L.N. 281 of 2024

POLICE ACT
(CAP. 164)

Duties and Conditions of Appointment of Police Patrol and Community Support Officers Regulations, 2024

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 8(2), 82(2) and 101 of the Police Act, the Minister responsible for the Police has made the following regulations:

Citation.

1. The title of these regulations is the Duties and Conditions of Appointment of Police Patrol and Community Support Officers Regulations, 2024.

Interpretation.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

Cap.164.

"Act" means the Police Act;

"Commissioner" shall have the same meaning assigned to it in article 6(1) of the Act;

"Force" means the Malta Police Force.

Appointment of Police Patrol and Community Support Officers.

3. (1) There shall be Police Patrol and Community Support Officers appointed by the Commissioner to assist regular police officers in providing effective service within the community.

(2) Police Patrol and Community Support Officers shall be eligible to become members of the Force once they satisfy the eligibility criteria within a period of five (5) years from their appointment:

Provided that for the purpose of this regulation and the Fourth Schedule to the Act, a maximum period of five (5) years served as a Police Patrol and Community Support Officer shall be reckoned as service in the Force, provided that the said officer becomes a member of the Force subject to the conditions listed in the Fourth Schedule to the Act.

(3) Police Patrol and Community Support Officers shall serve for a period of one (1) year probation.

Duties of Police Patrol and Community Support Officers.

4. Police Patrol and Community Support Officers shall assist Police Officers in the following duties:

(a) providing a reassuring presence to the public and fostering stronger community relationships;

(b) improving the quality of life for residents and enhancing area safety by proactively addressing crime and anti-social behaviour;

(c) identifying and assisting individuals vulnerable to crime;

(d) acting as a visible deterrent to crime and anti-social behaviour;

(e) gathering information and intelligence to support law enforcement and community objectives;

(f) responding to incidents of minor offences and defusing conflicts; and

(g) carrying out any other duties as ordered by the Commissioner.

Exclusion of Police Executive powers. Cap. 9.

5. Police Patrol and Community Support Officers shall not be empowered to exercise such executive powers as are vested by law in members of the Force in terms of the Criminal Code and any other law.

Discipline.

6. (1) Police Patrol and Community Support Officers shall where applicable be subject to the laws, regulations and standard operating procedures applicable to police officers.

(2) The provisions of Title IV of the Act shall also apply to Police Patrol and Community Support Officers.

Uniform.

7. Police Patrol and Community Support Officers shall, while on duty and only during such time, wear such distinguishable uniforms distinct from the uniforms worn by Police Officers and, or distinctive badges or marks, as the Commissioner may determine.

Professional secrecy. Cap. 377.

8. Police Patrol and Community Support Officers shall be bound by the provisions of the Professional Secrecy Act.

Consequential amendment.

9. In the proviso to regulation 2(2) of the Fourth Schedule to the Act, the words "the Act." shall be substituted by the words "the Act:" and immediately after there shall be added the following new proviso:

"Provided further that the period served as a Police Patrol and Community Support Officer for a period not

exceeding five (5) years shall be considered as service with the Force once the officer joins the Force as a regular police officer, and shall have the years of service carried out as Police Patrol and Community Support Officer counted on a ratio of 1:0.5 to be considered on a notional basis for the purpose of salary scale and for the purpose of joining the Force as a sworn officer.".

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