

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2

AMENDMENTS OF THE ROYAL ULSTER  
CONSTABULARY PENSIONS REGULATIONS 1988

1. In regulation A9 (aggregate pension contributions for purposes of awards) after paragraph (3) there shall be inserted—

“(4) If the member is a pension debit member, the amount of his aggregate pension contributions under this regulation is reduced by such amount as is assessed in accordance with guidance issued by the Government Actuary.”.

2. In regulation B8(1) (commutation of small pensions) after “together with” there shall be inserted “any pension to which he is entitled under regulation N1 (pension credit member’s entitlement to pension) and”.

3. After regulation B11 the following regulation shall be inserted—

**“Pension debit members**

B12. Where a pension debit member is entitled to an award under regulation B1, B2, B3 or B5—

- (a) the award is calculated by reference to the pension debit member’s rights under these regulations as reduced by virtue of Article 28 of the 1999 Order and in accordance with such tables and other guidance as are provided for the purpose by the Government Actuary, and
- (b) regulations B7 to B10 have effect accordingly.”.

4. After regulation C9 the following regulation shall be inserted—

**“Pension debit members**

C10. Where a pension debit member dies leaving a surviving spouse, any award under regulation C1, C4, C5, C6, C7 or C8, and the pension under any of those regulations by reference to which any payment under regulation C9 is made, is calculated by reference to the pension debit member’s rights under these Regulations as reduced by virtue of Article 28 of the 1999 Order and in accordance with such tables and other guidance as are provided for the purpose by the Government Actuary.”.

5. After regulation D5 the following regulation shall be inserted—

**“Pension debit members**

D6. Where a pension debit member dies leaving a child, any award payable under this Part—

- (a) is first calculated as if the pension debit member were not a pension debit member, and
- (b) is then subject to any reduction required under Article 28 of the 1999 Order.”.

6. After regulation E10 the following regulation shall be inserted—

**“Pension debit members**

E11. Where a pension debit member dies any award in respect of him under this Part is calculated by reference to the member’s rights under these Regulations as reduced by virtue

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of Article 28 of the 1999 Order and in accordance with such tables and other guidance as are provided for the purpose by the Government Actuary.”.

7. In regulation F7A(1) (Board to provide certificate of the amount of pensionable service giving entitlement to pension), at the end of paragraph (2) there shall be added—

“, and

(c) whether that member is a pension debit member and, if so, the reduction in his rights by virtue of Article 28 of the 1999 Order.”.

8. After regulation F9 the following regulation shall be inserted—

**“Prohibition on accepting or paying transfer values for pension credit rights.**

F9A. A transfer value may not be accepted or paid in respect of any pension credit rights.”.

9. At the end of regulation K5(1) (forfeiture of pension) there shall be inserted the words “or to a pension payable to a pension credit member under regulation N1 (pension credit member’s entitlement to pension)”.

10. In regulation L4(1) (payment of awards otherwise than to beneficiary and application of payments) after the word “member” there shall be inserted “or a pension credit member”.

11. After Part M there shall be inserted the following Part—

## “PART N

### Pension Credit Members

#### **Pension credit member’s entitlement to pension**

N1.—(1) Subject to regulations N2 and N3 (commutation), a pension credit member is entitled to a pension for life which becomes payable—

- (a) when he attains normal benefit age, or
- (b) if it is later, when the pension sharing order under which he is entitled to the pension credit takes effect.

(2) The pension must be of such an amount that its actuarial value is equal to the member’s pension credit, as calculated from tables prepared by the Government Actuary and in accordance with regulations made under paragraph 5(b) of Schedule 5 to the 1999 Order.

#### **Commutation: general provision**

N2.—(1) Subject to regulation N3, a pension credit member may opt to commute for a lump sum a portion of the pension (not exceeding one quarter) to which he is entitled under regulation N1—

- (a) when he attains normal benefit age, or
- (b) if it is later, when the pension sharing order under which he is entitled to the pension credit takes effect.

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(1) Regulation F7A was inserted by [S.R. 1997 No. 259](#) and amended by [S.R. 1998 No. 240](#)

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(2) The lump sum under paragraph (1) is the actuarial equivalent of the commuted portion of the pension, calculated from tables prepared by the Government Actuary.

(3) But the lump sum may not exceed the annual rate of the pension as at the time when it first becomes payable (disregarding any reduction under this regulation or any other provision of the scheme constituted by these Regulations), multiplied by 2.25.

(4) This regulation does not apply to a pension derived from pension credit rights if the pension debit member from whose rights the pension is derived has received a lump sum under regulation B7 before the date on which the pension sharing order takes effect.

(5) A person who wishes the Board to commute a pension under paragraph (1) must not later than six months after—

- (a) the date on which the person attains normal benefit age, or
- (b) the date on which the pension sharing order takes effect,

whichever is the later, give the Board written notice of commutation, specifying the portion to be commuted.

(6) Notice of commutation takes effect on the later of—

- (a) the date on which the pension under regulation N1 becomes payable, and
- (b) the date on which it is received by the Board.

(7) When a person's notice of commutation takes effect, the Board shall—

- (a) reduce the pension, as from the effective date, by the commuted portion, and
- (b) pay him the lump sum, reduced where the effective date is the date of receipt of the notice by the difference between the aggregate payments made in respect of the pension and the aggregate payments that would have been made in respect of it if it had been reduced from—
  - (i) the date on which the person attains normal benefit age, or
  - (ii) the date on which the pension sharing order takes effect,whichever is the later.

### **Commutation of the pension credit benefit: small pensions and serious ill-health**

N3.—(1) The Board may commute the pension to which a pension credit member is entitled under regulation N1 for a lump sum in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) If the pension credit member is suffering from serious ill-health before normal benefit age—

- (a) the whole of the pension may be commuted, and
- (b) the lump sum under paragraph (1) is an amount equal to the annual rate of the pension as at the time when it first becomes payable, multiplied by 5.

(3) If the aggregate of total benefits payable to the member, including those attributable (directly or indirectly) to pension credit rights, does not exceed £260 per annum at normal benefit age—

- (a) the whole of the pension may be commuted when the pension credit member attains normal benefit age or when the pension sharing order takes effect if that is later, and
- (b) the lump sum under paragraph (1) is the actuarial equivalent of the commuted pension, calculated from tables prepared by the Government Actuary.

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(4) Where a pension is commuted under this rule, the payment of the lump sum discharges the Board from all liability in respect of benefits payable to or in respect of the pension credit member.

(5) In this regulation “serious ill-health” means ill-health giving rise to a life expectancy of less than one year.

#### **Death grants where pension credit member dies before pension credit benefits payable**

N4.—(1) If a pension credit member dies before any benefits deriving from the member’s pension credit have become payable to him under these Regulations, a lump sum death grant is to be paid of an amount equal to the annual rate of the pension to which the member would have been entitled under regulation N1 if he had attained normal benefit age on the date of his death (as calculated in accordance with guidance prepared by the Government Actuary), multiplied by 2.25.

(2) The lump sum is payable—

- (a) if the member is survived by a spouse who is not ineligible under paragraph (3), to that spouse, and
- (b) otherwise to the member’s personal representatives.

(3) A spouse is ineligible for the purposes of paragraph (2) if—

- (a) the deceased and the spouse were separated by an order or decree of a competent court at the time of the member’s death,
- (b) the deceased was not required by such an order to contribute to the support of the spouse or to the spouse for the support of a child of the spouse, and
- (c) the deceased was not in fact regularly so contributing.

#### **Application of general regulations**

N5.—(1) The provisions specified in paragraph (2) apply to pension credit members and awards payable to or in respect of them, but apart from where provision is made by this Part or a contrary intention is otherwise indicated—

- (a) these regulations do not apply to pension credit members as such or to benefits payable to or in respect of them as such,
- (b) the benefits payable to or in respect of pension credit members as such are not aggregated for any purpose with benefits payable to or in respect of those persons in any other capacity, and
- (c) the benefits payable to or in respect of pension credit members deriving their pension credit benefits from one pension debit member are not aggregated for any purpose with benefits payable to or in respect of those persons as pension credit members deriving their pension credit benefits from any other pension debit member.

(2) Those provisions are—

- regulation H5 (appeals),
- regulation H6 (limitations on appeals), and
- regulation L1 (payments by and to the Board).

(3) In the application of regulations H5 and H6 by virtue of this regulation the reference in regulation H5 to a person claiming an award in respect of a member of a particular description to whom that regulation applies include references to a pension credit

member whose pension credit is derived from the rights of a pension debit member of that description.”.

12. In Schedule A (glossary of expressions) there shall be inserted in the appropriate places in alphabetical order the following definitions:

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“The 1993 Act”	The Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993(2).
“The 1999 Order”	The Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999(3).
“Normal benefit age”	The age of 60.
“Pension credit”	A credit under Article 26(1)(b) of the 1999 Order, including a credit under corresponding Great Britain legislation.
“Pension credit benefit”	Construe in accordance with section 97B of the 1993 Act(4).
“Pension credit member”	Construe in accordance with Article 121(1) of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(5).
“Pension credit rights”	Construe in accordance with section 97B of the 1993 Act.
“Pension debit”	A debit under Article 26(1)(a) of the 1999 Order.
“Pension debit member”	A person whose benefits or future benefits under these Regulations have been reduced under Article 28 of the 1999 Order.
“Pension sharing order”	An order or provision mentioned in Article 25(1) of the 1999 Order.

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13. In Part I of Schedule B (member’s ordinary pension)—

- (a) in paragraph 2 after the words “subject to” there shall be inserted “paragraph 3 and”; and
- (b) after that paragraph there shall be inserted—

“3. For the purposes of paragraph 2 any difference in those amounts attributable to a pension debit is disregarded.”.

14. In paragraph 3(2) of Part V of Schedule B (member’s injury award) after the words “up-rating of widow’s pension)” there shall be inserted “or by virtue of a pension debit”.

15. In Part II of Schedule F (transfers and current interchange arrangements) after paragraph 9 there shall be inserted—

“9A.—(1) This paragraph shall apply where the transfer value is payable in respect of a person who is a pension debit member.

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(2) 1993 c. 49

(3) S.I. 1999/3147 (N.I. 11)

(4) Section 97B was inserted by Article 34 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

(5) S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22). The definition of “pension credit member” was inserted by paragraph 50(3) of Schedule 9 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

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(2) The transfer value shall be reduced by such amount as is calculated in accordance with such guidance as is provided for the purpose by the Government Actuary.”.

16. In Part III of Schedule F (calculation of transfer values and reckonable service by reference to accrued rights) after paragraph 4 of Section 1 there shall be inserted—

“5. In the case of a pension debit member, the transfer value shall be reduced by such amount as is calculated in accordance with such guidance as is provided for the purpose by the Government Actuary.”.