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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

PART 3  
CONTRIBUTIONS

**Contributions during reserve forces service leave**

**15.**—(1) This regulation applies to a person who—

- (a) is a member or who has applied to be a member; and
- (b) goes on reserve forces service leave.

(2) He must pay contributions under regulation 3 (contributions payable by active members) of the Benefits Regulations and any payments under regulation 19 (payment of additional regular contributions) of these Regulations or regulation 57 (payments to increase total membership) of the 2002 Regulations that he was paying immediately before his relevant reserve forces service began if (and only if) his reserve forces pay during that service equals or exceeds the pensionable pay he would have received if he had continued to be employed in his former employment.

(3) Those contributions continue to be payable to the fund at the same rates on that pensionable pay.

(4) If he is not obliged to pay contributions under paragraph (2) he must be treated as if he had paid them and also any payments under regulation 19 of these Regulations or regulation 57 of the 2002 Regulations that he would have been liable to pay if he had continued to be employed in his former employment.

(5) If he was paying any contributions under regulation 21(1) (additional voluntary contributions and shared cost additional voluntary contributions) immediately before his leave began—

- (a) he may continue to pay, or stop paying, them; and
- (b) unless he has stopped paying them, the Committee must throughout the period of his relevant reserve forces service, continue to pay such contributions which were to be used to provide benefits for him on his death.

(6) His relevant reserve forces service counts as a period of membership in his former employment.

(7) If during that service, he—

- (a) dies;
- (b) attains his normal retirement age; or
- (c) becomes incapable for health reasons of working efficiently in local government employment,

he shall be treated as if he were in that employment at that time.