

## 28 Powers and duties of Chief Officer

Nos 5040  
s. 29, 5651  
s. 2(1)(d).  
S. 28  
amended by  
Nos 6956  
s. 6(1)(a)(b),  
7877 s. 3(c)(d),  
8257 s. 6, 9629  
s. 5, 10004  
s. 6(a)-(c),  
10149 s. 8,  
substituted by  
No. 39/1992  
s. 5(2).

S. 28(1)  
substituted by  
No. 2/1995  
s. 6(2).

S. 28(1)(a)(b)  
repealed by  
No. 56/2011  
s. 3.

- (1) The Chief Officer may, by written instrument, delegate to any person by name or to the holder of an office or position approved by the Authority, either generally or as otherwise provided by the instrument, any power or authority conferred on the Chief Officer under this Act or the regulations or any other Act or regulations, except—

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(c) this power of delegation.

- (2) Unless otherwise directed by the Authority or otherwise specified in the regulations, in the absence of the Chief Officer, a Deputy Chief Officer has all the powers, authorities, duties and liabilities conferred or imposed by this Act on the Chief Officer, including the power of delegation conferred by subsection (1).

## 29 General powers and duties of Chief Officer

Within the country area of Victoria the Chief Officer shall in addition to such other duties as the Authority determines carry out the duties and exercise the powers following (that is to say):

Nos 5040  
s. 30, 5651  
s. 2(1)(e).

- (a) He shall summon once a month at the least all or as many of the members of permanent brigades as may be required for practice in order to render the members fit and efficient for service, and shall arrange for regular practice of members of volunteer brigades;
- (b) He shall from time to time inspect or arrange for the inspection of all brigades and report to the Authority on their state of efficiency or otherwise, and make such recommendations as he thinks fit;
- (c) He shall at all times have the charge and control of all apparatus and other property of the Authority and shall cause the same to be kept in a fit state at all times for efficient service;
- (d) He shall at all reasonable times have free access to any land building or premises (whether public or private) for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting to the Authority on any contravention of the laws relating to the storage of gunpowder dynamite or other dangerous explosive or of petrol kerosene or other inflammable substance or matter, or relating to the storage of empty crates cases packages sawdust shavings hay and straw, or otherwise relating to the prevention of fires or to the protection of life and property in case of fire or to the abatement of fire dangers; and
- (e) He shall attend the Authority at all times when required to do so and shall make all such inquiries and reports as the Authority directs.