has on two occasions unsuccessfully attempted so to satisfy the Board.

(3) Where before 1st August 1986 a member of a fire brigade maintained by a fire authority in Scotland has entered and has failed to gain an overall pass in the examination specified in Part I of Schedule 1 or 2 to the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) Regulations 1978, but has failed in not more than two papers, then if, before 1st August 1986, he had been given permission to re-sit those papers and if, before 1st January 1988, he satisfies the Board of his competence in the subjects covered by those papers, he shall be deemed to have passed the examination referred to in Part I of Schedule 1 or, as the case may be, Schedule 2 as substituted by the Schedule to these Regulations, but this paragraph shall cease to apply to a member when he has on two occasions unsuccessfully attempted so to satisfy the Board.

Home Office.
20th July 1985.

Leon Brittan,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

SCHEDULE
PART I

Regulations 5 and 6

AMENDMENT OF THE FIRE SERVICES (APPOINTMENTS AND
PROMOTION) REGULATIONS 1978

1. Regulation 2(1) shall be amended as follows:—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (a) after the words “the British Red Cross Society” there shall be inserted the words “, the St Andrew’s Ambulance Association” and for the words “Fire Services Central Examinations Board” there shall be substituted the words “Fire Services Examinations Board”;
 - (b) for sub-paragraph (c) there shall be substituted the following provision:—

“(c) the expression “Fire Services Examinations Board” means the Board of that name established by the Fire Services (Fire Services Examinations) Regulations 1985;”.
2. Regulation 6 shall be amended as follows:—
 - (a) In paragraph (3) for the words “examination in Schedule 1” there shall be substituted the words “Schedules 1 and 2” and sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) shall be omitted;
 - (b) in paragraph (4)(a) for the words “Schedule 3” there shall be substituted the words “examinations in Schedules 1, 2 and 3”;
 - (c) for paragraph (4)(b) there shall be substituted the following provision:—

“(b) have passed the examinations specified in Schedules 1 and 2 and, since the end of the year 1961, either the graduateship examination, or the examination for membership (or, before 1974, for associate membership), of the Institution of Fire Engineers, having been eligible to enter for the examination specified in Schedule 3 immediately before he took the examination in question of the said institution.”.
 - (d) in sub-paragraph (7) the words “or is exempted from having to pass” shall be omitted; and
 - (e) in sub-paragraph (8) for the words “, or is exempted from having to pass, the examinations specified in Part I of Schedule 2 and has passed the examination specified in Part II of the said Schedule 2” there shall be substituted the words “the examinations specified in Parts I and II of Schedule 2”.
3. In Regulations 8 and 9 for the words “Fire Services Central Examinations Board” wherever they occur there shall be substituted the words “Fire Services Examinations Board”.
4. In Regulation 10 paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) shall be omitted.
5. For Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

“SCHEDULE 1

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF LEADING FIREMAN

PART I

Written Examination

A written examination in the following subjects, namely:—

- (a) (i) Firefighting appliances and equipment;
(ii) Practical firemanship; and
(iii) Calculation and measurement.
- (b) (i) Building construction; and
(ii) Fire protection.

PART II

Practical Test

- (a) A practical test of potential ability to conduct and supervise standard drills;
 - (b) A practical test to demonstrate knowledge of items of fire service equipment and their operational use together with an ability to communicate this effectively; and
 - (c) An oral and practical test of first-aid.”.
6. For Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

“SCHEDULE 2

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF SUB-OFFICER

PART I

Written Examination

A written examination in the following subjects, namely:—

- (a) Firefighting appliances and equipment;
- (b) Written communication; and
- (c) Practical firemanship.

PART II

Practical Test

- (a) A practical test to demonstrate ability to give detailed instruction to, and monitor the performance of, a crew undertaking a standard drill;
 - (b) An exercise in fireground procedure and control; and
 - (c) A practical test to demonstrate knowledge of items of fire service equipment including their design, use, disadvantages and limitations, together with an ability to instruct others.”.
7. For Schedule 3 there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

"SCHEDULE 3

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF STATION OFFICER

Written Examination

A written examination in the following subjects, namely:—

- (a) Fire prevention (including relevant legislation);
- (b) Science—hydraulics and water supplies; elements of combustion and extinction; electricity;
- (c) Station management, administration and legislation; and
- (d) Practical firemanship and communications."

PART II

AMENDMENT OF THE FIRE SERVICES (APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1978

1. Regulation 2(2) shall be amended as follows:—
 - (a) after sub-paragraph (a) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—
 - “(aa) the expression “certificate in first aid” means a certificate issued by the St Andrew’s Ambulance Association, the St John Ambulance Association, the British Red Cross or other body and accepted by the Fire Services Examinations Board as certifying a satisfactory standard of knowledge of first aid;”
 - (b) after sub-paragraph (b) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—
 - “(bb) the expression “Fire Services Examinations Board” means the Board of that name established by the Fire Services (Examinations) Regulations 1985;
2. In Regulation 6(3) for the words “Schedule 2” there shall be substituted the words “Schedules 1 and 2”.
3. Regulation 6(4) shall be amended as follows:—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (i) for the words “examination in Schedule 3” there shall be substituted the words “examinations in Schedules 1, 2 and 3”.
 - (b) for sub-paragraph (ii) there shall be substituted the following provision—
 - “(ii) have passed the examinations specified in Schedules 1 and 2 and, since the end of the year 1961, either the graduateship examination, or the examination for membership (or, before 1974, for associate membership), of the Institution of Fire Engineers, having been eligible to enter the examination specified in Schedule 3 immediately before he took the examination in question of the said Institution.”.
4. At the end of Regulation 6 there shall be added the following paragraphs—
 - “(6) A member of a brigade shall be deemed to have passed so much of the test specified in Part II of Schedule 1 as relates to knowledge of first aid if, at the time he takes the remainder of the test, he is the holder of a certificate in first aid issued in the immediately preceding period of 3 years.
 - (7) A member of a brigade shall not be eligible—
 - (a) to enter for the examination specified in Part II of Schedule 1 unless he has passed (in that or an earlier year) the examination specified in Part I of that Schedule;

- (b) to enter for the examination specified in Part I of Schedule 2 unless he has passed the examinations specified in Part I and Part II of Schedule 1;
 - (c) to enter for the examination specified in Part II of Schedule 2 unless he has passed (in that or an earlier year) the examination specified in Part I of Schedule 2;
 - (d) to enter for the examination specified in Schedule 3 unless he has passed the examinations specified in Part I and Part II of Schedule 2.”.
5. For Regulation 9 there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—
- “Conduct of examinations*
- 9.—(1) Every fire authority maintaining a brigade shall either on their own or together with one or more other such authorities secure that there are in force arrangements to provide such assistance in their area or their areas as may be requested by the Fire Services Examinations Board in conducting the examinations specified in Schedules 1 to 3.
- (2) The examinations specified in Schedules 1 to 3 shall be conducted at least once in each year by the Fire Services Examinations Board and every fire authority maintaining a brigade shall, in the manner and subject to the conditions specified by the said Board, make arrangements for members of the brigade desiring and eligible to take the examinations so to do.”.
6. There shall be inserted after Regulation 9 the following Regulation:—
- “Powers and duties of Fire Services Examinations Board*
- 9A.—(1) The Fire Services Examinations Board shall as soon as practicable in each year submit to the Secretary of State—
- (a) a report containing such particulars as he may require concerning the examinations specified in Schedules 1 to 3 which were held during the year;
 - (b) an estimated account of the expenses incurred or to be incurred during the year by the Board; and
 - (c) a final account of the expenses incurred during the previous year by the Board.
- (2) The Fire Services Examinations Board shall arrange with the Local Government Training Board for the latter board to carry out on their behalf and subject to their general supervision any of their functions under Regulation 9(2) which the former board may delegate to the latter board with their consent.”.
7. For Schedule 1 there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

“SCHEDULE 1

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF LEADING FIREMAN

PART I

Written Examination

A written examination in the following subjects, namely:—

- (a) (i) Firefighting appliances and equipment;
- (ii) Practical firemanship; and
- (iii) Calculation and measurement.
- (b) (i) Building construction; and
- (ii) Fire protection.

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Practical Test

- (a) A practical test of potential ability to conduct and supervise standard drills;
- (b) A practical test to demonstrate knowledge of items of fire service equipment and their operational use together with an ability to communicate this effectively; and
- (c) An oral and practical test of first-aid.”.

8. For Schedule 2 there shall be substituted the following Schedule—

“SCHEDULE 2

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF SUB-OFFICER

PART I

Written Examination

A written examination in the following subjects, namely

- (a) Firefighting appliances and equipment;
- (b) Written communication; and
- (c) Practical firemanship.

PART II

Practical Test

- (a) A practical test to demonstrate ability to give detailed instruction to and monitor the performance of a crew undertaking a standard drill;
- (b) An exercise in fireground procedure and control; and
- (c) A practical test to demonstrate knowledge of items of fire service equipment including their design, use, disadvantages and limitations, together with an ability to instruct others.”.

9. For Schedule 3 there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

“SCHEDULE 3

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF STATION OFFICER

Written Examination

A written examination in the following subjects, namely:—

- (a) Fire prevention (including relevant legislation);
- (b) Science—hydraulics and water supplies; elements of combustion and extinction; electricity;
- (c) Station management, administration and legislation; and
- (d) Practical firemanship and communications.”.

11. Schedule 4 shall be omitted.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which amend the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) Regulations 1978 and the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Scotland) Regulations 1978 (hereafter referred to as "the 1978 Regulations"), establish a new Board to replace the Fire Services Central Examinations Board, in England and Wales, and the Fire Services Examinations Board (Scotland) for the purpose of exercising functions relating to the conduct of examinations under the 1978 Regulations. These Regulations also provide for uniformity in the examinations to be so conducted. Regulation 3 establishes the new Board, to be known as the Fire Services Examinations Board. Regulation 4 abolishes the existing Boards. Regulation 5 and the Schedule amend the 1978 Regulations consequent upon the establishment of the new Board and to provide for uniformity of examinations. Regulation 6 contains transitional provisions.

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