

L.N. 6 of 1975

## THE POLICE ACT

(CAP. 154)

## The Police (Amendment) Regulations 1975

Commencement : 1st May 1972

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 47 of the Police Act, and of all the other powers enabling him in that behalf, the Head of the Federal Military Government on the recommendation of the Nigeria Police Council hereby makes the following regulations :—

1. The Police Regulations 1968 are hereby amended as follows :—

Amendment  
of L.N. 53  
of 1968.

(a) in regulation 33, immediately after paragraph (f) there shall be inserted the following new paragraph—

“(g) “(G)” Department (Public Relations) consisting of :—

- (i) Press and Publications Branch ;
- (ii) Employee Information Branch ;
- (iii) Community Relations and Publicity Branch ;
- (iv) Complaints Bureau”.

(b) in regulation 34, for subparagraph (iii) there shall be substituted the following new subparagraph—

“(iii) the command of “A” Department (Administration), “C” Department (Supply and Works) and “G” Department (Public Relations) each to a staff officer of the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Police or above.” ;

(c) immediately after regulation 46, there shall be inserted the following new regulations :—

“Qualifica-  
tion for  
appoint-  
ment as  
A.S.P.  
(Public  
Relations).

46A. The qualifications required of a candidate for probationary appointment as an assistant superintendent of police (public relations) are :—

- (a) membership of the Institute of Public Relations ; or
- (b) a degree in Journalism or Mass Communication ; or
- (c) diploma in Journalism or Mass Communication with at least two years practical experience ; or
- (d) at least seven years experience in Journalism with a news medium (up to Sub-Editor level) or in Government Information Service (up to Assistant Information Officer grade) or in Public Relations (up to Supervisory grade) in a large company or statutory corporation.”

“Qualifica-  
tion for  
appoint-  
ment as  
A.S.P.  
(Art).

46B. The qualifications required of a candidate for probationary appointment as an assistant superintendent of police (art) are :—

- (a) a degree in Fine Arts, specialising in Commercial Art ; or
- (b) a diploma in Commercial Art from a College of Technology, with at least three years practical experience ; or

(c) the West African School Certificate or its equivalent, with at least seven years practical experience as an Assistant Commercial Artist in :

- (i) a Government Information Service ;
- (ii) a public relations organisation ;
- (iii) an advertising agency ; or
- (iv) any other mass medium."

"Qualification for appointment as A.S.P. (Film Production).

46C. The qualifications required of a candidate for a probationary appointment as an assistant superintendent of police (film production) are :—

(a) the West African School Certificate or its equivalent with—

(i) at least five years practical experience with a film production unit in the operation of 16 mm. and 35 mm. cine-cameras on exterior and interior assignments ; and

(ii) a knowledge of interior lighting ; or

(b) the West African School Certificate or its equivalent and at least five years experience in editing 16 mm. and 35 mm. films from initial inspection of 'rushes' up to finally edited version (including the laying of dialogue, commentary, music, and effects tracks)."

"Qualification for appointment as A.S.P. (Photography).

46D. The qualifications required of candidate for a probationary appointment as an assistant superintendent of police (photography) are :—

(a) the West African School Certificate or its equivalent,

(b) local or overseas training in photographic work with at least three years experience in taking monochrome and colour photographs with steel cameras, and in processing and printing such photographs for Press and Publicity purposes ; and

(c) ability to undertake minor repairs of cameras and to classify and index photographs."

"Qualification for appointment as A.S.P. (Library).

46E. The qualifications required of a candidate for probationary appointment as an assistant superintendent of police (library) are :—

(a) the first professional examination of the Library Association, or an equivalent qualification ; or

(b) the West African School Certificate or its equivalent and a diploma in Librarianship or Library Service ; or

(c) the West African School Certificate or its equivalent and at least three years experience as an Assistant Library Officer in Government Service or in a well-established Library."

(d) in regulation 150 (b), immediately after subparagraph (vi) there shall be inserted the following new subparagraph :—

"(vii) Force Public Relations ;"

(e) in regulation 176 (1), immediately after the abbreviation "C.I.D." there shall be inserted the words—

"Public Relations Branch," ;

(f) in regulation 178, the word "and" in subparagraph (iii) shall be deleted and immediately after subparagraph (iv) there shall be inserted the following new subparagraph—

"(v) the Force Public Relations Branch" ;

(g) immediately after regulation 182, there shall be inserted the following new regulation :—

“Duties of Force Public Relations Branch.

182A.—(1) The functions of the Force Public Relation Branch are :—

(a) planning and co-ordination of Force public relations policies with a view to improving police relationship with the public ;

(b) serving as the central source of public information concerning the Force and the only official channel of publicity for the Force ;

(c) production and distribution of the Force's magazine news-letters, press releases, feature articles, statistics, photographs, films, advertisements and other publicity documents to the information media and the public ;

(d) establishment and maintenance of an internal information and reference service within the Force ;

(e) examination of complaints from the public ;

(f) education of all ranks on the importance of good public relations ; and

(g) performance of any other public relations functions as the Inspector-General of Police may direct.

(2) The officer in charge of the Force Public Relations Branch shall be designated Force Public Relations Officer.” ;

(h) immediately after regulation 196, there shall be inserted the following new regulations :—

“Qualification for appointment as Assistant Police Public Relations Officer.

196A. The technical qualifications required of a candidate for appointment as an assistant police public relations officer are :—

(a) intermediate certificate of the Institute of Public Relations ; or

(b) a diploma in Journalism or Mass Communication ; or

(c) the West African School Certificate or its equivalent with—

(i) at least three years experience as a reporter with a news medium ; or

(ii) similar experience in Government Information Service ; or

(iii) public relations work with a large company or statutory corporation.”

“Qualification for appointment as Assistant Artist.

196B. The technical qualifications required for appointment as an assistant artist are :—

(a) diploma in Commercial Art from a College of Technology ; or

(b) the West African School Certificate or its equivalent with at least four years practical experience in Commercial Art with a Government Information Service, a Public Relations Organisation, Advertising or with any other mass medium.”

- “Qualification for appointment as Art Studio Assistant.** 196C. The technical qualifications required for appointment as an art studio assistant are :—
- (a) Secondary Class Four Certificate from a Secondary School recognised by the Government, with aptitude for Commercial Art ; or
  - (b) one year course in Commercial Art in a College of Technology ; or
  - (c) Certificate in Commercial Art from a Trade Centre ; or
  - (d) at least three years practical experience in a Commercial Art Studio.”
- “Qualification for appointment as Cinema Supervisor.** 196D. The technical qualifications required for appointment as cinema supervisor are :—
- (a) a Secondary Class Four Certificate ;
  - (b) a good knowledge of the operation of Mobile Cinema van and 16 mm. sound projectors and the installation of public address systems in the open air and in halls ;
  - (c) at least three years field experience ;
  - (d) ability to maintain an index of registered films ;
  - (e) checking films before and after exhibition ; and
  - (f) repair of damaged films during exhibition.”
- “Qualification for appointment as Driver-Projectionist.** 196E. The technical qualifications required for appointment as a driver-projectionist are :—
- (a) First-School Leaving Certificate ;
  - (b) ability to drive mobile cinema vans and to operate 16 mm. equipment during outdoor and indoor film exhibitions ; and
  - (c) three years of accident free driving.”
- “Qualification for appointment as Assistant Photographer.** 196F. The technical qualifications required for appointment as assistant photographer are :
- (a) Secondary Class Four Certificate ; and
  - (b) local training with at least one year experience in photographic work, including processing and printing of films.”
- “Qualification for appointment as Assistant Library Officer.** 196G. The technical qualifications required for appointment as assistant library officer are :—
- (a) the West African School Certificate or its equivalent ;
  - (b) an approved in-service training in a Library with at least three years experience in running a medium-sized reference library.”
- “Qualification for appointment as Library Assistant.** 196H. The technical qualifications required for appointment as library assistant are :—
- (a) the West African School Certificate or its equivalent ;
  - (b) an approved in-service training in a library with at least one year experience in running a medium-sized reference library.”

“Qualifica- 1961. The technical qualifications required for appointment  
tion for as a library attendant are :—  
appoint-  
ment as  
Library  
Attendant.

(a) a minimum of Secondary Class Four Certificate or its equivalent ;

(b) a short in-service training in library work with at least three months experience in a medium-sized reference library.”

2.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Police (Amendment) Regulations 1975.

Citation and  
commence-  
ment.

(2) These Regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on 1st May 1972.

MADE at Lagos this 31st day of January 1975.

C. O. LAWSON,  
*Secretary to the Federal  
Military Government*

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This notice does not form part of the above regulations, but is intended to explain the effect).*

The regulations amend the Police Regulations 1968 by providing for an additional Department of the Force, formally created in May 1972, to be known as the Public Relations Department.