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1. These regulations may be cited as the Special Constables Regulations.

PART I.—APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CONSTABLES.**Eligibility for appointment.**

2. The Commissioner may appoint as a special constable any person—
 - (a) who is not less than nineteen nor more than fifty-six years of age; and
 - (b) who is of good character;
 - (c) who is of good health and physique; and
 - (d) as to whom the Commissioner is satisfied that he is likely to become an efficient and well-conducted special constable.

Application for appointment.

3. Any person wishing to be appointed as a special constable shall apply to the Commissioner in such manner as may be required by the Commissioner and shall supply such information as the Commissioner may require of him to enable the Commissioner to decide whether or not the applicant should be so appointed.

Duration of appointment.

4. The appointment of a special constable shall, unless otherwise specified by the Commissioner at the time of appointment, be without limitation as to period, subject to the provisions of regulation 6.

Declaration on appointment.

5. A special constable shall, on appointment as such, make a declaration before a justice of the peace, in the following form—

“I, _____ of _____ do solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of special constable without favour or affection, malice or ill-will; and that I will to the best of my power cause the peace to be kept and preserved, and prevent all offences against the persons and properties of Her Majesty's subjects; and that while I continue to hold such office I will to the best of my skill and knowledge discharge all the duties thereof faithfully according to law.”

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PART II.—DETERMINATION OF SERVICE.

Retirement on grounds of age.

6. A special constable shall retire from his office as such on reaching the age of sixty years.

Resignation.

7. A special constable may resign his office as such at any time upon giving no less than one month's notice in writing to the Commissioner save that, if his appointment was for a specified period, he may only resign before the expiration of such period with the consent of the Commissioner.

Determination by Commissioner.

8.(1) The Commissioner may, at his discretion, determine the service of or suspend any special constable.

(2) Any special constable whose service is determined by the Commissioner may appeal to the Governor, who may confirm or vary such determination and whose decision shall be final.

PART III.—DUTIES OF SPECIAL CONSTABLES.

Change of address.

9. A special constable shall notify any change in his normal place of residence to the Commissioner.

Attendance.

10.(1) A special constable shall, when his services as such are required and he is summoned so to do by the Commissioner, attend at such time and place as the Commissioner may specify.

(2) The Commissioner shall, when requiring the services of special constables, make such arrangements as are reasonably practicable to cause as little interference as possible with their ordinary occupations.

Obedience to instructions.

11. A special constable, when on duty as such, shall obey such instructions as may be given by regular members of the Force acting under the direction of the Commissioner.

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12.(1) The Commissioner may, at such times and for such periods as he may think fit, summon a special constable to attend for purposes of instruction.

(2) Any special constable attending for purposes of instruction shall be deemed to be on duty as such.

Warrant card.

13.(1) The Commissioner shall issue a warrant card to a special constable in such form as he may specify.

(2) A special constable shall, when on duty as such, at all times carry his warrant card.

Special constable subject to standing orders.

14. A special constable, when on duty as such, shall, subject to the provisions of these regulations, be subject to and governed by the provisions of the Act, other than Part III thereof, and of any standing orders issued thereunder, so far as these may be applicable to special constables.

PART IV.—EQUIPMENT AND ALLOWANCES.**Issue of clothing, etc.**

15.(1) A special constable shall be issued by the Commissioner with such clothing, equipment and documents as the Commissioner shall think fit.

(2) A special constable shall be responsible for preserving in good order any clothing, equipment or documents so issued to him and for giving them up to the Commissioner when so required by him or when ceasing to be a special constable.

Wearing of clothing.

16. A special constable shall, unless otherwise directed by the Commissioner when on duty as such, wear such clothing and equipment as has been issued to him for that purpose.

Allowances.

17. A special constable may be paid an allowance, by way of compensation for any wages lost by him as a result of performing his duties as such, not

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exceeding the amount of wages so lost or 90 pence per day, whichever is the less.

Offence.

18. A person who, without proper authority, puts on the clothing or equipment or assumes the name, designation or character of a special constable is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of £25.

PART V.—ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL CONSTABULARY.**Appointment of Commandant.**

19. The Governor may appoint a special constable to be Commandant of the special constabulary.

Duties of Commandant.

20. The Commandant shall have command, superintendence and direction of all special constables and shall be responsible to the Commissioner of Police for the efficient administration and government of all special constables, subject to—

- (a) such directions as the Commissioner may issue;
- (b) the provisions of the Act and of any standing orders or routine orders issued thereunder, so far as these may be applicable to special constables.

Delegation to Commandant.

21. The Commissioner may delegate to the Commandant any of the powers conferred or duties imposed upon him by or under these regulations.

Ranks.

22. The Commandant may, with the approval of the Commissioner, appoint special constables as Sergeants or Inspectors of the Special Constabulary.

Organization.

23. The Special Constabulary shall be organized into such categories or sections and shall undertake such duties as the Commissioner may from time to time prescribe.

Orders.

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24. The Commandant may, with the approval of the Commissioner, from time to time make orders for the direction and guidance of the Special Constabulary.

PART VI.—INJURY PENSIONS.**Special constable's injury pension.**

25. Where a special constable is injured in the actual discharge of his duty as such by some injury specifically attributable to the nature of his duty as such which is not wholly or mainly due to, or seriously aggravated by, his own serious and culpable neglect or misconduct the Governor may grant to him an injury pension, calculated as hereinafter provided in this Part.

Annual injury pension.

26.(1) Where the capacity of a special constable to contribute to his own support is impaired, by reason of an injury sustained in the circumstances specified in regulation 25, then he may be granted an annual injury pension of the following proportion of the notional pension—

If his capacity to contribute to his own support is slightly impaired	Five-sixtieths
If his capacity to contribute to his own support is impaired	Ten-sixtieths
If his capacity to contribute to his own support is materially impaired	Fifteen-sixtieths
If his capacity to contribute to his own support is totally destroyed	Twenty-sixtieths.

(2) In this Part “notional pension” means the notional pension of a special constable as assessed in accordance with regulation 27.

Notional pension.

27. The notional pension of a special constable shall be assessed by multiplying one-fiftieth of £330 by the number of years' service as a special constable completed by the special constable concerned:

Provided that in no case shall the notional pension exceed two-thirds of £330.

Application of Pensions Regulations.

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28. Sub-regulations (8) and (9) of regulation 24 of the Pension Regulations shall apply to a pension under this Part as they do to a pension under sub-regulation (3) of that regulation.

PART VII.—WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSIONS.**Pensions to widows and orphans.**

29. Where a special constable is injured in the actual discharge of his duty as such by some injury specifically attributable to the nature of his duty as such which is not wholly or mainly due to, or seriously aggravated by, his own serious and culpable neglect or misconduct and dies as a direct result thereof within seven years of the date when he is injured—

- (a) the Governor may grant to the widow of the special constable a pension not exceeding £55 per annum;
- (b) the provisions of paragraphs (ii) to (vii) of section 18(1) of the Pensions Act shall apply as if paragraph (a) of this regulation were paragraph (1) of that subsection; and
- (c) subsections (2), (3), (7) and (8) of the said section 18 shall apply to a pension under this Part.