

## 1989 No. 383

## FIRE SERVICES

**The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 1989**

*Made* . . . . . 26th September 1989

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 13th November 1989

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 10(1) and (4) of the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel, makes the following Order:

*Citation and commencement*

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1989 and shall come into operation on 13th November 1989.

(2) Article 4 of this Order shall have effect as from 16th March 1988.

*Interpretation*

2. In this Order "the Scheme of 1973" means the Firemen's Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1973, set out in Appendix 2 to the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1973(b).

*Amendments to the Scheme of 1973*

3. In Article 49(1) (pensionable pay) of the Scheme of 1973 at the end there shall be added the following provision—

"Provided that, in the case of a person by whom pension contributions become payable under Article 50 on or after 13th November 1989, no account shall be taken, for the purposes of determining his pensionable pay, of any amount by which that pay exceeds an amount equivalent to an annual rate of £60,000.

In this paragraph a reference to contributions becoming payable is a reference to their becoming payable either for the first time or following any period in respect of which they were not payable."

4. In Part I (child's ordinary allowance) of Schedule 3 to the Scheme of 1973—

(a) in paragraph 1(2), for "12.5%" substitute "18.75%", and

(b) in paragraph 1(3), for "4 or more" substitute "3 or more".

(a) S.I. 1984/1821 (N.I. 11)

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 393 to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on  
26th September 1989.

(L.S.)

*Trevor Pearson*

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel approves this Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel  
on 26th September 1989.

(L.S.)

*Derek W. D. Hill*

Assistant Secretary

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

Article 3 of this Order amends Article 49(1) of the Scheme set out in Appendix 2 to the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 (the Scheme of 1973) by limiting the amount of pay which may be counted for the purposes of determining the pensionable pay of a regular fireman to £60,000.

Article 4 which takes effect from 16th March 1988 (retrospection is authorised by Article 10(4) of the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984) amends Schedule 3 of the Scheme of 1973 by increasing from 12.5% to 18.75% the maximum rate at which a child's ordinary allowance is payable in respect of the death of a regular fireman. The total amount payable by way of children's ordinary allowances in respect of the death remains 37.5% of the deceased's pension or notional pension (or, where appropriate, of the alternative amount specified in the Schedule); consequently, where 3 or more such allowances are payable, the rate is reduced to provide an equal share of that total amount (the number was previously 4 or more).