

COMPULSORY PART TIME CIVIL DEFENCE &
FIRE GUARD

As a result of discussions between the Ministry of Home Security, the Scottish Home Department, the War Office and the Ministry of Labour and National Service, arrangements have been made to ensure that the direction of men into the Home Guard, and the direction of men and women under Defence Regulation 29.B1 into compulsory part-time Civil Defence, will not deplete the Fire Guard Organisation of local authorities unduly.

Before a man is directed into the Home Guard the Ministry of Labour and National Service will enquire whether he is a local authority Fire Guard; and if so, the Ministry will send particulars of the case to the local authority concerned, and the local authority may object to the direction.

If the man is a Fire Guard officer of the rank of Block Leader or Street Party Leader or above, the objection will be admitted. If the man has been allotted duties at premises or in an area of special importance, or if he has specialised duties, for instance, as a trained member of a trailer pump team, the objection will be admitted, unless this would leave insufficient men available locally for the Home Guard; in which case there would then be joint consultation between the local authority and representatives of the Home Guard to secure agreement on the directions to be issued.

A similar procedure will apply when the Ministry of Labour and National Service proposes to issue a direction to a man or woman to enrol for compulsory part-time duty in a Civil Defence Service.

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