

person or authority under whose direction and control he acts, may at his discretion determine the service of or suspend or dismiss any special constable.

11.—(1) Subject as hereinafter provided, a special constable who is permanently incapacitated for following his ordinary employment by infirmity of mind or body occasioned by an injury received in the execution of his duty without his own default, or by illness which is shown to the satisfaction of the Police Authority to have been contracted in the execution of his duty without his own default, shall be entitled to a pension or gratuity; and if a special constable dies from the effect of any such injury or illness as aforesaid, his widow shall be entitled to a pension or a gratuity and his children shall be entitled to allowances, and such pensions, gratuities or allowances shall be at the same rates and subject to the same conditions, as nearly as may be, as similar grants to constables in a police force and to their widows and children under the Police Pensions Act, 1921.

(2) For the purpose of reckoning any such grant the following provisions shall apply:—

(a) The period of approved service shall be reckoned as 1 completed year if the period for which the special constable has held office since his last appointment is less than 3 years. If such period exceeds 3 years, the period of approved service shall be reckoned as follows:—

Number of completed years for which the special constable has held office since his last appointment.	Total period of approved service to be reckoned.
3	2
4	3
5	3
6	3
7	4
8	4
19 up to 20 or more	10

(b) The pay shall be reckoned as at the rate of 70s. weekly, with an addition of 1s. weekly for each completed year for which the special constable has held the office since his last appointment, subject, however, to a maximum of 90s. weekly.

(c) Any grant the amount of which is dependent, in the case of a member of a police force, on his rank, shall be assessed in the case of a special constable at the amount appropriate to the rank of constable.

(d) Section 28 of the Police Pensions Act, 1921, shall not apply.

(3) All pensions and gratuities granted to special constables or their widows and any allowances granted to their children under the provisions of this Order shall be paid out of the Police Fund.

12. Any expenses incurred in respect of the equipment and maintenance of the special constables and in the execution of their duties shall, if the Police Authority so directs, be paid out of the Police Fund.

13. Any special constable appointed under the Special Constables Act, 1914, as amended by the Special Constables Act, 1923, who is summoned to serve on any Jury shall be exempted from serving on the Jury on presenting a certificate signed by the Chief Officer of Police, or an officer not below the rank of Inspector authorised by him for the purpose, stating that he is a special constable belonging to an organised force and that he is ready to undertake duty when required.

14. Any person who, for any unlawful purpose or without proper authority, puts on the dress or accoutrements or takes the name, designation, or character of a special constable, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

15. For the purposes of this Order, the expression "police district" means one of the areas set forth in the first column of the Schedule hereto, and the expressions "police authority," "Chief Officer of Police," and "police fund" mean, as respects each police district, the authority, officer and fund respectively mentioned opposite the area in the second, third and fourth columns of that Schedule.

16. Subject to the provisions of this Order, the Special Constables Act, 1881, as amended by any subsequent enactment, or as the case may require, section one hundred and ninety-six of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, shall apply to the special constables appointed under those enactments respectively.

17. This Order shall apply as respects special constables appointed under the Special Constables Order, 1914, but nothing in this Order shall be construed as requiring special constables appointed before the date thereof to make a new declaration under this Order.

18. The Special Constables Order, 1914, is hereby revoked, but any appointment made or other act done in pursuance of that Order shall have effect as if made or done in pursuance of this Order.

19. This Order may be cited as the Special Constables Order, 1923.

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SCHEDULE.

POLICE AREAS AND AUTHORITIES.

Police Area.	Police Authority.	Chief Officer of Police.	Police Fund.
The Metropolitan Police District	The Secretary of State	The commissioner of police of the metropolis	The funds applicable for defraying the expenses of the metropolitan police force.