

## PART II

## QUALIFICATIONS OF FIRE OFFICERS

No person shall be qualified to be appointed a fire officer of a fire authority unless—

- (1) he has had not less than five years' practical experience of fire-fighting in—
  - (a) the National Fire Service (Northern Ireland) or the National Fire Service of Great Britain and has at any time held a rank not lower than that of Leading Fireman therein ; or
  - (b) a whole-time fire brigade and has at any time held a position in such a brigade substantially equivalent to a rank not lower than that of Leading Fireman in the National Fire Service (Northern Ireland) ; or
  - (c) retained service in the fire brigade of a fire authority and has held a rank not lower than that of a Section Leader ; and
- (2) he has passed an educational and technical examination of a standard approved by the Ministry ; and
- (3) he produces satisfactory evidence that his health and character are good ; and
- (4) he is a natural born British subject and the son of a father also a natural born British subject, and has, during the whole of the period of five years ending on the date of his appointment, been resident in the United Kingdom ; and
- (5) at the date of his appointment he is not more than forty years of age ; save that a person shall not be disqualified for appointment on grounds of age alone if at the date of his appointment he is serving in the National Fire Service (Northern Ireland) or in the fire brigade of a fire authority ;

provided that no person qualified as aforesaid shall, by virtue of that qualification, be eligible for appointment as deputy chief officer for the fire brigade of a fire authority or as a district officer of the Belfast Fire Authority unless he has passed a further technical examination of a standard approved by the Ministry.

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**Standard Fire Provision**

REGULATIONS DATED 21ST FEBRUARY, 1949, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION FOUR OF THE FIRE SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) (REPRINT), 1947.

1949. No. 25

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry"), by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sub-section (2) of section four of the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland) (Reprint), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Fire Services (Standard Fire Provision) (Belfast Fire Authority) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(3) In these Regulations and in the Schedule hereto—  
 "the Belfast Fire Authority" and "the Belfast Fire District" have the same meaning as in the Fire Services (Belfast Fire District and Fire Authority) Order (Northern Ireland), 1947

- “appliances,” “chief officer,” “equipment,” “fire brigade,” “fire engines,” “fire officer” and “standard fire provision” have the same meaning as in the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland) (Reprint), 1947 ;
- “breathing apparatus” means apparatus, of a type approved by the Ministry, the function of which is to enable a wearer thereof to work in an atmosphere incapable of supporting human life ;
- “emergency tender” means a self-propelled vehicle carrying such equipment for use in the protection of life and property in case of fire as may be approved by the Ministry ;
- “fire boat” means a power-driven boat of a type approved by the Ministry, fitted with pumps, hose and other equipment of such types and in such quantities as may be approved by the Ministry ;
- “motor launch—auxiliary” means a power-driven boat of a type approved by the Ministry, suitable for the purpose of conveying persons or supplies to a fire boat in operation at a fire ;
- “foam apparatus” means apparatus, of a type approved by the Ministry, the function of which is to produce and deliver foam of a kind used for the extinction of fire ;
- “foam tender” means a self-propelled vehicle carrying foam apparatus and materials for the production of foam of such types and in such quantities as may be approved by the Ministry ;
- “heavy pumping appliance” means a self-propelled vehicle either embodying or carrying a power-operated pump, of a type approved by the Ministry, capable of delivering water at the rate of not less than 600 gallons a minute, together with hose and ancillary equipment of such types and in such quantities as may be approved by the Ministry ;
- “light pump” means a power-operated pump, of a type approved by the Ministry, capable of delivering water at the rate of not less than 120 gallons a minute, together with hose and ancillary equipment of such types and in such quantities as may be approved by the Ministry ;
- “mobilising section” means a section of a fire brigade provided with telephones and such other equipment as may be needed for the purpose of carrying out the following functions :—
- (1) the reception of calls for the service of a fire brigade in case of fire ;
  - (2) the maintaining of records of the availability for immediate use of appliances and equipment ; and
  - (3) the summoning of members of fire brigades when required ;
- “pump escape major” means a heavy pumping appliance carrying a ladder, of a type approved by the Ministry, extending to not less than 40 feet ;

“turntable ladder” means a self-propelled vehicle embodying a power-operated elevating and rotating ladder of a type approved by the Ministry extending to not less than 80 feet.

2. The standard fire provision to be made by the Belfast Fire Authority (hereinafter referred to as “the Authority”) shall be as set forth in the Schedule to these Regulations.

3. These Regulations shall come into force on the date hereof.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 21st day of February, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*J. B. O'Neill*

Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

STANDARD FIRE PROVISION TO BE MADE BY  
THE BELFAST FIRE AUTHORITY

1. The fire brigade of the Authority shall be constituted as follows:—

Fire  
Brigade

- (1) the personnel shall comprise a whole-time chief officer and fifteen whole-time fire officers, of whom there shall be at least seven continuously on duty, together with a sufficient number of whole-time firemen to provide for continuous attendance on duty of at least sixty-six;
- (2) the fire engines, appliances and equipment (other than equipment provided for members' personal use) and the location thereof shall be as indicated in the following table:—

Location	Fire engines, appliances and equipment	
	Description	Number
Chichester Street Fire Station	Pump escape major Heavy pumping appliance Turntable ladder Emergency tender Foam apparatus Breathing apparatus	one one one one one four
Ardoyne Fire Station	Pump escape major Heavy pumping appliance Turntable ladder Emergency tender Foam apparatus Breathing apparatus	one one one one one four
Albertbridge Fire Station	Pump escape major Heavy pumping appliance Breathing apparatus	one one one
Whitla Street Fire Station	Pump escape major Heavy pumping appliance Breathing apparatus	one one one
River Fire Station	Fire boat Motor launch—auxiliary Foam apparatus Breathing apparatus	one one eight one
Such fire station or stations within the Belfast Fire District as may be convenient	Light pump Foam tender Foam apparatus	three one twenty

- (3). The members of the fire brigade shall be provided with such uniform and other equipment for their personal use as may be approved by the Ministry.

Training of Firemen

2. Firemen shall receive such training in their duties, under the supervision of the chief officer or a fire officer, as may be approved by the Ministry, and such records of training shall be maintained as may be specified by the Ministry.

Arrangements for calling the Fire Brigade in case of Fire, etc.

3. The Authority shall provide and maintain a mobilising section in the Chichester Street Fire Station and shall make such arrangements as will provide for calls for the fire brigade in case of fire to be transmitted promptly to that section.

Attendance at Fires

4. When the fire brigade respond to a call in case of fire the first appliance to attend at the fire shall be accompanied by either the chief officer or a fire officer.

## FISHERIES

### Seine Net Fishing

THE MAGILLIGAN BAY (SEINE NET RESTRICTION) ORDER, 1949, DATED 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1949, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER THE FISHERIES ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1842—1947.

1949, No. 152

1. The Ministry of Commerce in pursuance of the powers conferred on it under the Fisheries Acts (Northern Ireland), 1842-1947, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby prohibits within the waters of Magilligan Bay inside or southwards of a straight line drawn from Ramore Head to the Tuns Bank Light-Buoy :

- (1) The use of any seine net for the capture of fish
- (a) between the hours of sunset and sunrise, and
  - (b) between the hours of sunrise and sunset by means of any boat exceeding 45 feet in overall length ;

(2) The use of any seine or trawl net the mesh of which is of less size than will permit a square gauge of one and three-quarter inch sides measured along each side of the square to pass easily through the mesh when the net is wet.

2.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Magilligan Bay (Seine Net Restriction) Order (Northern Ireland), 1949.

(2) The Interpretation Acts 1889 and 1921 shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as they apply for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this fifth day of September, 1949, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Signed) *W. Robson,*

Assistant Secretary.