
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 310

**The Teachers' Pension Scheme
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

PART 1

Preliminary

Citation, extent and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2015.

Establishment of Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme 2015

2.—(1) These Regulations establish a scheme for the payment of pensions and other benefits to or in respect of teachers^{M1} in Northern Ireland.

(2) This scheme is to be known as the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme 2015.

Marginal Citations

M1 See paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the Act.

Interpretation

3. In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Public Service Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2014;

“the 1995 Order” means the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995^{M2};

“the 1999 Order” means the Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999^{M3};

“the 2008 Act” means the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008^{M4};

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993^{M5};

“accepted school” has the meaning given in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1;

“accrual rate” means the fraction of pensionable earnings that accrue as earned pension for a financial year;

“accrued additional pension”—

(a) for the purpose of a full retirement pension other than a phased retirement pension, has the meaning given in regulation 46(4);

(b) for the purpose of a phased retirement pension, has the meaning given in regulation 47(3);

“accrued club transfer earned pension”—

- (a) for the purpose of a full retirement pension, has the meaning given in regulation 46;
 - (b) for the purpose of a phased retirement pension, has the meaning given in regulation 47;
- “accrued earned pension”—
- (a) for the purpose of a full retirement pension other than a phased retirement pension, has the meaning given in regulation 46;
 - (b) for the purpose of a phased retirement pension, has the meaning given in regulation 47;
- “accrued pension” means—
- (a) accrued earned pension;
 - (b) accrued club transfer earned pension (if any); and
 - (c) accrued additional pension (if any);
- “accrued rights” does not include a right to benefits attributable (directly or indirectly) to a pension credit;
- “active member”, in relation to this scheme, means a person who is in pensionable service under this scheme;
- “active member's account” has the meaning given in regulation 50;
- “actuarial”, in relation to a calculation or value, means determined by, or in accordance with tables or guidance prepared by, the scheme actuary;
- “actuarial adjustment” has the meaning given in regulation 74;
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...
- “additional pension” means—
- (a) additional (self only) pension; or
 - (b) additional (surviving adult) pension;
- “additional pension account” has the meaning given in Chapter 5 of Part 4;
- “additional pension contributions” means contributions for an additional pension;
- “additional pension election” means an election under Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 2;
- “additional (self only) pension” means an additional pension payable to a pensioner member;
- “additional (surviving adult) pension” means an additional pension payable to the member's surviving adult after the member has died;
- “adoption leave” has the meaning given in regulation 2(1) of the Paternity and Adoption Leave Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 ^{M6};
- “age retirement pension” means a pension payable under Chapter 2 of Part 5;
- “amount of credited pension” has the meaning given in regulation 80(3);
- “annual amount of pensionable earnings”, in relation to any year, means the amount of pensionable earnings payable in that year;
- “annual rate of pensionable earnings” means—
- (a) for a member who is in pensionable service in relation to one full-time employment only, the annual rate of pensionable earnings for that employment;
 - (b) for a member who is in pensionable service in relation to one part-time employment only, the annual rate of pensionable earnings that would be payable if that employment were a full-time employment;

- (c) for a member who is in pensionable service in relation to one irregular employment only, the annual rate of pensionable earnings that would be payable if that employment were a full-time employment; and
- (d) for a member who is in pensionable service in relation to more than one employment, the member's full-time equivalent annual rate of pensionable earnings calculated under Chapter 5 of Part 3;

“balance of contributions” means the amount of contributions repayable under regulation 189;

“board” means an education and library board;

“buy-out contributions” means contributions to buy out the standard reduction;

“cash transfer sum” has the meaning given in section 97AB of the Pension Schemes Act ^{M7};

“child pension” means a pension payable under regulation 149;

“club scheme” means a registered occupational pension scheme (other than a connected scheme) that has agreed to make and receive transfer value payments under the club transfer arrangements;

“club transfer” means a transfer to or from this scheme under the club transfer arrangements;

“club transfer arrangements” means arrangements approved by the scheme manager as providing reciprocal arrangements between this scheme and other registered occupational pension schemes for making and receiving transfer value payments;

“club transfer earned pension” means pension attributable to the receipt of a club transfer value;

“club transfer value”, in relation to earned pension accrued under this scheme or under another club scheme, has the meaning given in Part 10 (transfers);

“commutation amount” has the meaning given in regulation 75;

“connected scheme” has the meaning given in regulation 4;

“continuity of service”, in relation to a transition member, has the meaning given in Part 1 of Schedule 3;

“contributions equivalent premium” means a premium under section 51(2) of the Pension Schemes Act;

“death grant” means a death grant under Part 6;

“deferred member”, in relation to this scheme, means a person (other than an active member or pensioner member of this scheme) who has accrued rights under this scheme;

“deferred member's account” has the meaning given in Chapter 6 of Part 4;

“Department” means the Department of Education;

“determination” means a determination made under Article 69 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986;

“dual capacity member” has the meaning given in regulation 21;

“early retirement pension” means a pension payable under regulation 104;

“earned pension” means pension calculated by reference to a member's pensionable earnings;

“eligible child” has the meaning given in regulation 137;

“eligible employment” has the meaning given in regulation 14;

“employed” means employed under a contract of employment;

“employment” means employment under a contract of service;

“entitlement day”, in relation to a benefit payable under a Chapter in Part 5, has the meaning given in that Chapter;

“existing club transfer arrangements” means arrangements approved by the scheme manager of the existing scheme as providing reciprocal arrangements between the existing scheme and other existing club schemes for making and receiving transfer value payments;

“an existing club scheme” means a registered occupational pension scheme which belonged to the transfer club on the scheme closing date;

“an existing scheme” means an existing scheme as defined in section 18(2) of the Act;

“the existing scheme” means the scheme constituted by regulations made under Article 11 of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972^{M8} (whether made before or after the coming into operation of these Regulations);

“faster accrual contributions” has the meaning given in Schedule 2;

“faster accrual earned pension”, in relation to a financial year, means the amount of earned pension calculated by applying the faster accrual rate to the member's pensionable earnings for that year;

“faster accrual election” means an election under Chapter 1 of Part 3 of Schedule 2;

“financial year” means the 12 months ending with 31st March in any year;

“full retirement additional pension” has the meaning given in regulation 70;

“full retirement earned pension” has the meaning given in regulation 69;

“full retirement pension” means—

- (a) a full retirement earned pension; and
- (b) a full retirement additional pension (if any);

“full-time”, in relation to employment, has the meaning given in regulation 16(a);

“GMP age” means 65 in the case of a man or 60 in the case of a woman;

“guaranteed minimum” means a guaranteed minimum under section 10 of the Pension Schemes Act;

“guaranteed minimum pension” has the meaning given in section 4(2) of the Pension Schemes Act;

“ill-health pension” means a pension payable under regulation 110;

“ill-health retirement benefits” means—

- (a) an ill-health pension; and
- (b) a lump sum payable under regulation 168 in place of part of that pension;

“incapacitated” has the meaning given in Chapter 6 of Part 5 (ill-health retirement);

“index adjustment” means—

- (a) in relation to the opening balance of earned pension for any financial year (other than the opening balance of club transfer earned pension), means the percentage increase or decrease in prices specified in the order made by the Department of Finance and Personnel for the previous financial year, plus 1.6%; and
- (b) in relation to the opening balance of club transfer earned pension for any financial year, means the adjustment that would apply to the opening balance of that amount of earned pension under the sending scheme for the previous financial year;

“initial payment” has the meaning given in regulation 164 or 165;

“last active financial year” has the meaning given in regulation 46(5);

“last day of pensionable service”, in relation to a member, means the day on which a member leaves all pensionable service;

- “leaver index adjustment” has the meaning given in Chapter 1 of Part 4;
- “leaver PIA index adjustment” has the meaning given in Chapter 1 of Part 4;
- “maternity leave” means ordinary maternity leave or additional maternity leave within the meaning of the Maternity and Parental Leave etc. Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 ^{M9};
- “member”, in relation to this scheme, means an active member, deferred member, pensioner member or pension credit member;
- “members' contributions” means contributions payable under regulation 185(1) on pensionable earnings;
- “members' contributions rate” has the meaning given in regulation 185;
- “non-pensionable family leave” means a period of adoption leave, maternity leave, parental leave, [^{F2}shared parental leave or] paternity leave ^{F3} ... during which the employee—
- (a) does not receive any statutory pay; and
 - (b) is not paid a salary or is paid less than half the salary;
- “non-pensionable sick leave” means a period of sick leave taken by an employee with the consent of the employer, during which the employee—
- (a) does not receive any statutory pay; and
 - (b) is not paid a salary or is paid less than half the employee's salary;
- “normal minimum pension age” has the same meaning as in section 279(1) of the Finance Act 2004 ^{M10};
- “normal pension age”—
- (a) in relation to this scheme, is determined in accordance with section 10 of the Act; and
 - (b) in relation to the existing scheme, has the meaning given in that scheme;
- “occupational pension scheme” has the meaning given in section 1 of the Pension Schemes Act;
- “opening balance”, in relation to earned pension or transferred pension, has the meaning given in regulation 54;
- “opening balance”, in relation to additional pension, has the meaning given in regulation 59;
- “parental leave” means leave within the meaning of Part 3 of the Maternity and Parental Leave etc. Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999;
- “part-time”, in relation to employment, has the meaning given in regulation 16(b);
- “paternity leave” means leave under regulation 4 or 8 of the Paternity and Adoption Leave Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 ^{M11};
- “pay period”, in relation to the payment of a member's pensionable earnings, means the period in respect of which the payment is made;
- “pension credit” has the meaning given in Chapter 1 of Part 7 (benefits for pension credit members);
- “pension credit member” has the meaning given in Chapter 1 of Part 7;
- “pension credit member's account” has the meaning given in regulation 80;
- “pension credit retirement pension” has the meaning given in Chapter 1 of Part 7;
- “pension debit member” has the meaning given in Chapter 1 of Part 7;
- “pensionable earnings” has the meaning given in Chapter 4 of Part 3;
- “pensionable service” has the meaning given in Chapter 4 of Part 3;

“pensioner member”, in relation to this scheme, means a person who is entitled to payment of a retirement pension under this scheme;

“pensioner member's account” has the meaning given in regulation 76;

“pension sharing order” means any provision or order specified in Article 25 of the 1999 Order;

“period of permanent service”, in relation to service in the armed forces, has the meaning given in regulation 26;

“permitted maximum” means the amount determined in accordance with paragraph 2 of Schedule 29 to the Finance Act 2004;

“personal pension scheme” means a personal pension scheme as defined in section 1 of the Pension Schemes Act that is a registered pension scheme;

“phased retirement application” means an application under regulation 162 for payment of a phased retirement pension;

“phased retirement additional pension” has the meaning given in regulation 72;

“phased retirement earned pension” has the meaning given in regulation 71;

“phased retirement pension” means—

- (a) a phased retirement earned pension; and
- (b) a phased retirement additional pension (if any);

“phased retirement proportion” means the proportion of accrued earned pension specified in a phased retirement application;

“PIA index adjustment”, in relation to the opening balance of additional pension for any financial year, means the amount by which the annual rate of a pension of an amount equal to the opening balance would have been increased in that year under the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 if—

- (a) that pension were eligible to be so increased; and
- (b) the beginning date for that pension were the first day of the previous financial year;

“post-benefit service” has the meaning given in regulation 83(3);

“premature retirement pension” means a pension payable under regulation 101;

“prospective normal pension age”, in relation to a member's prospective entitlement to benefits, means the normal pension age that the scheme manager determines (by reference to directions given by the Department of Finance and Personnel under section 11(2) of the Act) would apply in relation to those benefits;

“protected member” has the meaning given in Part 1 of Schedule 3;

“public service scheme” means a scheme under section 1 of the Act;

“qualified”, in relation to retirement benefits payable under this scheme, has the meaning given in regulation 82;

“registered”, in relation to a pension scheme, means registered under Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004;

“re-qualified”, in relation to retirement benefits payable under this scheme, has the meaning given in regulation 83;

“retirement benefits” means—

- (a) a retirement pension; and
- (b) any lump sum payable under regulation 168 in place of part of that pension;

“retirement pension” means—

- (a) an age retirement pension;
- (b) a phased retirement pension;
- (c) a premature retirement pension;
- (d) an early retirement pension;
- (e) an ill-health pension;
- (f) a total incapacity pension;

“salary” means gross salary payable under a contract of employment;

“this scheme” means the scheme established by these Regulations;

“scheme actuary” means the person appointed by the scheme manager for the time being to provide a consulting service on actuarial matters;

“scheme closing date” means 31st March 2015;

“scheme manager” [^{F4}has the meaning given in regulation 7] ;

“sending scheme” means a pension scheme to which an application is made for payment of a transfer value or a club transfer value;

[^{F5}“shared parental leave” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1) of the Shared Parental Leave Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015;]

“short-service serious-ill health grant” means a grant payable under Chapter 7 of Part 5;

“standard accrual rate”, in relation to a member's pensionable earnings, means 1/57th;

“standard earned pension”, in relation to a financial year, means the amount of earned pension calculated by applying the standard accrual rate to the member's pensionable earnings for that year;

“standard increase”, in relation to pensionable earnings, has the meaning given in Chapter 4 of Part 3;

“standard rate”, in relation to interest, means the Superannuation Contributions Adjusted for Past Experience discount rate set by the Department of Finance and Personnel;

“standard reduction” has the meaning given in regulation 73;

“statutory pay” means—

- (a) statutory adoption pay, statutory maternity pay or statutory paternity pay within the meaning of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992^{M12}, or
- (b) [^{F6}statutory shared parental pay payable in accordance with Part 12ZC of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992;]

“surviving adult” has the meaning given in regulation 134;

“surviving adult pension” means a pension payable under regulation 142;

“surviving civil partner” means a person who, at the time of a member's death, was in a civil partnership^{M13} with the member;

“surviving nominated beneficiary” has the meaning given in regulation 136;

“surviving nominated partner” has the meaning given in regulation 135;

“surviving spouse” means a person who, at the time of a member's death, was married to the member;

“survivor's pension” means a surviving adult pension, additional (surviving adult) pension or child pension;

“total incapacity benefits” means—

- (a) a total incapacity pension; and
- (b) a lump sum payable under regulation 168 in place of part of that pension;

“total incapacity pension” means a pension payable under regulation 116;

“transfer club” means the club of registered occupational pension schemes which make and receive transfer value payments under the club transfer arrangements;

“transfer payment” means a transfer value payment or a cash transfer sum made or received by this scheme in relation to a member;

“transfer value”, in relation to accrued rights other than rights to earned pension accrued under this scheme or under another club scheme, has the meaning given in Part 10 (transfers);

“transfer value payment” means—

- (a) the payment of a transfer value or club transfer value under Part 10 (transfers);
- (b) the payment of a transfer value under Chapter II of Part IV of the Pension Schemes Act;

“transferred pension” means pension attributable to the receipt of a transfer value;

“transition member” has the meaning given in Part 4 of Schedule 3;

- F1** Words in reg. 3 omitted (5.4.2015) by virtue of [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(3), **23(2)(a)** (with art. 25)
- F2** Words in reg. 3 inserted (15.3.2015) by [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(2), **23(2)(b)(i)**
- F3** Words in reg. 3 omitted (5.4.2015) by virtue of [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(3), **23(2)(b)(ii)** (with art. 25)
- F4** Words in reg. 3 substituted (1.4.2015) by [The Teachers' Pensions \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/126\)](#), regs. 1, 7
- F5** Words in reg. 3 inserted (15.3.2015) by [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(2), **23(2)(d)**
- F6** Words in reg. 3 substituted (15.3.2015) by [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(2), **23(2)(c)**

Marginal Citations

- M2** 1995 No. 3213 (N.I.22).
- M3** 1999/3147 (N.I. 11).
- M4** 2008 c.1(NI) .
- M5** 1993 c.49.
- M6** S.R. 2002 No. 377.
- M7** Section 97AB was inserted by Article 241 of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005 No. 255 (N.I. 1).
- M8** S.R. 1972 No. 1073 (NI 10).
- M9** S.R. 1999 No. 471 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
- M10** 2004 c.12.
- M11** S.R. 2002 No. 377.
- M12** 1992 c.7.
- M13** See section 1 of the [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c.33\)](#) for the meaning of “civil partnership”.

Connected Schemes

4.—(1) In these Regulations, “connected scheme” means another statutory pension scheme that is connected, within the meaning of section 4(6) of the Act, with this scheme.

(2) The scheme established by the Teachers' Superannuation (Additional Voluntary Contributions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1996^{M14} is not a connected scheme.

Marginal Citations

M14 S.R. 1996 No. 260 as amended by S.R. 2001 No. 149, S.R. 2003 No. 86, S.R. 2005 No. 495, S.R. 2006 No. 163 and S.R. 2007 No. 137.

Leaving pensionable service

5.—(1) For the purpose of these Regulations, a person (P) leaves all pensionable service—

- (a) if P is in pensionable service in relation to one employment only, when P leaves pensionable service in relation to that employment; or
- (b) if P is in pensionable service in relation to more than one employment, when P leaves pensionable service in relation to all those employments.

(2) For the purpose of these Regulations, P leaves pensionable service in relation to an employment when—

- (a) P begins a period of non-pensionable family leave, non-pensionable sick leave or unpaid leave in relation to that employment;
- (b) P opts out of this scheme in relation to that employment; or
- (c) P leaves that employment.

Leaving eligible employment

6.—(1) For the purpose of these Regulations, a person (P) leaves all eligible employment—

- (a) if P is in one eligible employment only, when P leaves that employment; or
- (b) if P is in more than one eligible employment, when P leaves all those employments.

(2) For the purpose of these Regulations—

- (a) P leaves an eligible employment when P ends a period of non-pensionable family leave, non-pensionable sick leave or unpaid leave in relation to that employment and does not return to that employment; but
- (b) P does not leave an eligible employment unless at least one complete day has passed since P's last day in that employment.

PART 2

Governance

Scheme Manager

7.—(1) The Department is the scheme manager for this scheme and any connected scheme.

(2) The Department is responsible for managing this scheme and any connected scheme.

(3) The Department may delegate its functions as scheme manager under these Regulations, including this power to delegate.

[^{F7}(4) Where the Department's functions as scheme manager have been delegated to a person, any reference to the Department in relation to those functions in Parts 3 to 11 and Schedules 1 to 4 shall be construed as a reference to that person.]

F7 Reg. 7(4) inserted (1.4.2015) by [The Teachers' Pensions \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/126\)](#), regs. 1, **8**

Establishment of pension board

8.—(1) A pension board (“the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board”) is established.

(2) The Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board is responsible for assisting the Department in relation to securing compliance with—

- (a) these Regulations;
- (b) any other legislation relating to the governance and administration of this scheme and any connected scheme; and
- (c) requirements imposed by the Pensions Regulator in relation to this scheme and any connected scheme.

(3) The Department is to determine the process by which the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board discharges its functions.

Membership of pension board

9.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Department may determine—

- (a) the membership of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board;
- (b) the manner in which the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board members may be appointed and removed; and
- (c) the terms of appointment of the members of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board.

(2) The Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board is to include equal numbers of employer representatives and member representatives ^{M15}.

Marginal Citations

M15 See section 5(7) of the Act for the meaning of “employer representatives” and “member representatives”.

[^{F8}Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board—Conflict of interest]

10.—(1) The Department must be satisfied that any person to be appointed as a member of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board does not have a conflict of interest ^{M16}.

(2) The Department must be satisfied from time to time that none of the members of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board has a conflict of interest.

(3) A person who is to be appointed as a member of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board must provide the Department with such information as it reasonably requires for the purposes of paragraph (1).

(4) A person who is a member of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Pension Board must provide the Department with such information as it reasonably requires for the purposes of paragraph (2).

F8 Reg. 10 heading substituted (1.4.2015) by [The Teachers' Pensions \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/126\)](#), regs. 1, **9**

Marginal Citations

M16 See sections 5(6) and 7(5) of the Act for the meaning of "conflict of interest".

Establishment of scheme advisory board

11.—(1) A scheme advisory board ("the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Advisory Board") is established.

(2) The Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Advisory Board is responsible for providing advice to the Department, at its request, on the desirability of changes to this scheme.

(3) The Department is to determine the process by which the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Advisory Board discharges its functions.

Membership of scheme advisory board

12. The Department may determine—

- (a) the membership of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Advisory Board;
- (b) the manner in which members of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Advisory Board may be appointed and removed; and
- (c) the terms of appointment of the members of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Advisory Board.

[^{F9}Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Advisory Board—Conflict of interest]

13.—(1) The Department must be satisfied that any person to be appointed as a member of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Advisory Board does not have a conflict of interest.

(2) The Department must be satisfied from time to time that none of the members of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Advisory Board has a conflict of interest.

(3) A person who is to be appointed as a member of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Advisory Board must provide the Department with such information as it reasonably requires for the purposes of paragraph (1).

(4) A person who is a member of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme Advisory Board must provide the Department with such information as it reasonably requires for the purposes of paragraph (2).

F9 Reg. 13 heading substituted (1.4.2015) by [The Teachers' Pensions \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/126\)](#), regs. 1, **10**

PART 3

Scheme membership

CHAPTER 1

Interpretation

Meaning of “an eligible employment”

14. An eligible employment is an employment mentioned in Part 2 or 3 of Schedule 1.

Meaning of “P's automatic enrolment date” and “P's automatic re-enrolment date”

15. For the purpose of this Part—

- (a) “P's automatic enrolment date” is the date on which section 3 of the 2008 Act;
- (b) applies to a person (P) in relation to P's eligible employment; and
- (c) “P's automatic re-enrolment date” is a date determined under regulation 12 of the Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Automatic Enrolment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 ^{M17} in relation to P's eligible employment.

Marginal Citations

M17 S.R. 2010 No. 122.

Meaning of “full-time” and “part-time” employment

16. For the purpose of these Regulations—

- (a) an employment is “full-time” if the contract of employment describes it as full-time (whether in those terms or otherwise); and
- (b) an employment is “part time” if the contract of employment describes it as part-time (whether in those terms or otherwise).

Meaning of “irregular employment”

17.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, an employment is an irregular employment if the contract of employment requires the employee—

- (a) to be available for work for the period specified in the contract of employment; and
- (b) to undertake and be remunerated for work during that period only when so required by the employer.

(2) A person in pensionable service in relation to an irregular employment is in pensionable service for the period specified in the contract of employment.

Meaning of “opt-out notice” and “opt-in notice”

18. For the purpose of these Regulations—

- (a) “opt-out notice”, in relation to service in an eligible employment, means a notice under regulation 28 or 31; and
- (b) “opt-in notice”, in relation to service in an eligible employment, means a notice under regulation 29 or 32.

CHAPTER 2

Membership

Eligibility for active membership

19.—(1) A person (P) is eligible to be an active member of this scheme if—

- (a) P is in an eligible employment; and
- (b) P has reached 16 and has not reached 75.

(2) P is not eligible to be an active member of this scheme if P is employed in an accepted school in which P has a financial interest.

(3) In this regulation “a financial interest” does not include the right to receive a salary.

More than one employment

20. A person may be an active member of this scheme in relation to more than one employment.

Dual capacity membership

21.—(1) A person is a dual capacity member of this scheme if the person is a member in 2 or more of the following capacities—

- (a) an active member;
- (b) a deferred member;
- (c) a pensioner member.

(2) In determining whether a person who is an active member is also a pensioner member, the fact that the person is an active member and the person's rights in either of those capacities are to be disregarded.

(3) In determining whether a person who is an active member or a pensioner member is also a deferred member, the fact that the person is an active member or a pensioner member and the person's rights in that capacity are to be disregarded.

Payment of retirement benefits to dual capacity members

22. Retirement benefits under this scheme are payable to a dual capacity member as if the member were 2 or more members and the amounts payable are determined accordingly ^{M18}.

Marginal Citations

M18 The result is that 2 or more pensions lump sums may be payable in respect of the one member.

CHAPTER 3

Pensionable service

SECTION 1

General provisions

Service not pensionable unless member is entitled to pay

23.—(1) A person (P) in an eligible employment is not in pensionable service in relation to that employment unless P is entitled to be paid—

- (a) P's salary in respect of that employment; or
- (b) if P is on adoption leave, maternity leave, parental leave, [^{F10}shared parental leave or] paternity leave ^{F11}...—
 - (i) at least half P's salary in respect of that employment; or
 - (ii) statutory pay; or
- (c) if P is on sick leave, at least half P's salary in respect of that employment.

(2) P is not in pensionable service in relation to an employment during a period of non-pensionable family leave, non-pensionable sick leave or unpaid leave from that employment.

F10 Words in reg. 23(1)(b) inserted (15.3.2015) by [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(2), **23(3)(a)**

F11 Words in reg. 23(1)(b) omitted (5.4.2015) by virtue of [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(3), **23(3)(b)** (with art. 25)

Service not pensionable unless member's contributions are paid

24.—(1) The Department may decide that a period of service in respect of which member's contributions are not paid is not a period of pensionable service if—

- (a) the Department has sent the member a demand under regulation 194 (“the demand”) in respect of those contributions; and
 - (b) within 3 years after the date of the demand, the member has not paid the whole of the amount and interest stated in the demand.
- (2) The period of service is not a period of pensionable service if the Department —
- (a) gives the member written notice to that effect; and
 - (b) repays the member any amount paid in part satisfaction of the demand.

SECTION 2

Service in Her Majesty's armed forces

Pensionable service—armed forces service

25. For the purpose of these Regulations, a person is in pensionable service during any period of permanent service in the armed forces in respect of which an election under regulation 26 has effect or is taken to have effect.

Election for armed forces service to be pensionable

26.—(1) This regulation applies in relation to an active member (P) who is called out, or recalled, for permanent service in Her Majesty's armed forces under a call-out notice served, or a call-out or recall order made, under the Reserve Forces Act 1996^{M19}.

(2) P may by written notice to the Department elect to treat the period of permanent service as pensionable service.

(3) For the purpose of these Regulations, P leaves all pensionable service from the beginning of the period of permanent service if P does not make an election within 6 months after the period of permanent service ends.

(4) If P makes an election, the Department must give P a written notice setting out the contributions payable in respect of the period of permanent service.

(5) The election has effect from the beginning of the period of permanent service if—

- (a) P pays the contributions by lump sum within 3 months after receiving the notice; or
- (b) P pays contributions by monthly payments in accordance with regulation 187 in respect of the whole period.

(6) If P only pays contributions in respect of part of the period of permanent service, the election has effect only in respect of that part of the period.

(7) In this regulation, a period of permanent service begins when P is called out or recalled and ends on whichever is the earlier of—

- (a) the day on which P's permanent service ends, or
- (b) the day on which P begins to accrue benefits under the Armed Forces Pension Scheme or any other occupational pension scheme in respect of P's permanent service.

(8) If P dies while in permanent service and P has not made an election—

- (a) P is taken to have made an election;
- (b) any contributions payable are to be deducted from any benefits payable under these Regulations; and
- (c) the election is taken to have effect from the beginning of the period of permanent service.

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M19 1996 c.14.

SECTION 3

Pensionable service on or after automatic enrolment date

Pensionable service on or after automatic enrolment date

27.—(1) This Section applies in relation to a person (P) who—

- (a) is eligible to be an active member of this scheme; and
- (b) is in an eligible employment on or after P's automatic enrolment date for that employment.

(2) P is in pensionable service in relation to that employment if—

- (a) the employment is mentioned in Part 2 of Schedule 1 and an opt-out notice under this Section does not have effect in relation to service in that employment;
- (b) the employment is mentioned in Part 3 of Schedule 1 and—

- (i) P's employer has made arrangements for P to be an active member of this scheme in relation to service in that employment; and
- (ii) an opt-out notice under this Section does not have effect in relation to service in that employment; or
- (c) the employment is mentioned in Part 3 of Schedule 1 and—
 - (i) immediately before P's automatic enrolment date for that employment, an opt-in notice under Section 4 (pensionable service before automatic enrolment date) had effect in relation to service in that employment; and
 - (ii) an opt-out notice under this Section does not have effect in relation to service in that employment.

Opting out of this scheme after automatic enrolment date

28.—(1) A person (P) opts out of this scheme in relation to service in an eligible employment if P opts not to be an active member of this scheme in relation to that service.

(2) P may only exercise the option by written notice to the Department in a form required by it (“opt-out notice”).

- (3) An opt-out notice has effect as follows—
 - (a) if the Department receives the opt-out notice within 3 months after P enters the employment, from the first day of the employment;
 - (b) if sub-paragraph (a) does not apply and the Department receives the opt-out notice within 3 months after P's automatic enrolment date for the employment, from P's automatic enrolment date;
 - (c) if neither sub-paragraph (a) nor (b) applies and the Department receives the opt-out notice within 3 months after P's automatic re-enrolment date, from P's automatic re-enrolment date;
 - (d) otherwise, from the first day of the month after the month in which the Department receives the opt-out notice.
- (4) An opt-out notice ceases to have effect from the earlier of—
 - (a) the date on which a subsequent opt-in notice has effect in relation to service in that employment; and
 - (b) P's automatic re-enrolment date for that employment.

Opting into this scheme after automatic enrolment date

29.—(1) A person (P) opts into this scheme in relation to service in an eligible employment if P opts to become an active member of this scheme in relation to service in that employment.

(2) P may only exercise the option by written notice to the Department in a form required by it (“opt-in notice”).

- (3) P may opt into this scheme in relation to service in an employment if—
 - (a) the employment is mentioned in Part 2 of Schedule 1, and P has previously opted out of this scheme in relation to service in that employment; or
 - (b) the employment is mentioned in Part 3 of Schedule 1, and P's employer has consented to P opting into this scheme.
- (4) For an employment mentioned in Part 2 of Schedule 1, an opt-in notice has effect—

- (a) if the Department receives the opt-in notice not later than 3 months after P enters the employment, from the first day of the employment; or
 - (b) if sub-paragraph (a) does not apply, from the first day of the month after the month in which the Department receives the opt-in notice.
- (5) For an employment mentioned in Part 3 of Schedule 1—
- (a) if the Department receives both the opt-in notice and P's employer's written consent to the exercise of the option not later than 3 months after P enters the employment, the opt-in notice has effect from the first day of the employment;
 - (b) if sub-paragraph (a) does not apply, the opt-in notice has effect from the later of—
 - (i) the first day if the month after the month in which the Department receives the opt-in notice, and
 - (ii) the first day of the month after the month in which the Department receives P's employer's written consent to the exercise of the option.
- (6) An opt-in notice ceases to have effect from the date on which a subsequent opt-out notice has effect.

SECTION 4

Pensionable service before automatic enrolment date

Pensionable service before automatic enrolment date

- 30.**—(1) This Section applies in relation to a person (P) who—
- (a) is eligible to be an active member of this scheme; and
 - (b) is in an eligible employment before P's automatic enrolment date for that employment.
- (2) P is in pensionable service in relation to that employment if—
- (a) the employment is mentioned in Part 2 of Schedule 1 and an opt-out notice under this Section does not have effect in relation to service in that employment; or
 - (b) the employment is mentioned in Part 3 of Schedule 1 and an opt-in notice under this Section has effect in relation to service in that employment.

Opting out of this scheme before automatic enrolment date

- 31.**—(1) A person (P) opts out of this scheme in relation to service in an eligible employment if P opts not to be an active member of this scheme in relation to that service.
- (2) P may only exercise the option by written notice to the Department in a form required by it (“opt-out notice”).
- (3) An opt-out notice has effect—
- (a) if the Department receives the opt-out notice no later than 3 months after P enters the employment, from the first day of the employment; or
 - (b) otherwise, from the first day of the month after the month in which the Department receives the opt-out notice.
- (4) An opt-out notice ceases to have effect from the earlier of—
- (a) the date on which a subsequent opt-in notice has effect; and
 - (b) P's automatic enrolment date for that employment.

Opting into this scheme before automatic enrolment date

32.—(1) A person (P) opts into this scheme in relation to service in an eligible employment if P opts to become an active member of this scheme in relation to service in that employment.

(2) P may only exercise the option by written notice to the Department in a form required by it (“opt- in notice”).

(3) P may opt into this scheme in relation to service in an employment if—

- (a) the employment is mentioned in Part 2 of Schedule 1 and an opt-out notice has effect; or
- (b) the employment is mentioned in Part 3 of Schedule 1.

(4) For an employment mentioned in Part 2 or 3 of Schedule 1, an opt-in notice has effect—

- (a) if the Department receives the opt-in notice not later than 3 months after P enters the employment, from the first day of the employment; or
- (b) if sub-paragraph (a) does not apply, from the first day of the month in the Department receives the opt-in notice.

(5) An opt-in notice ceases to have effect from the date on which a subsequent opt-out notice has effect.

CHAPTER 4

Pensionable earnings

Interpretation

33. In this Chapter—

“notional pensionable earnings” means the amount by which a member's pensionable earnings are reduced during—

- (a) a period of sick leave (other than a period of non-pensionable sick leave); or
- (b) a period of adoption leave, maternity leave, parental leave, [^{F12}shared parental leave or] paternity leave ^{F13}... (other than a period of non-pensionable family leave);

“notional salary”, in relation to a period of permanent service in respect of which an election under regulation 26 has effect or is taken to have effect, means P's pensionable earnings for the pay period immediately before the period of permanent service began, increased by—

- (a) the amount (if any) of any standard increase applied in relation to P's eligible employment during P's period of permanent service; and
- (b) the amount (if any) by which those pensionable earnings together with any standard increase would have been increased if they had been an official pension within the meaning of section 5(1) of Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 beginning, and first qualifying for increases under that Act, on the day after the day on which the period of permanent service began;

“residential accommodation” means residential accommodation provided to a person (P) in connection with P's employment;

“residential benefits in kind” means—

- (a) any residential accommodation provided to a person (P); and
- (b) any heat or lighting provided free in respect of residential accommodation;

“salary sacrifice arrangement” means—

- (a) if (P) is a person to whom regulation 34 applies, an arrangement specified in a determination under which P gives up the right to receive part of P's salary in return for P's employer agreeing to provide P with benefits in kind as specified in the determination;
 - (b) if P is a person to whom regulation 35 applies, an arrangement of the type mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) in which P's employer agrees to provide P with benefits in kind of an identical description to those specified in a determination; and
- “standard increase” means an increase in pensionable earnings that—
- (a) is applied generally to employees in P's position under a determination or by P's employer; and
 - (b) is unrelated to any change in P's duties or hours of work or otherwise to the particular circumstances of P's case.

F12 Words in reg. 33 inserted (15.3.2015) by [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(2), **23(4)(a)**

F13 Words in reg. 33 omitted (5.4.2015) by virtue of [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(3), **23(4)(b)** (with art. 25)

Pensionable earnings for teachers in grant aided schools and peripatetic teachers

34.—(1) This regulation applies to an active member (P) who is a teacher mentioned in paragraph 2 or 4 of Schedule 1.

(2) P's pensionable earnings for any pay period are the sum of the following amounts paid in that pay period to P by P's employer in respect of P's pensionable service—

- (a) all salary and allowances paid for the performance of P's contractual duties in accordance with a determination;
 - (b) the amount of any payment in respect of overtime;
 - (c) any salary or statutory pay paid while P is on sick leave, maternity leave, paternity leave, ^{F14}... parental leave [^{F15}shared parental leave] or adoption leave;
 - (d) an amount equal to any part of P's salary which P has given up the right to receive under a salary sacrifice arrangement.
- (3) P's pensionable earnings do not include any amounts mentioned in regulation 36.

F14 Words in reg. 34(2)(c) omitted (5.4.2015) by virtue of [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(3), **23(5)(a)** (with art. 25)

F15 Words in reg. 34(2)(c) inserted (15.3.2015) by virtue of [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(2), **23(5)(b)**

Pensionable earnings for others

35.—(1) This regulation applies to an active member (P) who is not a teacher mentioned in paragraph 2 or 4 of Schedule 1.

(2) P's pensionable earnings for any pay period are the sum of the amounts set out in paragraph (3) paid in that pay period to P for P's own use by P's employer in respect of P's pensionable service.

- (3) The amounts are—
- (a) the amount of salary, wages, fees and other payments paid under a contract of employment;
 - (b) the amounts mentioned in regulation 34(2)(b) to (d);
 - (c) the amount of any payment made to P by way of bonus under a pay settlement that applies to all employees (or all employees of a particular class or description) at the institution where P is employed; and
 - (d) the amount of any payment made to P that is calculated by reference to any of the following—
 - (i) P's performance;
 - (ii) the performance of all employees at the institution where P is employed; or
 - (iii) the performance of that institution.
- (4) P's pensionable earnings do not include any amounts mentioned in regulation 36.

Amounts not forming part of pensionable earnings

- 36.**—(1) This regulation applies to any active member (P).
- (2) P's pensionable earnings do not include any of the following amounts paid to P by P's employer—
- (a) any benefit in kind, or the money value of such a benefit, excluding—
 - (i) any residential benefits in kind; or
 - (ii) a benefit in kind under a salary sacrifice arrangement;
 - (b) any bonus other than a payment under regulation 35(3)(c);
 - (c) any allowance paid for travelling or other expenses;
 - (d) any amount paid for the performance of duties that are not carried out in the course of P's pensionable service;
 - (e) any payment in consideration for the loss of, or the agreement to give up the right to, paid leave under P's contract of employment;
 - (f) any payment in lieu of notice to terminate P's contract of employment.

Application for residential benefits in kind to form part of pensionable earnings

- 37.**—(1) This regulation applies to a person (P) who receives residential benefits in kind.
- (2) P's employer (E) may apply in writing to the Department asking for the money value of those residential benefits in kind to form part of P's pensionable earnings.
- (3) The application must be made within 3 months after the later of—
- (a) the first day of P's employment; or
 - (b) the first day on which residential accommodation is provided to P.
- (4) The application must be accompanied by a statement certifying that E will—
- (a) review the value of the residential benefits in kind at the times mentioned in paragraph (5); and
 - (b) inform the Department in writing of the results of each review.
- (5) E must review the money value of the residential benefits in kind as follows—
- (a) the first review must be carried out within 2 years after the later of—
 - (i) the first day of P's employment; or

- (ii) the first day on which residential accommodation is provided to P; and
- (b) each subsequent review must be carried out within 2 years after the previous review.

Money value of residential benefits in kind to form part of pensionable earnings

38.—(1) The Department, if satisfied that it is reasonable for residential accommodation to be provided to a person (P) by P's employer (E) in connection with P's employment, may decide that the money value of residential benefits in kind forms part of P's pensionable earnings from—

- (a) the first day of P's employment; or
- (b) if later, the first day on which residential accommodation is provided to P.

(2) If the money value of the residential accommodation exceeds 1/6th of the aggregate of the amounts mentioned in regulation 34(2) or 35(3)(a) and (b), the excess does not form part of P's pensionable earnings.

(3) The Department may revoke a decision that the money value of residential benefits in kind forms part of P's pensionable earnings if E does not—

- (a) carry out the reviews in accordance with regulation 37; or
- (b) inform the Department of the results of those reviews within a reasonable time.

(4) If paragraph (3) applies, the Department must—

- (a) calculate the amount attributable to the overpayment of contributions (“the amount”); and
- (b) repay that amount to E together with interest applied in accordance with paragraph (6).

(5) The amount is the difference between—

- (a) the sum of the amount of members' contributions, any faster accrual contributions and any buy-out contributions which E deducted from P's pensionable earnings^{M20} during the period in which the residential benefits in kind formed part of P's pensionable earnings; and
- (b) the sum of the amount of members' contributions, any faster accrual contributions and any buy-out contributions which E would have deducted from P's pensionable earnings during that period had the residential benefits in kind not formed part of P's pensionable earnings.

(6) Interest is applied at the rate of 3% each year, compounded with yearly rests—

- (a) from the first day of the financial year following the year in which the contributions were first deducted;
- (b) until the day on which the amount attributable to the overpayment of contributions is repaid.

Marginal Citations

M20 Contributions are deducted under Part 9.

Pensionable earnings for the purpose of accruing benefits

39.—(1) For the purpose of calculating a member's (P's) amount of earned pension for a pay period—

- (a) if P's pensionable earnings are reduced during sick leave, adoption leave, maternity leave, parental leave, [^{F16}shared parental leave or] paternity leave^{F17}..., P's pensionable earnings for that period include P's notional pensionable earnings; and
- (b) if an election under regulation 26 has effect or is taken to have effect for that period, an amount equal to P's notional salary.

- F16** Words in reg. 39(1)(a) inserted (15.3.2015) by [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(2), **23(6)(a)**
- F17** Words in reg. 39(1)(a) omitted (5.4.2015) by virtue of [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(3), **23(6)(b)** (with art. 25)

CHAPTER 5

Annual rate of pensionable earnings for multiple employments

Multiple regular full-time or part-time employments

- 40.**—(1) This regulation applies if—
- (a) a person (P) is in pensionable service in relation to more than one employment, and
 - (b) each employment is a regular full-time or part-time employment.
- (2) P's annual rate of pensionable earnings is found by—
- (a) calculating the D value for each employment; and
 - (b) adding all the D values.
- (3) The D value for an employment is FT x C.
- (4) FT means the annual rate of pensionable earnings for that employment.
- (5) C means

the A value

B

, where—

- a for a full-time employment, the A value is 1;
- b for a part-time employment, the A value is

$$\frac{PT}{FT}$$

- c PT means the amount payable for a full year of a part-time employment, not its full-time equivalent; and
- d B is the sum of all the values.

Multiple employments including at least one irregular employment

- 41.**—(1) This regulation applies if—
- (a) a person (P) is in pensionable service in relation to more than one employment; and
 - (b) at least one employment is an irregular employment.
- (2) P's full-time equivalent annual rate of pensionable earnings is the higher of—
- (a) Figure 1, and

(b) either—

- (i) Figure 2, if P is in more than one regular employment, or
- (ii) Figure 3, if P is only in one regular employment,

where—

Figure 1 is obtained by dividing the sum of the annual rates of each of P's employments by the total number of P's employments;

Figure 2 is the result of the calculation set out in regulation 40 for P's regular employments, disregarding P's irregular employment or employments; and

Figure 3 is the full-time equivalent rate of pensionable earnings for P' sole regular employment.

(3) If Figure 1 and either Figure 2 or Figure 3 are the same amount, P's annual rate of pensionable earnings is that amount.

PART 4

Pension accounts

CHAPTER 1

Interpretation

Interpretation

42.—(1) In this Part—

“the leaving year” means the financial year in which the relevant last day falls;

“the relevant last day” means—

- (a) for a member who has made a phased retirement application, the day before the entitlement day for a phased retirement pension; and
- (b) otherwise, the last day of pensionable service.

Pensionable service

43. For the purpose of this Part, a person (P) who re-enters pensionable service after a gap in service not exceeding 5 years is taken to be in pensionable service during the gap.

Meaning of “leaver index adjustment”

44.—(1) The leaver index adjustment for an amount of accrued earned pension other than an amount of club transfer accrued earned pension is an amount calculated as follows— *Step 1* Add 1.6 to the percentage increase or decrease in prices specified in the order made by the Department of Finance and Personnel in relation to the leaving year. *Step 2* Multiply the result at Step 1 by A/B

where—

A is the number of complete months in the period between the beginning of the leaving year and the end of the relevant last day; and

B is 12.

The resulting percentage is the leaver index percentage. *Step 3* Multiply the amount of accrued earned pension by the leaver index percentage. The resulting amount is the leaver index adjustment

(2) The leaver index adjustment for an amount of club transfer accrued earned pension is the adjustment that would apply under the sending scheme to an amount of accrued earned pension equal to the amount of club transfer accrued earned pension specified in the active member's account at the end of the relevant last day.

(3) In this regulation, “complete month” includes an incomplete month that consists of at least 16 days.

Meaning of “leaver PIA index adjustment”

45.—(1) The leaver PIA index adjustment for an amount of accrued additional pension is calculated in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) The leaver PIA index adjustment is the amount by which the annual rate of a pension of an amount equal to the amount of accrued additional pension would have been increased in the leaving year under the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 if—

- (a) that pension were eligible to be so increased; and
- (b) the beginning date for that pension were the day after the relevant last day.

CHAPTER 2

Calculation of accrued pension

Calculation of amount of accrued pension for purposes of deferment or full retirement

46.—(1) For the purpose of a full retirement pension, the amount of accrued pension is calculated in accordance with this regulation.

(2) For the purpose of a deferred member's account, the amount of accrued earned pension is calculated in accordance with paragraph (3).

(3) The amount of accrued earned pension is the sum of the following amounts specified in the active member's account as at the end of the last day of pensionable service—

- (a) the opening balance of standard earned pension for the last active financial year and the index adjustment for that opening balance;
- (b) the amount of standard earned pension (if any) for the last active financial year;
- (c) the opening balance of faster accrual earned pension (if any) for the last active financial year and the index adjustment for that opening balance;
- (d) the amount of faster accrual earned pension (if any) for the last active financial year;
- (e) the opening balance of club transfer earned pension (if any) for the last active financial year and the index adjustment for that opening balance;
- (f) the amount of club transfer earned pension (if any) for the last active financial year;
- (g) the opening balance of transferred pension (if any) for the last active financial year and the index adjustment for that opening balance; and
- (h) the amount of transferred pension (if any) for the last active financial year.

(4) The amount of accrued additional pension is—

- (a) the sum of the following amounts specified in the additional pension account as at the end of the last day of pensionable service—
 - (i) the opening balance of additional pension for the last active financial year; and
 - (ii) the PIA index adjustment (if any) for that opening balance; or
- (b) an amount determined by the Department under Part 2 of Schedule 2.

(5) In these Regulations, “the last active financial year” means the financial year in which the last day of pensionable service falls.

Calculation of amount of accrued pension for purpose of phased retirement

47.—(1) For the purpose of a phased retirement pension, the amount of accrued pension is calculated in accordance with this regulation.

(2) The amount of accrued earned pension is the phased retirement proportion of the sum of the following amounts specified in the active member's account as at the end of the relevant last day—

- (a) the opening balance of standard earned pension for the leaving year and the index adjustment for that opening balance;
- (b) the amount of standard earned pension for the leaving year;
- (c) the opening balance of faster accrual earned pension (if any) for the leaving year and the index adjustment for that opening balance;
- (d) the amount of faster accrual earned pension (if any) for the leaving year;
- (e) the opening balance of club transfer earned pension (if any) for the leaving year and the index adjustment for that opening balance;
- (f) the amount of club transfer earned pension (if any) for the leaving year;
- (g) the opening balance of transferred pension (if any) for the leaving year and the index adjustment for the opening balance; and
- (h) the amount of transferred pension (if any) for the leaving year.

(3) If a member applies for payment of additional pension under regulation 94, the amount of accrued additional pension is—

- (a) the sum of the following amounts specified in the additional pension account as at the end of the relevant last day—
 - (i) the opening balance of additional pension for the leaving year; and
 - (ii) the PIA index adjustment (if any) for that opening balance; or
- (b) an amount determined by the Department under Part 2 of Schedule 2.

CHAPTER 3

Pension accounts: general

Establishment of pension accounts: general

48.—(1) The Department must establish and maintain one or more pension accounts for each member of this scheme in accordance with this Part.

(2) A pension account—

- (a) may be kept in any form the Department considers appropriate; and
- (b) must specify the details required by these Regulations.

(3) References in these Regulations to any amount specified in a pension account are references to the amount that is required by these Regulations to be so specified and not, if different, the amount actually so specified.

Closure of pension accounts on transfer out or repayment of balance of contributions

49. All pension accounts relating to a member (P) (other than a pension credit member's account) must be closed if—

- (a) a transfer payment is made respect of P's accrued rights under this scheme; or
- (b) P is repaid the balance of contributions under regulation 189.

CHAPTER 4

Active member's account

Establishment of active member's account

50.—(1) A pension account must be established for each active member (“the active member's account”) from the first day of pensionable service under this scheme.

(2) If a person is an active member in relation to more than one employment, only one active member's account is to be established.

(3) The active member's account must remain open until the member leaves all pensionable service under this scheme.

Receipt of transfer values

51.—(1) This regulation applies if a transfer value is received from another pension scheme (other than a connected scheme) in relation to an active member of this scheme.

(2) On receipt of the transfer value payment, the active member's account must be credited with the amount of transferred pension the member is entitled to count under Part 10 (transfers).

Receipt of club transfer values

52.—(1) This regulation applies if a club transfer is received from another club scheme in relation to an active member of this scheme.

(2) On receipt of the transfer value payment, the active member's account must be credited with an amount of club transfer earned pension the member is entitled to under Part 10 (transfers).

Account to specify amount of pension for a financial year

53.—(1) This regulation applies in relation to every financial year in which an active member's account is open.

(2) The active member's account must specify—

- (a) the amount of standard earned pension (if any) for the financial year;
- (b) the amount of faster accrual earned pension (if any) for the financial year;
- (c) the amount of club transfer earned pension (if any) for the financial year; and
- (d) the amount of transferred pension (if any) for the financial year.

(3) The amount is—

- (a) for standard earned pension, 1/57th of the member's pensionable earnings for that year;
- (b) for faster accrual earned pension, the fraction of the member's pensionable earnings for that year specified in a faster accrual election;
- (c) for club transfer earned pension, the sum of all club transfer values received in relation to the member in that year; and
- (d) for transferred pension, the amount which a member is entitled to under Part 10 (transfers) for that year.

Account to specify opening balance and index adjustment

54.—(1) This regulation applies in relation to every financial year in which an active member's account is open other than the financial year in which the account is established.

- (2) The active member's account must specify—
- (a) the opening balance of standard earned pension for the financial year and the index adjustment for that opening balance;
 - (b) the opening balance of faster accrual earned pension (if any) for the financial year and the index adjustment for that opening balance; and
 - (c) the opening balance of transferred pension (if any) for the financial year and the index adjustment for that opening balance.
- (3) The opening balance in relation to a description of pension—
- (a) for the financial year immediately following the financial year in which the active member's account is established means the amount of that pension for the previous financial year as at the end of the previous financial year;
 - (b) for any subsequent financial year, means the sum of the following amounts—
 - (i) the opening balance of that pension for the previous financial year and the index adjustment for that opening balance; and
 - (ii) the amount of that pension for the previous financial year as at the end of the previous financial year.
- (4) In this regulation, “a description of pension” means—
- (a) standard earned pension;
 - (b) faster accrual earned pension (if any);
 - (c) club transfer earned pension (if any); and
 - (d) transferred pension (if any).

Ill-health pension ceases to be payable

55. If an ill-health pension ceases to be payable to a person (P) under regulation 114 or 118 and P re-enters pensionable service—

- (a) the pensioner member's account must be closed;
- (b) the active member's account must be re-established and credited with an amount equal to the annual rate of pension payable immediately before the ill-health pension ceased to be payable.

Phased retirement pension ceases to be payable

56. If a phased retirement pension ceases to be payable under regulation 97 and P re-enters pensionable service—

- (a) the pensioner member's account must be closed; and
- (b) the active member's account must be adjusted by increasing the amount of accrued earned pension by the phased retirement proportion.

CHAPTER 5

Additional pension account

Establishment of additional pension account

57.—(1) An additional pension account must be established for each active member (P) in respect of whom an additional pension election is made.

(2) If P is an active member in relation to more than one employment, only one additional pension account is to be established.

(3) The additional pension account must remain open until—

- (a) an additional pension is paid in respect of P;
- (b) a transfer payment is made respect of P's rights to the accrued additional pension; or
- (c) all additional pension contributions are refunded under Chapter 5 of Part 2 of Schedule 2.

(4) Part 2 of Schedule 2 has effect in relation to the making of an additional pension election.

Account to specify amount of additional pension

58.—(1) This regulation applies in relation to every financial year in which an additional pension election is made.

(2) The additional pension account must specify in relation to any additional pension election made in that financial year an amount equal to the annual rate of additional (self only) pension specified in the additional pension election.

Account to specify opening balance and PIA index adjustment

59.—(1) This regulation applies in relation to every financial year in which an additional pension account is open other than the financial year in which the account is established.

(2) The account must specify the opening balance of additional pension for the financial year and the PIA index adjustment for that opening balance.

(3) The opening balance of additional pension—

- (a) for the financial year immediately following the financial year in which the additional pension account is established, means the amount of additional pension specified in the account as at the end of the previous financial year; and
- (b) for any subsequent financial year, means the sum of the following amounts—
 - (i) the opening balance of additional pension for the previous financial year; and
 - (ii) the PIA index adjustment for that opening balance; and
 - (iii) the amount of additional pension for the previous financial year.

Ill-health pension ceases to be payable

60.—(1) This regulation applies if—

- (a) an additional pension is payable with an ill-health pension; and
- (b) the ill-health pension ceases to be payable under regulation 114 or 118.

(2) The additional pension account must be re-established and credited with an amount equal to the annual rate of additional (self only) pension.

Phased retirement pension ceases to be payable

- 61.—(1) This regulation applies if—
- (a) an additional pension is payable with a phased retirement pension; and
 - (b) the phased retirement pension ceases to be payable under regulation 97.
- (2) The additional pension account must be re-established and credited with an amount equal to the annual rate of additional (self only) pension.

CHAPTER 6

Deferred member's account

Establishment of deferred member's account

62. When an active member leaves all pensionable service and becomes a deferred member—
- (a) the active member's account must be closed; and
 - (b) a pension account for the deferred member must be established (“deferred member's account”)

Account to specify amount of accrued earned pension and leaver index adjustment

63. The deferred member's account must specify—
- (a) the amount of accrued earned pension calculated under regulation 46(3); and
 - (b) the leaver index adjustment for that amount.

Deferred member's account closed after break not exceeding 5 years

- 64.—(1) If a deferred member re-enters pensionable service under this scheme after a gap in service not exceeding 5 years—
- (a) the deferred member's account must be closed; and
 - (b) the active member's account must be re-established.
- (2) The active member's account—
- (a) must specify the amount of accrued earned pension as at the beginning of the gap in service; and
 - (b) must be adjusted as if the member had continued as an active member during the gap in service but had received no pensionable earnings.

Deferred member's account closed after service under another public service scheme

- 65.—(1) This regulation applies if—
- (a) a deferred member (P) re-enters pensionable service under this scheme after a gap in service of more than 5 years;
 - (b) the gap in service included a period of service under another public service scheme; and
 - (c) the period in which P was not in any service was [^{F18}5 years or less].
- (2) When P re-enters pensionable service under this scheme—
- (a) the deferred member's account must be closed; and
 - (b) the active member's account must be re-established.

(3) For the financial year in which the active member's account is re-established, the opening balance for each description of pension must be equal to the amount of accrued pension specified in the deferred member's account in relation to that description of pension as at the end of the gap in service.

(4) In this regulation, “a description of pension” means—

- (a) standard earned pension;
- (b) faster accrual earned pension (if any);
- (c) club transfer earned pension (if any); and
- (d) transferred pension (if any).

F18 Words in [reg. 65\(1\)\(c\)](#) substituted (1.4.2015) by [The Teachers' Pensions \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/126\)](#), regs. 1, **11**

Deferred member's account remains open after a gap in service of more than 5 years

66.—(1) This regulation applies if a deferred member (P) re-enters pensionable service under this scheme after a gap in service of more than 5 years.

(2) When P re-enters pensionable service under this scheme (“the further service”)—

- (a) the deferred member's account remains open; and
- (b) an active member's account must be established in respect of the further service.

(3) In this regulation, “gap in service” does not include any period of service under another public service scheme.

Deferred member's account established after ill-health pension ceases to be payable

67. If an ill-health pension ceases to be payable to a person (P) under regulation 114 or 118 and P does not re-enter pensionable service—

- (a) a deferred member's account must be established; and
- (b) that account must be credited with an amount equal to the annual rate of pension payable immediately before the ill health pension ceased to be payable.

Deferred member's account established after phased retirement pension ceases to be payable

68. If a phased retirement pension ceases to be payable to a person (P) under regulation 97 and P does not re-enter pensionable service—

- (a) a deferred member's account must be established; and
- (b) the Department must increase the amount of accrued earned pension by the phased retirement proportion.

CHAPTER 7

Pensioner members' accounts

SECTION 1

Interpretation

Meaning of “full retirement earned pension”

69.—(1) The amount of full retirement earned pension is the sum of—

- (a) the amount of accrued earned pension calculated under regulation 46(3); and
- (b) the leaver index adjustment for that amount.

(2) In calculating the amount of full retirement earned pension, the leaver index adjustment is not applied to the amount of accrued earned pension if a transfer payment is made in respect of the member's rights to that accrued pension before the end of the last active financial year.

Meaning of “full retirement additional pension”

70.—(1) The amount of full retirement additional pension is the sum of—

- (a) the amount of accrued additional pension calculated under regulation 46(4); and
- (b) the leaver PIA index adjustment for that amount.

(2) In calculating the amount of full retirement additional pension, the leaver PIA index adjustment is not applied to the amount of accrued additional pension if a transfer payment is made in respect of the member's rights to that accrued pension before the end of the last active financial year.

Meaning of “phased retirement earned pension”

71. The amount of phased retirement earned pension is the sum of—

- (a) the amount of accrued earned pension calculated under regulation 47(2); and
- (b) the leaver index adjustment for that amount.

Meaning of “phased retirement additional pension”

72. The amount of phased retirement additional pension is the sum of—

- (a) the amount of accrued additional pension calculated under regulation 47(3); and
- (b) the leaver index adjustment for that amount.

Meaning of “standard reduction”

73.—(1) The standard reduction is 3% and applies in relation to a maximum of 3 years between age 65 and a member's normal pension age.

(2) The standard reduction is applied when calculating the annual rate of pension payable to a member (P) who—

- (a) was an active member immediately before the entitlement day for a phased retirement pension, premature retirement pension or early retirement pension; and
- (b) on the entitlement day for that pension—
 - (i) has reached normal minimum pension age; but
 - (ii) has not reached normal pension age.

(3) If a retirement pension becomes payable to P on or after the date on which P reaches 65, the standard reduction applies in relation to a proportion, determined by the Department, of the time left until P reaches normal pension age.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Reg. 73 excluded (1.4.2015) by [The Teachers' Pension Scheme \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/170\)](#), regs. 1, **15(1)(b)**

Meaning of “actuarial adjustment”

74. In these Regulations, “actuarial adjustment” means the actuarial adjustment (to be determined by the Department after taking advice from the scheme actuary) that is applied when calculating the annual rate of pension payable—

- (a) to a member who, on the entitlement day for a pension other than an age retirement pension or an ill health pension, has not reached normal pension age; or
- (b) to an active member who becomes a pensioner member after reaching normal pension age.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Reg. 74(a) applied (1.4.2015) by [The Teachers' Pension Scheme \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/170\)](#), regs. 1, **15(1)(a)**

Meaning of “commutation amount”

75. In these Regulations, “commutation amount”, in relation to any pension commuted in part to a lump sum under regulation 168, means the amount of pension commuted to a lump sum.

SECTION 2

Establishment of pensioner members' accounts

Pension accounts for active or deferred members who become pensioner members

76.—(1) When an active member becomes entitled to payment of a retirement pension other than a phased retirement pension in respect of any pensionable service—

- (a) the active member's account and any additional pension account must be closed; and
- (b) a pension account for the pensioner member must be established (“the pensioner member's account”).

(2) When a deferred member becomes entitled to payment of a retirement pension other than a phased retirement pension in respect of any pensionable service—

- (a) the deferred member's account and any additional pension account must be closed; and
- (b) a pension account for the pensioner member must be established (“the pensioner member's account”).

(3) The pensioner member's account must specify—

- (a) the amount of full retirement earned pension payable to the member, and for that amount—
 - (i) the standard reduction (if any);
 - (ii) the actuarial adjustment (if any); and

- (iii) the commutation amount (if any); and
- (b) the amount of full retirement additional pension payable to the member, and for that amount—
 - (i) the actuarial adjustment (if any); and
 - (ii) the commutation amount (if any).

Pension accounts for phased retirement members

- 77.—(1) On the entitlement day for a phased retirement pension—
- (a) a pensioner member's account must be established for the member;
 - (b) if the member is an active member, the active member's account must be adjusted by reducing the amount of accrued earned pension specified in that account by the phased retirement proportion;
 - (c) if the member is a deferred member, the deferred member's account must be adjusted by reducing the amount of accrued earned pension specified in that account by the phased retirement proportion;
 - (d) after the adjustment, Chapters 2 and 3 apply in relation to the member as if the amount of accrued earned pension specified in the active member's account or deferred member's account had always been reduced by the phased retirement proportion; and
 - (e) if the member has applied under regulation 94 to receive additional pension with the phased retirement earned pension, the additional pension account must be closed.
- (2) The pensioner member's account must specify—
- (a) the amount of phased retirement earned pension payable to the member, and for that amount—
 - (i) the standard reduction (if any);
 - (ii) the actuarial adjustment (if any); and
 - (iii) the commutation amount (if any); and
 - (b) the amount of phased retirement additional pension payable to the member, and for that amount—
 - (i) the actuarial adjustment (if any); and
 - (ii) the commutation amount (if any).

SECTION 3

Closure of accounts

Ill-health pension ceases to be payable

78. If an ill-health pension ceases to be payable under regulation 114 or 118, the pensioner member's account must be closed.

Phased retirement pension ceases to be payable

79. If a phased retirement pension ceases to be payable under regulation 97, the pensioner member's account must be closed.

CHAPTER 8

Pension credit members' pension account

Pension credit member's pension account

80.—(1) A pension account must be established for each pension credit member (“the pension credit member's account”).

(2) The pension credit member's account must specify the amount of credited pension and for that amount—

- (a) the actuarial adjustment (if any); and
- (b) the commutation amount (if any).

(3) In these Regulations, “amount of credited pension” means an amount equal to the pension credit calculated in accordance with regulations made under paragraph 5(b) of Schedule 5 to the 1999 Order.

Separate account for each capacity of membership

81.—(1) If a pension credit member is also an active member, deferred member or pensioner member, the pension credit member's account is in addition to the other account or accounts to be established under this Part in respect of the member in the other capacity.

(2) If a pension credit member has rights under this scheme which are attributable, directly or indirectly, to pension credit derived from the rights of more than one pension debit member of this scheme, a separate account is to be established under this regulation in respect of the pension credit attributable to the rights of each such pension debit member.

PART 5

Retirement Benefits for Teachers

CHAPTER 1

Interpretation

Qualifying for retirement benefits

82.—(1) A person (P) is qualified for retirement benefits under this scheme if—

- (a) P has at least 2 years' qualifying service; or
- (b) a transfer payment otherwise than from another occupational pension scheme has been accepted in relation to P.

(2) In these Regulations, a period of qualifying service is the total of the following—

- (a) any period of pensionable service under this scheme (other than a period of post-benefit service);
- (b) for a transition member, any period of pensionable service under the existing scheme before the member's transition date;
- (c) if a transfer payment has been accepted from another occupational pension scheme in relation to P, a period equal to P's period of pensionable service under that scheme.

(3) Any pensionable service in respect of which a person's rights under this scheme or the existing scheme are extinguished ^{M21} is not qualifying service.

Marginal Citations

M21 Regulation 189(4) provides for extinguishment of rights following the refund of the member's contributions.

Regulation 203(6) provides for extinguishment of rights following a transfer value payment.

Re-qualifying for retirement benefits in respect of post-benefit service

- 83.**—(1) A person (P) is re-qualified for retirement benefits under these Regulations if—
- (a) P has at least 12 months' post-benefit qualifying service; or
 - (b) a transfer payment otherwise than from another occupational pension scheme has been accepted in relation to P during P's post-benefit service.
- (2) In these Regulations, a period of post-benefit qualifying service is the total of the following—
- (a) any period of post-benefit service under this scheme;
 - (b) for a transition member in respect of post-benefit service, any period of post-benefit service under the existing scheme before the member's transition date;
 - (c) if after P enters a period of post-benefit service a transfer payment has been accepted in respect of rights accrued under another occupational pension scheme, a period equal to the person's period of pensionable service under that scheme.
- (3) For the purpose of these Regulations, P enters a period of “post-benefit service” when—
- (a) P re-enters pensionable service—
 - (i) on or after reaching normal pension age; and
 - (ii) after a retirement pension (other than a phased retirement pension) or a short-service serious ill-health grant becomes payable; or
 - (b) P re-enters pensionable service—
 - (i) before reaching normal pension age; and
 - (ii) after a retirement pension (other than an ill health pension or phased retirement pension) or a short-service serious ill-health grant becomes payable.
- (4) For the purpose of these Regulations, P does not enter a period of “post-benefit service” if P re-enters pensionable service—
- (a) before reaching normal pension age; and
 - (b) after an ill-health pension or phased retirement pension becomes payable.
- (5) Any period of service in respect of which P's rights under this scheme or the existing scheme are extinguished is not included in a period of post-benefit service ^{M22}.

Marginal Citations

M22 Regulation 189(4) provides for extinguishment of rights following the refund of the member's contributions.

Regulation 203(6) provides for extinguishment of rights following a transfer value payment.

Payment of retirement benefits for post-benefit service

84. For the purpose of calculating benefits in respect of a period of post-benefit service, a person (P) is taken to enter pensionable service for the first time when P enters the period of post-benefit service.

CHAPTER 2

Age retirement

Meaning of “entitlement day” (age retirement pension)

85.—(1) The entitlement day for an age retirement pension is as follows.

(2) If a person (P) is qualified for retirement benefits, the entitlement day is the earliest of the following—

- (a) if P is in pensionable service on the day on which P reaches normal pension age—
 - (i) the day after P leaves all pensionable service; or
 - (ii) the day on which P reaches 75; and
 - (b) if P is not in pensionable service on the day on which P reaches normal pension age, the day on which P reaches normal pension age.
- (3) If P is re-qualified for retirement benefits, the entitlement day is the earliest of the following—
- (a) if P is in pensionable service on the date of application, the day after P leaves all pensionable service;
 - (b) if P has left all pensionable service on the date of application, such day as P specifies in the application, which must be no earlier than 6 weeks after the date of application;
 - (c) the date of P's 75th birthday.

(4) In this regulation, “date of application” means the day on which P applies for the payment of an age retirement pension.

Entitlement to age retirement pension

86.—(1) A member (P) is entitled to payment of an age retirement pension from the entitlement day if—

- (a) P has reached normal pension age;
- (b) P is qualified or re-qualified for retirement benefits;
- (c) P has left all pensionable service; and
- (d) P has applied under regulation 162 for the payment of an age retirement pension.

(2) An age retirement pension is payable for life.

Annual rate of age retirement pension

87.—(1) This regulation applies if an active member or a deferred member (P) becomes entitled to payment of an age retirement pension.

- (2) The annual rate of age retirement pension payable to P is found by—
- (a) taking the amount of full retirement earned pension specified in P's pensioner member's account;
 - (b) applying the actuarial adjustment (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount;

- (c) subtracting the commutation amount (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount.
- (d) adding the amount of full retirement additional pension (if any) specified in that account; and
- (e) subtracting the commutation amount (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount.

Arrears of pension payable to deferred member who becomes pensioner member after reaching normal pension age

88. A deferred member (P) who becomes a pensioner member after reaching normal pension age is entitled to be paid the total of the following—

- (a) the amount found by multiplying the sum of the amount of full retirement earned pension and the amount of full retirement additional pension (if any) specified in P's pensioner member's account by the period (in years and fractions of a year) for which P was a deferred member after reaching normal pension age; and
- (b) interest payable on that amount in accordance with regulation 178.

CHAPTER 3

Phased retirement

Interpretation of Chapter

89.—(1) In this Chapter—

“average annual rate”, in relation to pensionable earnings in a 6 month period, means the amount of pensionable earnings in that period multiplied by 2;

“increased annual rate”, in relation to pensionable earnings, has the meaning given in regulation 97;

“new employment” means one or more new eligible employments;

“new employment condition” has the meaning given in regulation 91;

“pensionable earnings”, for a person not in an eligible employment, means the amount which would be the person's pensionable earnings if the employment were eligible employment;

“previous employment” means one or more previous eligible employments;

“reduced annual rate”, in relation to pensionable earnings, means the annual rate of P's pensionable earnings following the reduction referred to in regulation 90;

“reduced annual rate condition” has the meaning given in regulation 90.

(2) When calculating the reduced annual rate or increased annual rate of a person's pensionable earnings, any standard increase^{M23} which takes effect on or after the entitlement day must be ignored.

Marginal Citations

M23 See the meaning of “standard increase” in Chapter 4 of Part 3.

The reduced annual rate condition

90. A person (P) meets the reduced annual rate condition if—

- (a) P is in one or more eligible employments;

- (b) the terms of employment change and as a result there is a reduction in the annual rate of P's pensionable earnings; and
- (c) the reduced annual rate is not more than 80% of the average annual rate of P's pensionable earnings for the 6 months of pensionable service immediately before the reduction.

The new employment condition

- 91.** A person (P) meets the new employment condition if—
- (a) P leaves all eligible employment;
 - (b) within 6 months after leaving all eligible employment, P enters a new eligible employment; and
 - (c) on the day after the entitlement day referred to in regulation 92 the reduced annual rate of P's pensionable earnings in the new employment does not exceed 80% of the average annual rate of P's pensionable earnings for the last 6 months of the previous employment.

Meaning of “entitlement day” (phased retirement pension)

- 92.** The entitlement day for a phased retirement pension is—
- (a) if a person (P) meets the reduced annual rate condition, the day on which the reduced annual rate takes effect; or
 - (b) if P meets the new employment condition, the day on which P enters a new employment.

Entitlement to phased retirement pension

93.—(1) A person (P) is entitled to payment of a phased retirement earned pension from the entitlement day if—

- (a) P has reached normal minimum pension age but has not reached 75;
- (b) P is qualified or re-qualified for retirement benefits;
- (c) P meets the reduced annual rate condition or the new employment condition;
- (d) P has made a phased retirement application; and
- (e) P has not applied under regulation 162 for payment of any other retirement pension.

(2) P is entitled to payment of a phased retirement additional pension from the entitlement day if P has applied under regulation 94 to receive an additional pension with the phased retirement earned pension.

(3) Subject to regulation 97, a phased retirement pension is payable for life.

Phased retirement applications

94.—(1) For the purpose of regulation 93, a person (P) must make a phased retirement application within 3 months after the entitlement day.

- (2) The application must—
- (a) be accompanied by a certificate from P's current employer stating that P meets the reduced annual rate condition or the new employment condition; and
 - (b) state whether P is applying to receive an additional pension with the phased retirement earned pension.

(3) A certificate is not required in relation to the new employment condition if the Department is satisfied that P's current employer has not received the necessary information about P's previous employment from P's previous employer.

Phased retirement proportion

95.—(1) A phased retirement application must specify the proportion of accrued earned pension for which payment is claimed (“phased retirement proportion”).

(2) The phased retirement proportion must not exceed 75%.

Annual rate of phased retirement pension

96. The annual rate of phased retirement pension payable to a member (P) is found by—

- (a) taking the amount of phased retirement earned pension specified in P's pensioner member's account;
- (b) applying the standard reduction (if any) and the actuarial adjustment (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount;
- (c) subtracting the commutation amount (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount;
- (d) if P has applied to receive an additional pension with the phased retirement earned pension, adding the amount of phased retirement additional pension specified in that account;
- (e) applying the actuarial adjustment (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount; and
- (f) subtracting the commutation amount (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount.

Cessation of phased retirement pension

97. A phased retirement pension ceases to be payable to a member (P) if—

- (a) in the 12 months after the entitlement day, the annual rate of P's pensionable earnings increases; and
- (b) as a result, the annual amount of P's pensionable earnings in that 12 month period is more than 80% of the average annual rate—
 - (i) if P met the reduced annual rate condition, in the 6 months of pensionable service immediately before the reduced annual rate took effect; or
 - (ii) if P met the new employment condition, in the last 6 months of the previous employment.

Subsequent phased retirement applications

98.—(1) A person (P) may make a subsequent phased retirement application if—

- (a) a phased retirement pension ceases to be payable under regulation 97 but P once more meets the reduced annual rate condition or the new employment condition; or
- (b) while P is receiving a phased retirement pension, the terms of P's employment change or P enters a new employment and P once more meets the reduced annual rate condition or the new employment condition.

(2) P may not make a subsequent phased retirement application if—

- (a) P has made 3 previous phased retirement applications; or
- (b) P has not reached 60 and has made 2 previous phased retirement applications.

(3) If P makes a subsequent phased retirement application after a phased retirement pension ceases to be payable—

- (a) the phased retirement proportion specified in that application must be the same as or greater than the phased retirement proportion specified in the original application;
 - (b) if P applied under regulation 94 to receive an additional pension as part of the original pension, P must apply under that regulation to receive an additional pension as part of the new phased retirement pension (“the new pension”); and
 - (c) if P received a lump sum under regulation 168 in place of part of the original pension (“original lump sum”)—
 - (i) P must apply under that regulation to receive a lump sum in place of part of the new pension (“new lump sum”);
 - (ii) the amount of the new lump sum must be the same as or greater than the amount of the original lump sum; and
 - (iii) the amount of lump sum payable is the amount of the new lump sum less the amount of the original lump sum.
- (4) Any subsequent phased retirement application must be made in accordance with regulation 94.
- (5) In this regulation—
- “original application” means P’s application under regulation 162 for payment of the original pension;
- “original pension” means a phased retirement pension that ceases to be payable under regulation 97;
- “previous phased retirement application” includes the original application.

CHAPTER 4

Premature retirement

Interpretation of “pensionable service”

99. For the purpose of this Chapter, a person in respect of whom an election under regulation 26 has effect is not treated as being in pensionable service.

Meaning of “entitlement day” (premature retirement pension)

100. The entitlement day for a premature retirement pension is the day after a person leaves all eligible employment.

Entitlement to premature retirement pension

101.—(1) A person (P) is entitled to payment of a premature retirement pension from the entitlement day if—

- (a) P has reached normal minimum pension age but has not reached normal pension age;
- (b) P is qualified or re-qualified for retirement benefits;
- (c) P’s pensionable service in relation to an employment is terminated by reason of P’s redundancy or in the interests of the efficient discharge of the functions of P’s employer;
- (d) P’s employer gives written notice to the Department stating that—
 - (i) P’s pensionable service was terminated by reason of P’s redundancy or in the interests of the efficient discharge of the employer’s functions; and
 - (ii) the employer agrees that a premature retirement pension should become payable to P;

- (e) P receives no compensation under Part 3 of the Teachers (Compensation for Redundancy and Premature Retirement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010 ^{M24} as a result of P's pensionable service being terminated;
 - (f) P has left all eligible employment;
 - (g) P has applied under regulation 162 for payment of a premature retirement pension; and
 - (h) P has not applied under that regulation for payment of any other retirement pension.
- (2) P is not entitled to payment of a premature retirement pension in respect of any pensionable service after P reaches normal pension age.
- (3) A premature retirement pension is payable for life.

Marginal Citations

M24 S.R. 2010 No. 136.

Annual rate of premature retirement pension

- 102.** The annual rate of premature retirement pension payable to a person (P) is found by—
- (a) taking the amount of full retirement earned pension specified in P's pensioner member's account;
 - (b) applying the standard reduction (if any) and the actuarial adjustment (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount;
 - (c) subtracting the commutation amount (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount.
 - (d) adding the amount of full retirement additional pension (if any) specified in that account;
 - (e) applying the actuarial adjustment (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount; and
 - (f) subtracting the commutation amount (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount.

CHAPTER 5

Early retirement

Meaning of “entitlement day” (early retirement pension)

- 103.**—(1) The entitlement day for an early retirement pension is as follows.
- (2) If a person (P) is not in eligible employment when P applies under regulation 162 for payment of the pension, the entitlement day is a day specified in P's application which is at least 6 weeks after the day on which the application is made.
- (3) If P is in eligible employment when P applies under regulation 162 for payment of the pension and P's employer agrees that an early retirement pension should become payable to P, the entitlement day is the day after P leaves all eligible employment.
- (4) If P is in eligible employment when P applies under regulation 162 for payment of the pension and P's employer does not agree that an early retirement pension should become payable to P—
- (a) if P continues in eligible employment for at least 6 months after the date on which P asks P's employer to agree, the entitlement day is the day after P leaves all eligible employment;

- (b) if P leaves all eligible employment before the end of 6 months after the date on which P asks P's employer to agree, the entitlement day is a day specified in P's application which is at least 6 weeks after the day on which the application is made.
- (5) Despite sub-paragraphs (2) to (4), the entitlement day must not be before the day on which P—
 - (a) reaches normal minimum pension age; or
 - (b) leaves all eligible employment.

Entitlement to early retirement pension

104.—(1) A person (P) is entitled to payment of an early retirement pension from the entitlement day if—

- (a) P has reached normal minimum pension age but has not reached normal pension age;
 - (b) P is qualified or re-qualified for retirement benefits;
 - (c) P has left all eligible employment;
 - (d) P has applied under regulation 162 for the payment of an early retirement pension; and
 - (e) P has not applied under that regulation for payment of any other retirement pension.
- (2) P is not entitled to payment of an early retirement pension in respect of any pensionable service after P reaches normal pension age.
- (3) An early retirement pension is payable for life.

Annual rate of early retirement pension

105. The annual rate of the early retirement pension payable to a person (P) is found by—

- (a) taking the amount of full retirement earned pension specified in P's pensioner member's account;
- (b) applying the standard reduction (if any) and the actuarial adjustment (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount;
- (c) subtracting the commutation amount (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount;
- (d) adding the amount of full retirement additional pension (if any) specified in that account;
- (e) applying the actuarial adjustment (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount; and
- (f) subtracting the commutation amount (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount.

CHAPTER 6

Ill-health retirement

SECTION 1

General

Interpretation

106. In this Chapter—

“ill-health application” means an application under regulation 162 for payment of—

- (a) an ill-health pension; and

- (b) if applicable, a total incapacity pension; and
- “stepped down” has the meaning given in regulation 117.

Incapacity definitions

107. In this Chapter, a person (P)—

- (a) is incapacitated if, as a result of illness or injury, P is unfit to be in eligible employment despite appropriate medical treatment;
- (b) meets the incapacity condition if—
 - (i) P is incapacitated; and
 - (ii) P is likely to be incapacitated permanently; and
- (c) meets the total incapacity condition if—
 - (i) P is incapacitated; and
 - (ii) P's ability to carry out any work is impaired by more than 90% and is likely to be impaired by more than 90% permanently.

Ill-health applications

108.—(1) An ill-health application made by a person (P)—

- (a) must be accompanied by all the medical evidence necessary for the Department to determine that P is entitled to the payment of an ill health pension and, if applicable, a total incapacity pension; and
 - (b) must be signed by P's employer unless—
 - (i) P left all eligible employment for a reason other than because P was incapacitated; or
 - (ii) P made the ill-health application more than 2 years after the last day of pensionable service.
- (2) The medical evidence must include a medical report containing evidence that P meets—
- (a) the incapacity condition; and
 - (b) if applicable, the total incapacity condition.

SECTION 2

Ill-health pension

Entitlement day for ill-health pension

109. The entitlement day for an ill-health pension is the latest of the following—

- (a) the day that falls 6 months before the date of a medical report following consideration of which the Department is satisfied that a person (P) meets the incapacity condition or, if applicable, the total incapacity condition;
- (b) the day specified in the medical report as the day on which P first met the incapacity condition or, if applicable, the total incapacity condition;
- (c) the day after P leaves all eligible employment;
- (d) the date of any previous medical report following consideration of which the Department is not satisfied that P meets the incapacity condition or, if applicable, the total incapacity condition.

Entitlement to ill-health pension

110.—(1) A member (P) is entitled to payment of an ill-health pension from the entitlement day if—

- (a) P is qualified or re-qualified for retirement benefits;
 - (b) P has not reached normal pension age;
 - (c) P has left all eligible employment;
 - (d) P has applied under regulation 162 for payment of an ill-health pension;
 - (e) P has not applied under that regulation for payment of any other retirement pension; and
 - (f) the Department is satisfied after consideration of a medical report—
 - (i) if paragraph (2) applies, that P meets the incapacity condition and the total incapacity condition; or
 - (ii) if paragraph (3) applies, that P meets the incapacity condition.
- (2) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) P left all eligible employment for a reason other than because P was incapacitated; or
 - (b) P made the ill-health application more than 2 years after the last day of pensionable service.
- (3) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) P left all eligible employment because P was incapacitated; and
 - (b) P made the ill-health application—
 - (i) before leaving all eligible employment; or
 - (ii) within 2 years after the last day of pensionable service.
- (4) Except as provided in regulation 114, an ill-health pension is payable for life.

No entitlement to ill-health pension

111.—(1) A member (P) is not entitled to payment of an ill-health pension—

- (a) in respect of any pensionable service after P reaches normal pension age; or
 - (b) if paragraph (2) applies.
- (2) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) P is included, or is being considered for inclusion, in any of the lists mentioned in paragraph (3), or
 - (b) the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland^{M25} or the Department has prohibited, or is considering prohibiting P from teaching on the grounds of misconduct or that P has been convicted of a relevant offence.
- (3) The lists are—
- (a) the children's barred list (established under Article 6(1)(a) of the 2007 Order);
 - (b) a list maintained under the law of England and Wales or Scotland which the Department specifies by order under Article 6(2)(b) of the 2007 Order as corresponding to the children's barred list;
 - (c) the adults' barred list (established under Article 6(1)(b) of the 2007 Order);
 - (d) a list maintained under the law of England and Wales or Scotland which the Department specifies by order under Article 6(3)(b) of the 2007 Order as corresponding to the adults' barred list.
- (4) In this regulation—

“relevant offence” in relation to a teacher means—

- (a) in the case of a conviction in the United Kingdom, a criminal offence other than one having no material relevance to their fitness to be a teacher;
- (b) in the case of a conviction elsewhere, an offence which if committed in the United Kingdom would constitute such an offence mentioned in sub-paragraph (a);

“the 2007 Order” means the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007^{M26}.

Marginal Citations

M25 The General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland was established pursuant to Article 34 of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1998/1759 (N.I. 13).

M26 SI 2007/1351 (N.I. 11).

When ill-health pension does not become payable

112.—(1) If an ill-health pension does not become payable before the death of a member (D), a death grant is payable in respect of the member.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)—

- (a) an ill-health pension does not become payable before D's death unless the initial payment of the pension is made before D's death; and
- (b) an ill-health pension that becomes payable before D's death but ceases to be payable under regulation 114 or 118 is taken not to become payable before D's death.

Annual rate of ill-health pension

113. The annual rate of ill-health pension payable to a person (P) is found by—

- (a) taking the amount of full retirement earned pension specified in P's pensioner member's account;
- (b) adding the amount of full retirement additional pension (if any) specified in that account; and
- (c) subtracting the commutation amount (if any) specified in that account in relation to the sum of those amounts.

When ill-health pension ceases to be payable

114. An ill-health pension ceases to be payable to a person (P), unless P has reached normal pension age on the date on which P re-enters eligible employment;

SECTION 3

Total incapacity pension

Meaning of “entitlement day” (total incapacity pension)

115. The entitlement day for a total incapacity pension payable with an ill-health pension is the same as the entitlement day for the ill-health pension.

Entitlement to total incapacity pension

116.—(1) A total incapacity pension is payable to a person (P) from the entitlement day if—

- (a) P is entitled to an ill-health pension because the Department is satisfied that P meets the incapacity condition;
- (b) P has applied under regulation 162 for payment of an ill-health pension and a total incapacity pension; and
- (c) the Department is satisfied after consideration of a medical report that P meets the total incapacity condition.

(2) For a person in stepped down employment, the Department must be satisfied that P's total incapacity is wholly or partly related to the ill-health which led to the change in the terms of employment.

(3) A total incapacity pension is not payable to P if—

- (a) P left an eligible employment for a reason other than because P was incapacitated; or
- (b) P made the ill-health application—
 - (i) after leaving all eligible employment; and
 - (ii) more than 2 years after the last day of pensionable service.

(4) Except as provided in regulation 118, the total incapacity pension is payable for life.

Annual rate of total incapacity pension

117.—(1) The annual rate of total incapacity pension payable to a person (P) is—

$$\frac{PS}{2} \times \frac{AR}{57}$$

where AR means P's annual rate of pensionable earnings—

- (i) as at the last day of pensionable service; or
- (ii) if P applies for a total incapacity pension while P is in stepped down employment, as at the day before P's annual rate of pensionable earnings was first reduced under paragraph (2);

PS means P's prospective service (in years and fractions of a year);

“P's prospective service” means the period beginning with the day after the entitlement day and ending on the day on which P would have reached prospective normal pension age.

(2) P is in stepped down employment if—

- (a) P is in an eligible employment;
- (b) the terms of that employment are changed wholly or partly because of P's ill-health; and
- (c) as a result of the changed terms of employment, P's annual rate of pensionable earnings is reduced;

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (ii) of the definition of AR, P's annual rate of pensionable earnings is increased by the amount (if any) by which it would have been increased if it had been an official pension within the meaning of section 5(1) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971—

- (a) beginning, and first qualifying for increases under that Act, on the day after the day on which P's annual rate of pensionable earnings is reduced; and
- (b) ending on the day on which the Department receives P's application for the total incapacity pension.

Cessation of total incapacity pension

118.—(1) A total incapacity pension ceases to be payable to a person (P) on the date on which P's ability to carry out any work ceases to be impaired by more than 90%, unless P has reached normal pension age before that date.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1), P's ability to carry out any work ceases to be impaired by more than 90% on the earliest of the following dates—

- (a) the date of a medical report requested by the Department under regulation 175 which shows that P no longer meets the incapacity condition or, if applicable, the total incapacity condition;
- (b) the date on which P re-enters eligible employment;
- (c) the date on which P engages in any other form of work unless—
 - (i) P provides the Department with a certificate from a registered medical practitioner stating that, in the opinion of the practitioner, P continues to meet the total incapacity condition despite engaging in such work, and
 - (ii) the Department is satisfied that P continues to meet that condition despite engaging in such work.

CHAPTER 7

Short-service serious ill-health grant

Application for payment of grant

119.—(1) An application made by a person (P) under regulation 162 for payment of a short-service serious ill-health grant—

- (a) must be accompanied by all the medical evidence necessary for the Department to determine that P is entitled to the payment; and
 - (b) must be signed by P's employer.
- (2) The medical evidence must include a medical report containing evidence that P—
- (a) meets the incapacity condition; and
 - (b) has a life expectancy of less than a year.

Meaning of “entitlement day” (short-service serious ill-health grant)

120. The entitlement day for a short-service serious ill-health grant is the day after a person (P) leaves all eligible employment because P is incapacitated.

Entitlement to short-service serious ill-health grant

121.—(1) A person (P) is entitled to payment of a short-service serious ill-health grant on the entitlement day if—

- (a) P was in pensionable service (other than post-benefit service) for at least 12 months;
- (b) P has left all eligible employment because P is incapacitated;
- (c) P is not qualified for retirement benefits;
- (d) P has not reached 75;
- (e) within 6 months of leaving pensionable service P has applied under regulation 162 for payment of the grant; and
- (f) the Department is satisfied after consideration of the medical report that—

- (i) P meets the incapacity condition; and
- (ii) P has a life expectancy of less than a year.

(2) This regulation does not apply if P is in a period of post-benefit service immediately before the entitlement day.

Amount of grant

122.—(1) The amount of a short-service serious ill-health grant is the greater of—

- (a) 1/6th of the member's annual rate of pensionable earnings as at the last day of pensionable service; and
- (b) the total of the amounts specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The amounts are—

- (a) all the members' contributions, additional pension contributions, buy-out contributions and faster accrual contributions paid up to the date of receipt of the application under regulation 119, except any paid in respect of a period of pensionable service for which a short-service serious ill-health grant has been paid; and
- (b) interest on those contributions from the first day of the financial year following that in which they were paid to the date of payment at 3% per year, compounded with yearly rests.

CHAPTER 8

Short-service annuity for post-benefit service

Meaning of “entitlement day” (short-service annuity)

123. The entitlement day for a short-service annuity is the date specified in an application under regulation 162 for payment of the annuity, which must be no earlier than 6 weeks after the day on which the application is made.

Entitlement to short-service annuity

124.—(1) A person (P) is entitled to payment from the entitlement day of a short-service annuity in respect of post-benefit service if—

- (a) P enters a period of post-benefit service;
- (b) P is not re-qualified for retirement benefits in respect of that service;
- (c) P leaves all eligible employment; and
- (d) P has applied under regulation 162 for payment of the annuity.

(2) A short-service annuity is payable for life.

Annual rate of short-service annuity

125. The annual rate of a short-service annuity is the actuarial equivalent (to be determined by the Department after taking advice from the scheme actuary) of the sum of—

- (a) all of the members' contributions, faster accrual contributions (if any) and additional pension contributions (if any) in respect of a period of post-benefit service paid up to the date of receipt of the application under regulation 162; and
- (b) interest to the date of payment at 3% per year, compounded with yearly rests on those contributions from the first day of the financial year following that in which they were paid.

PART 6

Survivor's benefits

CHAPTER 1

General interpretation

General

126. In this Part—

“member” means a member other than a pension credit member;

“survivor's benefits” means one or more of the following—

- (a) a death grant;
- (b) a survivor's pension.

Meaning of “dies in service”

127.—(1) A member (D) dies in service for the purpose of survivor's benefits if—

- (a) D dies while in pensionable service under this scheme;
- (b) D dies while on non-pensionable family leave immediately following a period of pensionable service under this scheme;
- (c) as at the date of D's death, an election under regulation 26 has effect or is taken to have effect; or
- (d) paragraph (2) applies.

(2) This paragraph applies if—

- (a) D dies within 12 months after leaving pensionable service in all eligible employment because P was incapacitated; and
- (b) a retirement pension other than a phased retirement pension does not become payable in relation to that service before D's death.

Meaning of “dies out of service”

128. A member (D) dies out of service for the purpose of survivor's benefits if—

- (a) D does not die in service; or
- (b) D does not die as a pensioner member.

Meaning of “dies as a pensioner member”

129. In this Part, a member (D) dies as a pensioner member if a retirement pension becomes payable before D's death.

When a retirement pension does not become payable

130. For the purpose of these Regulations—

- (a) an ill-health pension does not become payable before the death of a member (D) unless the initial payment of the pension is made before D's death;
- (b) an ill-health pension that does become payable before D's death but ceases to be payable under regulation 114 or 118 is taken not to become payable before D's death; and

- (c) a phased retirement pension that does become payable before D's death but ceases to be payable under regulation 97 does not become payable before D's death.

Payment of survivor benefits for post-benefit service

131. For the purpose of calculating survivor benefits in respect of a member's period of post-benefit service, the member (D) is taken to have entered pensionable service for the first time when D entered the period of post-benefit service.

Death of a dual capacity member

132. The annual rate of a survivor's pension applies to the surviving adult or eligible child of a dual capacity member in relation to each of the member's capacities.

CHAPTER 2

Specific interpretation

Meaning of “death grant beneficiary”

133.—(1) For the purpose of a death grant, a person (P) is a member's “death grant beneficiary” if—

- (a) P is an individual;
 - (b) the member has nominated P to receive a death grant or a share of a death grant on the member's death; and
 - (c) at the date of the member's death, the nomination has effect.
- (2) A member may nominate P by giving written notice to the Department.
- (3) The nomination ceases to have effect if—
- (a) the member revokes the nomination by giving written notice to the Department;
 - (b) the member subsequently nominates a different person in place of P; or
 - (c) P dies.
- (4) If a member nominates more than one death grant beneficiary, the notice must state—
- (a) the share of the death grant to be paid to each beneficiary; and
 - (b) whether, if a beneficiary dies before the member, the beneficiary's share must be paid—
 - (i) to the surviving beneficiaries in accordance with paragraph (5); or
 - (ii) to the member's personal representatives as part of the member's estate.
- (5) If a beneficiary's share is to be paid to the surviving beneficiaries it is to be paid to them in shares such that the proportion which each surviving beneficiary's share bears to each of the other surviving beneficiaries' shares is the same as it was in the nomination.

Meaning of “surviving adult”

134.—(1) For the purpose of a death grant, the “surviving adult” of a member who has died means the member's—

- (a) surviving spouse;
- (b) surviving civil partner; or
- (c) surviving nominated partner.

(2) For the purpose of a survivor's pension, the “surviving adult” of a member who has died means the member's—

- (a) surviving spouse;
- (b) surviving civil partner;
- (c) surviving nominated partner; or
- (d) surviving nominated beneficiary.

Meaning of “surviving nominated partner”

135.—(1) For the purpose of a survivor's pension, a member's partner (P) is a “surviving nominated partner” if—

- (a) the member has nominated P to receive a pension on the member's death; and
 - (b) at the date of the member's death—
 - (i) the nomination has effect; and
 - (ii) the condition in paragraph (3) was satisfied for a continuous period of at least 2 years ending on that date.
- (2) A member may nominate P by giving the written notice to the Department.
- (3) The notice must—
- (a) be signed by both the member and P; and
 - (b) state that the conditions in paragraph (4) are satisfied.
- (4) The conditions are that—
- (a) the member is able to marry or form a civil partnership with P;
 - (b) the member and P are living with each other as if they were a married couple or civil partners;
 - (c) neither the member nor P is living with a third person as if they were a married couple or civil partners; and
 - (d) the member and P are financially interdependent or P is financially dependent on the member.
- (5) A nomination ceases to have effect if—
- (a) the member or P revokes the nomination by giving written notice to the Department;
 - (b) the member makes a subsequent nomination under this regulation;
 - (c) any condition in paragraph (4) ceases to be satisfied; or
 - (d) P dies.

Meaning of “surviving nominated beneficiary”

136.—(1) For the purpose of a survivor's pension, a person (P) is a member's “surviving nominated beneficiary” if—

- (a) the member has nominated P to receive a pension on the member's death; and
 - (b) at the date of the member's death—
 - (i) the nomination has effect; and
 - (ii) the conditions in paragraph (4) are satisfied.
- (2) A member may nominate P by giving the written notice to the Department.
- (3) The notice must—

- (a) be signed by both the member and P; and
 - (b) state that the conditions in paragraph (4) are satisfied.
- (4) The conditions are that—
- (a) a retirement pension (other than phased retirement pension) has not become payable to the member;
 - (b) P is an individual;
 - (c) neither the member nor P is married nor in a civil partnership;
 - (d) P is not living with another person as if they were a married couple or civil partners;
 - (e) P is not an eligible child of the member;
 - (f) if P is the member's parent, brother or sister—
 - (i) P has never married nor formed a civil partnership; or
 - (ii) P is widowed or a surviving civil partner;
 - (g) if P is the member's step-parent, P is widowed or a surviving civil partner; and
 - (h) P is wholly or mainly financially dependent on the member.
- (5) A nomination ceases to have effect if—
- (a) the member or P gives written notice of revocation to the Department;
 - (b) any condition in paragraph (4) ceases to be satisfied;
 - (c) the member makes a subsequent nomination under this regulation; or
 - (d) P dies.

Meaning of “eligible child”

- 137.—**(1) In these Regulations, a person is the “eligible child” of a member who dies (D) if—
- (a) the person—
 - (i) is D's child and was born before D died or within 12 months after D's death,
 - (ii) was adopted by D, or
 - (iii) was accepted by D as a member of D's family and was wholly or mainly financially dependent on D at the date of D's death;
 - (b) the person has never married or formed a civil partnership; and
 - (c) the person meets Condition 1, 2 or 3.
- (2) Condition 1 is that the person is under 17.
- (3) Condition 2 is that the person—
- (a) is 17 or over and under 23;
 - (b) is receiving full-time education; and
 - (c) since reaching the age of 17, has received full-time education without a break.
- (4) Condition 3 is that the person—
- (a) is incapable of earning a livelihood by reason of physical or mental impairment; and
 - (b) because of that impairment, was dependant on D at the date of D's death; and
 - (c) is not wholly maintained out of money appropriated by the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- (5) For the purpose of Condition 2—
- (a) a person is receiving full-time education if the person attends a full-time vocational training course which runs for a period of at least 2 years;

- (b) a person does not cease to receive full-time education if the person takes a single break of up to a year (or such longer period as the Department may determine in the circumstances of the particular case); and
- (c) a person who ceases to receive full-time education is taken to receive it up to and including the week which includes whichever of the following days occurs first after the end of the term in which the person ceases to receive it—
 - (i) the first Monday in January,
 - (ii) the first Monday after Easter Monday,
 - (iii) the first Monday in September.

CHAPTER 3

Death grant

SECTION 1

General

Payment of death grant

138. On the death of a member (D), a death grant is payable as follows—

- (a) to D's death grant beneficiary;
- (b) if there is more than one death grant beneficiary, to those beneficiaries in the shares determined in accordance with regulation 133(4) and (5); or
- (c) if there is no death grant beneficiary—
 - (i) to D's surviving adult; or
 - (ii) if there is no surviving adult, to D's personal representatives as part of D's estate.

SECTION 2

Death in service

Death in service grant

139.—(1) A death grant is payable under this regulation if a member (D) dies in service (“death in service grant”).

(2) A death in service grant is not payable if—

- (a) D dies while in pensionable service that is not post-benefit service and a retirement pension other than a phased retirement pension becomes payable before D's death; or
- (b) D dies while in a period of post-benefit service and a retirement pension in respect of that period becomes payable before D's death.

(3) If D dies while in pensionable service that is not post-benefit service, the amount of the death in service grant is found by—

- (a) multiplying D's annual rate of pensionable earnings as at the date of D's death by 3; and
- (b) deducting the following amounts previously paid to D in respect of pensionable service under this scheme—
 - (i) any part of a lump sum under regulation 168 not attributable to additional pension;
 - (ii) any short-service serious ill-health grant.

(4) If D dies while in a period of post-benefit service, the amount of the death in service grant is found by—

- (a) multiplying D's annual rate of pensionable earnings as at the date of D's death by 3; and
- (b) deducting the following amounts previously payable to D under this scheme in respect of both the period of post-benefit service and any previous period of pensionable service—
 - (i) any lump sum under regulation 168 not attributable to additional pension;
 - (ii) any short-service serious ill-health grant.

SECTION 3

Death out of service

Death out of service grant

140.—(1) A death grant is payable under this regulation if a member (D) dies out of service (“death out of service grant”).

(2) A death out of service grant is not payable if—

- (a) D dies following a period of pensionable service that is not post-benefit service and a retirement pension other than a phased retirement pension becomes payable before D's death; or
- (b) D dies following a period of post-benefit service and a retirement pension other than a phased retirement pension in respect of that period becomes payable before D's death.

(3) The amount of the death out of service grant for D—

- (a) if a surviving adult pension becomes payable on D's death, is found by—
 - (i) taking the amount of D's accrued earned pension as at the date of D's death;
 - (ii) multiplying that amount by 2.25; and
 - (iii) deducting the amounts specified in paragraph (4);
- (b) if a surviving adult pension does not become payable on D's death, but D was qualified for retirement benefits, is the greater of—
 - (i) the amount calculated under paragraph (3)(a); or
 - (ii) the total of the amounts specified in paragraph (6).

(4) The amounts to be deducted under paragraph 3(a) are—

- (a) if D dies following a period of pensionable service that is not post-benefit service—
 - (i) any part of a lump sum under regulation 168 not attributable to additional pension; and
 - (ii) any short-service serious ill-health grant;
- (b) if D dies following a period of post-benefit service, any part of a lump sum under regulation 168 in relation to the post-benefit service which is not attributable to additional pension.

(5) If at the date of D's death D was not qualified for retirement benefits or a short-service serious ill-health grant had not become payable, the amount of the death out of service grant is the total of the amounts specified in paragraph (6).

(6) The amounts are—

- (a) all members' contributions, additional pension contributions, buy-out contributions and faster accrual contributions paid up to the date of D's death, excluding—

- (i) any contributions paid in respect of a pension benefit which has become payable before the application for payment; and
 - (ii) any contributions paid in respect of any period of pensionable service for which a short-service serious ill-health grant has been paid;
- (b) interest on those contributions from the first day of the financial year following that in which they were paid to the date of payment at 3% per year, compounded with yearly rests.

Supplementary death grant payable on death of pensioner member

141.—(1) A death grant is payable under this regulation (“supplementary death grant”) if—

- (a) a member (D) dies as a pensioner member; and
- (b) AR is greater than AP.

(2) The amount of the death grant is AR-AP, where— AR is 5 x D's annual rate of retirement pension payable as at the date of D's death; and AP is the total amount of pension which was payable to D up until D's death.

CHAPTER 4

Surviving adult pensions

Surviving adult pensions

142.—(1) This regulation applies on the death of a person (D) if D is qualified or re-qualified for retirement benefits.

(2) A surviving adult pension becomes payable to D's surviving adult from the day after the date of D's death.

(3) Subject to Part 8, a surviving adult pension is payable for life in accordance with Chapter 2 of that Part.

(4) The annual rate of the pension is to be calculated in accordance with regulations 143 and 144.

Annual rate of surviving adult pension: short-term

143.—(1) The short-term rate of surviving adult pension—

- (a) applies if a member (D) dies in service or dies as a pensioner member; and
- (b) is payable for the first 3 months after D's death.

(2) The short-term rate is calculated as follows—

- (a) if D dies in service, it is D's annual rate of pensionable earnings as at the date of D's death (disregarding any reduction by reason of sick leave, maternity leave, paternity leave, ^{F19} ... [^{F20} shared parental leave or adoption leave]);
- (b) if D dies as a pensioner member, it is D's annual rate of retirement pension as at the date of D's death; or
- (c) if the rate calculated under sub-paragraph (a) or (b) is smaller than the annual rate calculated in accordance with regulation 144 (“long-term rate”), it is the same as the long-term rate.

(3) In this regulation, “annual rate of retirement pension” means annual rate of phased retirement earned pension or annual rate of full retirement earned pension.

- F19** Words in reg. 143(2)(a) omitted (5.4.2015) by virtue of [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(3), **23(7)(a)** (with art. 25)
- F20** Words in reg. 143(2)(a) substituted (15.3.2015) by [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(2), **23(7)(b)**

Annual rate of surviving adult pension: long-term

144.—(1) The long-term rate of surviving adult pension applies—

- (a) if a member (D) dies out of service; or
- (b) otherwise, when the short-term rate ceases to be payable.

(2) The long-term rate of surviving adult pension is 37.5% of D's full retirement earned pension as at the date of D's death.

(3) If a pension-sharing order has taken effect, the long-term rate must be reduced by the same proportion by which D's annual rate of retirement pension as at the date of D's death was reduced or would have been reduced by that pension sharing order.

Enhancement of surviving adult pension

145.—(1) This regulation applies if a member (D) has not reached prospective normal pension age and—

- (a) dies in service; or
- (b) dies as a pensioner member after an ill-health pension and a total incapacity pension become payable to D.

(2) If this regulation applies, the long-term rate of surviving adult pension is 37.5% of the sum of the following amounts—

- (a) the amount of D's accrued earned pension as at the date of D's death; and
- (b) the amount found by multiplying half D's prospective service (in years and fractions of a year) by 1/57th of D's annual rate of pensionable earnings as at the date of D's death.

(3) In this regulation, "D's prospective service" means the period (in years and fractions of a year) beginning with the day after the date of D's death and ending on the day on which D would have reached prospective normal pension age.

CHAPTER 5

Additional (surviving adult) pensions

Additional pensions for surviving adults

146.—(1) This regulation applies on the death of a member (D) if—

- (a) D is qualified or re-qualified for retirement benefits;
- (b) the Department accepted an election for an additional (self only) pension and an additional (surviving adult) pension in respect of D;
- (c) an additional pension account was established in respect of D; and
- (d) that account specified an amount of additional pension immediately before D's death.

(2) From the day after D's death, an additional (surviving adult) pension becomes payable to D's surviving adult.

- (3) An additional (surviving adult) pension is payable for life.

Annual rate of additional (surviving adult) pension: short-term

147.—(1) The short-term rate of additional (surviving adult) pension—

- (a) applies if a member (D) dies in service or dies as a pensioner member; and
- (b) is payable for the first 3 months after D's death.

(2) The short-term rate is calculated as follows—

- (a) if D dies in service, it is the annual rate of additional (self only) pension payable as at D's death;
- (b) if D dies as a pensioner member—
 - (i) where a phased retirement pension became payable before D's death, it is the annual rate of additional (self only) pension which would have been payable as at D's death if D had applied under regulation 94 to receive additional pension with the phased retirement earned pension; and
 - (ii) where a retirement pension other than a phased retirement pension became payable before D's death, it is the annual rate of additional (self only) pension payable as at D's death.

(3) Part 2 of Schedule 2 makes further provision in relation to payment of additional pension in respect of a member who dies in service.

Annual rate of additional (surviving adult) pension: long-term

148.—(1) The long-term rate of additional (surviving adult) pension applies—

- (a) if a member (D) dies out of service; or
- (b) otherwise, when the short-term rate ceases to be payable.

(2) The long-term rate of additional (surviving adult) pension is half the annual rate of additional (self only) pension payable as at the date of D's death.

(3) If a pension-sharing order has taken effect, the long-term rate must be reduced by the same proportion by which D's annual rate of retirement pension as at the date of D's death was reduced or would have been reduced by that pension sharing order.

CHAPTER 6

Child pensions

Entitlement to child pension

149.—(1) This regulation applies on the death of a person (D) if D is qualified or re-qualified for retirement benefits.

(2) A child pension becomes payable to an eligible child of D from the day after the date of D's death.

(3) If a child is an eligible child of more than 2 members who die—

- (a) the child is only entitled to payment of a child pension in respect of 2 of those members; and
- (b) the 2 highest child pensions are payable.

(4) A child pension is not payable while an eligible child—

- (a) is on a break from receiving full-time education; or

- (b) attends a full-time vocational training course in respect of which the eligible child is paid at a rate which equals or exceeds the annual rate at which an official pension within the meaning of section 5(1) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 would be payable if the pension had begun, and first qualified for increases under that Act, on 1st April 2014 and had then been payable at an annual rate of £3,045.
- (5) A child pension ceases to be payable when the person to whom it was payable ceases to be an eligible child.
- (6) If D dies in service or dies as a pensioner member, paragraphs (4) and (5) do not apply while the short-term rate of child pension is payable.
- (7) The annual rate of a child pension is to be calculated in accordance with regulations 150 and 151.
- (8) Chapter 2 of Part 8 provides for the payment of pensions.

Annual rate of child pension: short-term

150.—(1) The short-term rate of child pension—

- (a) applies if a member (D) dies in service or dies as a pensioner member; and
- (b) is payable as follows—
- (i) if a surviving adult pension does not become payable on D's death, for the first 6 months after D's death;
 - (ii) if a surviving adult pension becomes payable on D's death and continues to be payable for the first 3 months after D's death, for those 3 months; or
 - (iii) if a surviving adult pension becomes payable on D's death but ceases to be payable before the end of the first 3 months after D's death, for those 3 months plus the number of months or part months for which the surviving adult pension was not payable under sub-paragraph (ii).
- (2) The short term rate of child pension is

$$\frac{AR}{EC}$$

where

- (a) if D dies in service—
- AR is D's annual rate of pensionable earnings as at the date of D's death (disregarding any reduction by reason of sick leave, maternity leave, paternity leave, ^{F21}... [^{F22}shared parental leave or adoption leave]); and
- EC is the number of D's eligible children;
- (b) if D dies as a pensioner member—
- AR is D's annual rate of retirement pension payable as at the date of D's death (disregarding any reduction by virtue of a pension-sharing order);
- EC is the number of D's eligible children; and
- “annual rate of retirement pension” means annual rate of phased retirement earned pension or annual rate of full retirement earned pension.

(3) If the rate calculated under paragraph (2) is smaller than the annual rate calculated in accordance with regulation 151 (“long-term rate”), the short-term rate is the same as the long-term rate.

- F21** Words in reg. 150(2)(a) omitted (5.4.2015) by virtue of [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(3), **23(8)(a)** (with art. 25)
- F22** Words in reg. 150(2)(a) substituted (15.3.2015) by [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(2), **23(8)(b)**

Annual rate of child pension: long-term

- 151.**—(1) The long-term rate of child pension applies—
- (a) if a member (D) dies out of service; or
 - (b) otherwise, when the short-term rate ceases to be payable.
- (2) The long-term rate of child pension is—

R × accrued earned pension

EC

- (3) R is—
- (a) 37.5%, if a surviving adult pension is payable;
 - (b) 50%, if a surviving adult pension is not payable or has ceased to be payable.
- (4) “accrued earned pension” is D's accrued earned pension as at the date of D's death.
- (5) EC is the number of D's eligible children.

Enhancement of child pension

- 152.**—(1) This regulation applies if a member (D)—
- (a) dies in service; or
 - (b) dies as a pensioner member after an ill-health pension and a total incapacity pension become payable to D.
- (2) If this regulation applies, the long-term rate of child pension is—

R × S

EC

where—

R is—

- (i) 37.5%, if a surviving adult pension is payable;
 - (ii) 50%, if a surviving adult pension is not payable or has ceased to be payable;
- S is the sum of the following amounts—

- (i) the amount of D's accrued earned pension as at the date of D's death; and
 - (ii) the amount found by multiplying half D's prospective service (in years and fractions of a year) by 1/57th of D's annual rate of pensionable earnings as at the date of D's death;
- EC is the number of D's eligible children.
"D's prospective service" means the period (in years and fractions of a year) beginning with the day after the date of D's death and ending on the day on which D would have reached prospective normal pension age.

PART 7

Benefits for pension credit members

CHAPTER 1

General

Interpretation

153. In these Regulations—

"pension credit" means a credit under Article 26(1)(b) of the 1999 Order as against the scheme manager as the person responsible for this scheme;

"pension credit member" means a person entitled to a pension credit;

"pension credit retirement pension" means a pension payable under regulation 155(1);

"pension debit member" means, in relation to a pension credit member, the person whose rights under these Regulations become subject to a debit under Article 26(1)(a) of the 1999 Order when the pension credit member becomes entitled to a pension credit.

CHAPTER 2

Pension credit retirement pension

Entitlement day for pension credit retirement pension

154.—(1) The entitlement day for a person's (P's) pension credit retirement pension is—

- (a) the day on which P reaches normal pension age; or
- (b) if P has reached normal minimum pension age but has not reached normal pension age, a day specified in P's application under regulation 162 for payment of the pension which is at least 6 weeks after the day on which the application is made.

(2) The entitlement day must not be before the day on which a pension-sharing order takes effect.

Entitlement to pension credit retirement pension

155.—(1) A pension credit member (P) is entitled to payment of a pension credit retirement pension from the entitlement day if P has applied under regulation 162 for payment of the pension.

(2) If P is entitled to 2 or more pension credits—

- (a) benefits are payable to P under this scheme as if P were 2 or more members, each being entitled to one of the pension credits; and
- (b) the amounts payable are determined accordingly.

(3) A pension credit retirement pension is payable for life.

Annual rate of pension credit retirement pension

156. The annual rate of a pension credit retirement pension is found by—
- (a) taking the amount of credited pension specified in the pension credit member's account;
 - (b) applying the actuarial adjustment (if any) specified in the account in relation to that amount; and
 - (c) subtracting the commutation amount (if any) specified in that account in relation to that amount.

CHAPTER 3

Death grant

Meaning of death grant beneficiary

- 157.—(1) A person (P) is a “death grant beneficiary” of a pension credit member if—
- (a) the member has nominated P to receive a death grant or a share of a death grant on the member's death; and
 - (b) at the date of the member's death, the nomination has effect.
- (2) A member may nominate P by giving written notice to the Department.
- (3) The nomination ceases to have effect if—
- (a) the member revokes the nomination by giving written notice to the Department,
 - (b) the member subsequently nominates a different person in place of P, or
 - (c) P dies.
- (4) If a member nominates more than one death grant beneficiary, the notice must state—
- (a) the share of the death grant to be paid to each beneficiary; and
 - (b) whether, if a beneficiary dies before the member, the beneficiary's share must be paid—
 - (i) to the surviving beneficiaries in accordance with paragraph (5), or
 - (ii) to the member's personal representatives as part of the member's estate.
- (5) If a beneficiary's share is to be paid to the surviving beneficiaries it is to be paid to them in shares such that the proportion which each surviving beneficiary's share bears to each of the other surviving beneficiaries' shares is the same as it was in the nomination.
- (6) A death grant beneficiary must be an individual.

Death grant: death of pension credit member before pension becomes payable

- 158.—(1) A death grant is payable under this regulation on the death of a pension credit member (D) who dies before a pension credit retirement pension becomes payable to D under regulation 155.
- (2) The amount of the death grant is found by—
- (a) taking the amount of credited pension which would have become payable to D at the date of D's death if D had reached normal pension age; and
 - (b) multiplying that amount by 2.25.

Death grant: death of pension credit member after benefits payable

- 159.—(1) A death grant is payable under this regulation on the death of a pension credit member (D) if—
- (a) a pension credit retirement pension became payable before D's death, and

- (b) AR is greater than AP.
- (2) The amount of the death grant is AR-AP.
- (3) In this regulation—
 - “AR” is 5 times the annual rate of the pension credit retirement pension payable as at the date of D's death;
 - “AP” is the total amount of that pension payable up until D's death.

Payment of death grant

- 160.** On the death of a pension credit member, the death grant must be paid—
- (a) to the death grant beneficiary;
 - (b) if there is more than one death grant beneficiary, to those beneficiaries in the shares determined in accordance with regulation 157(4) and (5); or
 - (c) if there is no death grant beneficiary, to—
 - (i) the member's surviving spouse or surviving civil partner; or,
 - (ii) if there is no such person, to the member's personal representatives as part of the member's estate.

PART 8

Payment of benefits

CHAPTER 1

Application for payment of benefits

Benefits payable by the Department

- 161.**—(1) Benefits under these Regulations are payable by the Department.
- (2) Benefits are not payable to or in respect of a member unless the provisions of this Chapter are complied with.

Application for payment of benefits

- 162.**—(1) A person (P) must apply in writing to the Department for payment of benefits.
- (2) An application may include a request that a pension be paid monthly or quarterly.
- (3) P must satisfy a written request from the Department to provide any information specified in the request.
- (4) The information must be information—
- (a) in P's possession; or
 - (b) which P can reasonably be expected to obtain.

CHAPTER 2

Payment of pensions

Interpretation

- 163.** In this Chapter—

“cessation date” means the last day on which the pension is payable;

“initial payment date”—

- (a) for monthly payment of pension, means the first payment date which follows the payable date or, if the payable date falls on the payment date, the payable date;
- (b) for quarterly payment of pension, means the third payment date which follows the payable date or, if the payable date falls on the payment date, the second payment date which follows the payable date;

“payable date” means the date on which the pension becomes payable;

“payment date”—

- (a) for a survivor's pension, is the 28th day of the month; and
- (b) for a retirement pension, is the day before the day of the month on which the person to whom the pension is payable was born; and
 - (i) where the person was born on the 1st day, it is the last day of the month;
 - (ii) where the person was born on the 30th day, for any month in which there is no 29th day it is the 28th of the month; and
 - (iii) where the person was born on the 31st day, for any month in which there is no 30th day it is the last day of the month; and

“pension” includes an annuity.

Monthly payment of pension

164.—(1) A pension is to be paid in accordance with this regulation unless P's application for payment of benefits included a request that the pension be paid quarterly.

- (2) The initial payment of the pension is to be made on the initial payment date.
- (3) The amount of the initial payment is—

$$\frac{DI}{DM} \times \frac{AR}{12}$$

where— AR is the annual rate of pension; DI is the number of days in the period beginning on the payable date and ending on the initial payment date and is 1 where the payable date falls on the initial payment date, and DM is the number of days in the period beginning on the day which falls one month before the day after the initial payment date and ending on the initial payment date.

(4) The amount to be paid on the payment date in each subsequent month until the cessation date is—

$$\frac{AR}{12}$$

where AR is the annual rate of the pension.

(5) If the cessation date does not fall on the payment date, the final payment is to be made on, or as soon as possible after, the cessation date.

- (6) The amount of the final payment is—

$$\frac{DF}{DM} \times \frac{AR}{12}$$

where— AR is the annual rate of the pension; DF is the number of days in the period beginning on the day immediately following the last payment date before the cessation date and ending on the cessation date, and DM is the number of days in the period beginning on the day immediately following the last payment date before the cessation date and ending on what would have been the next payment date if the pension had not ceased to be payable.

Quarterly payment of pension

165.—(1) A pension is to be paid to person (P) in accordance with this regulation if P's application for payment of benefits included a request that the pension be paid quarterly.

(2) The initial payment is to be made on the initial payment date.

(3) The amount of the initial payment is—

$$\frac{DI}{DQ} \times \frac{AR}{4}$$

where— AR is the annual rate of the pension. DI is the number of days in the period beginning on the payable date and ending on the initial payment date, and DQ is the number of days in the period beginning on the day which falls 3 months before the day after the initial payment date and ending on the initial payment date.

(4) The amount to be paid on the payment date in every third month after the month in which the initial payment date falls is—

$$\frac{AR}{4}$$

where AR is the annual rate of the pension.

(5) If the cessation date does not fall on a payment date under paragraph (4), the final payment is to be made on, or as soon as possible after, the cessation date.

(6) The amount of the final payment is—

$$\frac{DF}{DQ} \times \frac{AR}{4}$$

where— AR is the annual rate of the pension; DF is the number of days in the period beginning on the day immediately following the last payment date under paragraph (4) and ending on the cessation date, and DQ is the number of days in the period beginning on the day immediately following the last payment date under paragraph (4) and ending on what would have been the next such payment date if the pension had not ceased to be payable.

Apportionment Act 1870 not to apply

166. The Apportionment Act 1870^{M27} being inconsistent with regulations 164 (monthly payment of pension) and 165 (quarterly payment of pension) does not apply to benefits under these Regulations.

Marginal Citations

M27 1870 c.35.

CHAPTER 3

Payment of lump sums

Member declaration

167.—(1) The Department may not pay a member a lump sum under this Chapter unless the member declares in writing that, on payment of the lump sum, paragraph 3A of Schedule 29 to the Finance Act 2004 Act^{M28} would not apply.

- (2) The declaration must be—
- (a) signed by the member;
 - (b) in a form specified by the Department; and
 - (c) provided by a date determined by the Department.

Marginal Citations

M28 Paragraph 3A of Schedule 29 was inserted by section 159 of the Finance Act 2006 (c.25).

Commutation of part of pension

168.—(1) The following members may apply to the Department to receive a lump sum in place of part of a pension—

- (a) a member who is entitled to payment of a retirement pension;
 - (b) a pension credit member who is entitled to payment of a pension credit retirement pension.
- (2) Paragraph (1)(b) only applies if—
- (a) the member's pension credit is derived from rights attributable to the pensionable service of a pension debit member; and
 - (b) a retirement pension does not become payable to the pension debit member before the day on which a pension-sharing order takes effect in respect of that pensionable service.
- (3) An application under this regulation must—
- (a) be in writing;
 - (b) be made when the member applies under regulation 162 for payment of the pension; and
 - (c) specify—
 - (i) the amount of the lump sum which the member wishes to receive; or
 - (ii) the commutation amount.

Amount of lump sum payable under regulation 168

169. The amount of a lump sum payable to person (P) under regulation 168 must—
- (a) be a multiple of £12; and
 - (b) not exceed P's permitted maximum.

Commutation amount

170.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies for the purpose of calculating the annual rate of pension payable to a member (P) who receives a lump sum under regulation 168.

- (2) The commutation amount is—

$$\frac{1}{12} \times \textit{amount of that lump sum}$$

(3) If a retirement pension commuted under regulation 168 ceases to be payable under regulation 97 or 114, the commutation amount for any retirement pension that subsequently becomes payable to P is an amount determined by the Department after consulting the scheme actuary.

Commutation of whole pension (serious ill-health)

171.—(1) This regulation applies to a member (P) who, on the entitlement day for a pension, has a life expectancy of less than a year.

- (2) P may apply to the Department to receive a lump sum instead of the pension.
- (3) The application must—
- (a) be in writing,
 - (b) be made when P applies under regulation 162 for payment of the pension, and
 - (c) be accompanied by all the medical evidence necessary for the Department to determine that P is entitled to payment of the lump sum.
- (4) If P is eligible to apply under regulation 168 to receive a lump sum under that regulation—
- (a) the largest permissible lump sum is to be paid under that regulation; and
 - (b) the commutation amount under that regulation is to be deducted when calculating the annual rate under regulation 172(2)(a).
- (5) In this regulation, “pension” means—
- (a) an age retirement pension and any phased retirement pension payable with it;
 - (b) an ill-health pension and a total incapacity pension or phased retirement pension payable with it; or
 - (c) a pension credit retirement pension.

Amount of lump sum payable under regulation 171 instead of retirement pension

172.—(1) This regulation applies to a member (P) who applies under regulation 171 to receive a lump sum instead of a retirement pension.

- (2) The amount of the lump sum payable to P is the total of—
- (a) for an age retirement pension, ill-health pension or total incapacity pension, a sum equal to 5 x the annual rate of the retirement pension, and

(b) for a phased retirement pension that is already in payment, a sum equal to $(A-B) \times$ the annual rate of the phased retirement pension where—

A is 5, and

B is the period (in years and fractions of a year) from the date on which the phased retirement pension was first paid until the date of the application ^{M29}.

Marginal Citations

M29 Note: if this period is 5 years or more, no lump sum is payable in respect of the phased retirement pension.

Amount of lump sum payable under regulation 171 instead of a pension credit retirement pension

173.—(1) This regulation applies to a member (P) who applies under regulation 171 to receive a lump sum instead of a pension credit retirement pension.

(2) The amount of the lump sum payable to P is an amount equal to 5 times the annual rate of the pension credit retirement pension.

Commutation: small pensions

174.—(1) If paragraph (2) applies, the Department may, on the application of a member (P), commute a retirement pension by paying a lump sum to P.

(2) This paragraph applies if —

- (a) the lump sum is a trivial commutation lump sum as defined in paragraph 7 of Schedule 29 to the Finance Act 2004 Act or falls within regulation 11 or 12 of the Registered Pension Schemes (Authorised Payments) Regulations 2009 ^{M30};
- (b) the application under paragraph (1) is made when P applies under regulation 162 for payment of the retirement pension;
- (c) in the 3 years ending with the date of the application, a transfer payment has not been made in respect of P;
- (d) in the 5 years ending with the date of the application, a transfer payment has not been accepted in respect of rights accrued under another occupational pension scheme; and
- (e) a transfer payment otherwise than from another occupational pension scheme has not been accepted in relation to P.

(3) If a lump sum is paid under paragraph (1), benefits are not payable under Part 6 on P's death.

(4) The Department may, on the application of a pension credit member (P), commute a pension credit retirement pension by paying a lump sum to P if—

- (a) the lump sum is a trivial commutation lump sum as defined in paragraph 7 of Schedule 29 to the Finance Act 2004 or falls within regulation 11 or 12 of the Registered Pension Schemes (Authorised Payments) Regulations 2009; and
- (b) the application is made when P applies under regulation 162 for payment of the pension.

(5) The Department may, on the application of a beneficiary to whom a pension is payable under Part 6, commute that pension by paying a lump sum to the beneficiary if—

- (a) the application is made when the beneficiary applies under regulation 162 for payment of the pension; and

(b) the lump sum is a trivial commutation lump sum death benefit as defined in paragraph 20 of Schedule 29 to the Finance Act 2004.

(6) A lump sum payable under this regulation is to be determined by the Department after taking advice from the scheme actuary.

Marginal Citations

M30 [S.I. 2009 No. 117](#).

CHAPTER 4

Continuing entitlement to benefit

Evidence of continuing entitlement to benefit

175.—(1) Where a benefit is being paid to a person (P), the Department may at any time require that evidence be provided, by such date as it may specify, to establish—

- (a) the identity of P; and
- (b) P's continuing entitlement to the benefit.

(2) If the evidence is not provided by the date specified, the Department may withhold the whole or any part of the benefit.

(3) If a benefit ceases to be payable because P ceases to meet the incapacity condition or ceases to meet the total incapacity condition, the power in paragraph (1) may be exercised so as to require P to provide evidence that there has been no such cessation.

Cessation of benefits where no entitlement

176.—(1) This regulation applies if after paying a benefit the Department determines that there was no entitlement or there is no longer an entitlement to the benefit.

(2) The Department may—

- (a) cease to pay the benefit;
- (b) withhold the whole or any part of the benefit; or
- (c) recover any payment made if there was no entitlement to the benefit.

CHAPTER 5

Miscellaneous

Recovery of overpayment of benefits

177.—(1) This regulation applies in respect of a financial year for which a decrease in prices is specified in the order made by the Department of Finance and Personnel.

(2) The Department may recover any overpayment of benefits that occurs as a result of the application of the leaver index adjustment for that year.

Interest on late payment of benefits

178.—(1) This regulation applies to a benefit except—

- (a) a phased retirement pension or a lump sum payable under regulation 168 in place of part of that pension; or

- (b) a total incapacity pension payable between the date on which the person to whom it is paid first engages in any other form of work as mentioned in regulation 118(2)(c) and the date on which the Department is satisfied that the person continues to meet the total incapacity condition despite engaging in such work.
- (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (8) and (9), where a benefit to which this regulation applies is not paid within one month after the due date, the Department must pay interest on the amount unpaid at the Bank of England base rate compounded with 3-monthly rests from the due date to the date of payment.
- (3) Where the benefit is a death grant, the due date is the day after the date on which the Department became satisfied that payment may be made.
- (4) Where the benefit is a lump sum under regulation 168, 171 or 174 or a grant other than a death grant, the due date is the day on which the benefit is payable.
- (5) Where the benefit is a pension or annuity, the due date is—
- (a) in the case of a payment under regulation 164(2) or 165(2), the initial payment date (as defined in regulation 163);
 - (b) in the case of a payment under regulation 164(5) or 165(5), the cessation date (as defined in regulation 163);
 - (c) in any other case, the date on which payment is to be made under regulation 164(4) or 165(4).
- (6) In determining the due date in accordance with paragraphs (4) and (5), no account is to be taken of the requirement to make an application for the benefit under regulation 162.
- (7) In this regulation “Bank of England base rate” means—
- (a) the rate announced from time to time by the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England as the official dealing rate, being the rate at which the Bank is willing to enter into transactions for providing short-term liquidity in the money markets, or
 - (b) where an order under section 19 of the Bank of England Act 1998^{M31} is in force, any equivalent rate determined by the Treasury under that section.
- (8) Where a payment to the Department is received after the benefit to which it relates becomes payable, it may determine that this regulation does not apply to the benefit until the payment is received.
- (9) If paragraph (10) applies, the Department may determine that this regulation does not apply to any benefit, either in respect of the whole period or any part of the period referred to in paragraph (10) (a).
- (10) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) a benefit is payable between the date specified under regulation 175(1) and the date on which the evidence required under that regulation is received by the Department;
 - (b) that evidence was not provided by the date specified but was provided later; and
 - (c) it does not appear to the Department that the delay in providing the evidence was due to circumstances outside the control of the person to whom the benefit is payable.

Marginal Citations

M31 1998 c. 11.

Payment of benefits in certain cases

179.—(1) Where a person (P) to whom a benefit is payable has not reached 18 or is incapable by reason of infirmity of mind or body of managing P's affairs, the Department may—

- (a) pay the benefit to any person having the care of P, or
- (b) apply it as the Department thinks fit for the benefit of P or P's dependants.

(2) Where on the death of a person (D) the total of any sums due to D and any sums payable to D's personal representatives under these Regulations does not exceed the amount specified in any order made under section 6 of the Administration of Estates (Small Payments) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967^{M32} which applies to D's death, the Department may, without requiring the production of probate or other proof of title, pay the amount due—

- (a) to D's personal representatives, or
- (b) to the person, or to or among any one or more of any persons, appearing to the Department to be beneficially entitled to D's estate.

Marginal Citations

M32 1967 c5; the amount currently specified in S.R. 2004 No. 68 is £10,000.

Benefits not assignable

180.—(1) Where a benefit is payable to a person or a person has a right to a future benefit, the benefit or the right to the benefit must not be assigned in favour of the person's surviving spouse, surviving civil partner or dependant, and an agreement to this effect is void.

(2) Article 89 of the 1995 Order (inalienability of occupational pensions) prevents assignment in other circumstances.

Forfeiture of benefits

181.—(1) The Department may, in relation to a benefit to which this regulation applies—

- (a) defer or suspend payment of a benefit for so long as it determines; or
- (b) reduce the amount or rate of the benefit by so much and for so long as it determines.

(2) This regulation applies in relation to—

- (a) a benefit payable to a person convicted of an offence mentioned in paragraph (3) if the offence is committed before the benefit became payable;
- (b) a retirement pension or pension credit retirement pension payable to a person convicted of an offence mentioned in paragraph (4) (or a lump sum payable to that person in place of part of a pension) if the offence is committed before the benefit became payable;
- (c) a benefit payable to a person convicted of an offence mentioned in paragraph (5) if the person is the beneficiary of the deceased member.

(3) The offence is—

- (a) an offence of treason, or
- (b) one offence or more under the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989^{M33}[^{F23}, or under section 18 of, or listed in section 33(3)(a) of, the National Security Act 2023,] for which the person has been sentenced on the same occasion to—
 - (i) one term of imprisonment of at least 10 years; or
 - (ii) 2 or more consecutive terms of imprisonment which add up to at least 10 years,

- (4) The offence is—
- (a) committed in connection with service as a public servant; and
 - (b) certified by the Secretary of State as—
 - (i) gravely injurious to the interests of the State; or
 - (ii) liable to lead to serious loss of confidence in the public service.
- (5) The offence is one of the following offences committed in relation to the death of a member (D)—
- (a) the murder of D;
 - (b) the manslaughter of D;
 - (c) any other offence of which the unlawful killing of D is an element.
- (6) The power in paragraph (1) may not be exercised in relation to the guaranteed minimum pension of a person unless—
- (a) the person is convicted of an offence mentioned in paragraph (3); or
 - (b) in the case of a widow's, widower's or surviving civil partner's guaranteed minimum pension, the person by reference to whose employment the pension is payable is convicted of an offence mentioned in paragraph (3).

F23 Words in [reg. 181\(3\)\(b\)](#) inserted (20.12.2023) by [The National Security Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendments of Subordinate Legislation\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1267\)](#), [reg. 1\(2\)](#), [Sch. para. 39](#)

Marginal Citations

M33 [1911 c.28](#), [S.R. 1920 c.75](#), [S.R. 1939 c. 21](#), [S.R. 1989 c. 6](#).

Reduction in benefits: annual allowance and lifetime allowance charge

182.—(1) This Regulation applies to the situations set out in paragraphs (2) and (3), in relation to a benefit payable under these regulations, and in paragraphs (4) and (5) “the charge” refers to either of the charges set out in paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) The lifetime allowance charge under section 214 of the Finance Act 2004 arises because a benefit becomes payable to a person and the person and the Department are jointly and severally liable to the charge.

(3) The annual allowance charge under section 227 of the Finance Act 2004 arises in respect of a person who serves a notice under section 238A of that Act ^{M34}.

(4) The Department must pay the charge.

(5) The amount of the benefit must be reduced to reflect the amount of the charge in such manner as the Department is to determine, after taking advice from the scheme actuary.

Marginal Citations

M34 [Section 238A](#) was inserted by the [Finance Act 2011 \(c.11\)](#), [Schedule 17](#).

General prohibition on unauthorised payments

183. Nothing in these Regulations requires or authorises the making of any payment which, if made, would be an unauthorised payment for the purpose of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004 (see

section 160(5) of that Act) unless the Department determines otherwise (in the case of a particular payment).

PART 9

Contributions

CHAPTER 1

Interpretation of Part

Pensionable earnings for a pay period

184.—(1) In this Part, “pensionable earnings”, in relation to a pay period, has the following meaning.

(2) For any pay period falling within a period of sick leave in which the pensionable earnings of a member (P) are reduced, P's pensionable earnings are the reduced amount of pensionable earnings paid to P.

(3) For a pay period falling within a period in which an election under regulation 26 has effect or is taken to have effect, P's pensionable earnings are an amount equal to P's notional salary.

(4) For a pay period falling within a period in which P is on maternity leave, adoption leave [^{F24}, shared parental leave] or paternity leave, P's pensionable earnings include any statutory pay paid to P.

F24 Words in reg. 184(4) inserted (15.3.2015) by [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(2), **23(9)**

CHAPTER 2

Members' contributions

Members' contributions

185.—(1) For each eligible employment in respect of which an active member (P) is in pensionable employment during a pay period, P must pay contributions (“members' contributions”) on P's pensionable earnings in that pay period at the rate determined under this regulation (“members' contributions rate”).

(2) The members' contributions rate for an eligible employment is the rate in Column 2 of the table which corresponds to the band which includes the salary for that employment in Column 1.

(3) The salary bands in Column 1 are increased for each financial year, if there is a relevant increase in the consumer prices index for that financial year, by the appropriate percentage for the financial year, rounded up to the nearest £1.

(4) There is a relevant increase in the consumer prices index for a financial year if the consumer prices index for the month of September before that financial year is higher than that for the previous September.

(5) The appropriate percentage for the tax year is the same percentage as the percentage increase in the consumer prices index.

(6) In this regulation, “consumer prices index” means the all items consumer prices index published by the Statistics Board, a body corporate established by section 1 of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 ^{M35}.

Table

Column 1 Salary for the eligible employment for the financial year 2015-16	Column 2 Members' contribution rate
£0 - £25,999	7.4%
£26,000 - £34,999	8.6%
£35,000 to £41,499	9.6%
£41,500 to £54,999	10.2%
£55,000 to £74,999	11.3%
£75,000 or above	11.7%

Marginal Citations

M35 2007 c.18.

Contributions under Schedule 2

186. Schedule 2 has effect for the purpose of enabling—

- (a) payment of additional pension contributions by lump sum; and
- (b) monthly payments of—
 - (i) faster accrual contributions;
 - (ii) additional pension contributions; and
 - (iii) buy-out contributions.

Contributions payable during a period of permanent service in the armed forces

187.—(1) This regulation applies if—

- (a) an election under regulation 26 has effect in respect of a period of permanent service; and
- (b) the member (P) pays contributions by monthly payments.

(2) Unless paragraph (3) applies, the amount of P's contributions in respect of any pay period that falls within the period of permanent service is the total of—

- (a) the amount of members' contributions payable in respect of P's notional salary; and
- (b) any contributions under Schedule 2 payable monthly.

(3) This paragraph applies if during the period of permanent service, P's permanent service pay, when aggregated with any payments under Part 5 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act 1951^{M36} (“aggregated pay”), is less than the amount of P's notional salary for that period.

(4) If paragraph (3) applies—

- (a) the amount of P's aggregated pay in a pay period is taken to be the amount of P's pensionable earnings for that period; and
- (b) P's contributions in that period are payable at the members' contributions rate.

Marginal Citations

M36 1951 c. 65.

CHAPTER 3

Repayment of members' contributions after short service

Meaning of “entitlement day” (repayment of balance of contributions)

188. The entitlement day for repayment of the balance of contributions is one month after the last day of pensionable service.

Entitlement to repayment of balance of contributions

189.—(1) A person (P) is entitled on the entitlement day to a repayment of the balance of contributions, calculated in accordance with regulation 191, if—

- (a) P has left all pensionable service and does not re-enter pensionable service before the entitlement day;
- (b) P has applied under regulation 190 for the repayment; and
- (c) paragraph (2) does not apply.

(2) This paragraph applies if—

- (a) P is qualified for retirement benefits;
- (b) a transfer payment has been made in respect of P's pensionable service; or
- (c) P is in a period of post-benefit service immediately before the last day of pensionable service ^{M37}.

(3) For the purpose of this regulation, P is in pensionable service while P is absent on maternity leave, paternity leave, ^{F25}... parental leave [^{F26}, shared parental leave] or adoption leave if P is entitled to return from leave by virtue of Part IX of the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 ^{M38}.

(4) If a repayment of the balance of contributions is made, P's rights under this scheme are extinguished.

(5) This regulation is subject to regulation 183 (general prohibition on unauthorised payments).

F25 Words in reg. 189(3) omitted (5.4.2015) by virtue of *The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015* (S.R. 2015/146), arts. 1(3), **23(10)(a)** (with art. 25)

F26 Words in reg. 189(3) inserted (15.3.2015) by *The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015* (S.R. 2015/146), arts. 1(2), **23(10)(b)**

Marginal Citations

M37 See regulation 124 for P's entitlement to a short service annuity if P is not re-qualified for retirement benefits in respect of a period of post-benefit service.

M38 S.I. 1996/ 1919 (N.I. 16); Part IX was amended by the Employment Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/2790 (N.I. 9), **Schedule 4**, and by the Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2836 (N.I. 2), **Articles 3** and 4.

Application for repayment of balance of contributions

190.—(1) A person (P) must apply in writing to the Department for a repayment of the balance of contributions.

(2) P must satisfy a written request from the Department to provide any information in the request.

(3) The information must be information—

- (a) in P's possession; or
- (b) which P can reasonably be expected to obtain.

Calculation of balance of contributions

191.—(1) The balance of contributions is (A-B)-C, where—

A is the total of the amounts specified in paragraph (2);

B is the total of the deductions specified in paragraph (3); and

C is the amount of tax chargeable on (A-B) under section 205 of the Finance Act 2004.

(2) The amounts are—

(a) all members' contributions, additional pension contributions, buy-out contributions and faster accrual contributions paid up to the date of receipt of the application for repayment, except any paid in respect of a period of pensionable service for which a short-service serious ill-health grant has been paid; and

(b) interest on those contributions from the first day of the financial year following that in which they were paid to the date of payment at 3% per year, compounded with yearly rests.

(3) The deductions are—

(a) the amount of any previous repayment under regulation 189; and

(b) if the Department has paid a contributions equivalent premium, the amount recoverable by it under sections 57 to 59 of the Pension Schemes Act.

CHAPTER 4

Employers' contributions

Employers' contributions

[^{F27}**192.** In respect of each pay period, the employer of a person (P) in pensionable service in that pay period is to pay contributions on P's pensionable earnings in the pay period at the following percentage rate of those earnings—

(a) 17.7% from 1st April 2015;

(b) at the rate determined in each successive valuation report with effect from the date to be notified to employers by the Department.]

F27 [Reg. 192 substituted \(1.4.2015\) by The Teachers' Pensions \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/126\), regs. 1, 12](#)

CHAPTER 5

Deduction and payment of contributions

Deduction of contributions from pensionable earnings

193.—(1) This regulation applies to any person (P) who is in pensionable service.

(2) In each pay period, P's employer must deduct the following contributions from P's pensionable earnings—

- (a) P's members' contributions for that employment;
- (b) any faster accrual contributions relating to that employment;
- (c) any additional pension contributions payable monthly (if P has nominated the employer to deduct those contributions);
- (d) any buy-out contributions (if P has nominated the employer to deduct those contributions).

(3) If P's employer does not deduct any contributions in the appropriate pay period, P's employer may deduct those contributions in any subsequent pay period (but this paragraph does not affect regulation 196(2) (payment by employers to the Department)).

(4) If P is in pensionable service in more than one employment—

- (a) any additional pension contributions or buy-out contributions must be deducted by the employer nominated by P; and
- (b) if in any pay period the contributions are more than the pensionable earnings paid to P by that employer, any remaining contributions must be deducted by the other employer (or, if there is more than one other employer, by whichever other employer is nominated by P).

Deductions not made before an employment ends

194.—(1) This paragraph applies if—

- (a) P ceases to be in an eligible employment;
- (b) P's employer has not made a deduction required by regulation 193; and
- (c) despite regulation 196, a corresponding amount has not been paid to the Department under that regulation.

(2) On receipt of a written demand from the Department, P must pay to it any amount remaining due, together with interest at the standard rate from the due date to the date of payment.

(3) The Department may waive the payment of the whole or any part of that interest.

(4) In this regulation, “due date” is the 8th day after the end of the pay period in which a deduction under regulation 193 should have been made.

Recovery of unpaid contributions from benefits

195.—(1) If the Department makes a demand under regulation 194 but regulation 24 does not apply, without prejudice to any other means of recovery, the Department may recover any sum payable by a person to it under this Part by deducting it from the benefits payable to, or in respect of, that person under these Regulations.

(2) Nothing in this regulation affects Article 89 of the 1995 Order (inalienability of occupational pensions).

Payment by employers to the Department

196.—(1) This regulation applies in relation to any person (P) who is in pensionable service.

(2) After the end of each pay period, P's employer is to pay to the Department in respect of P's pensionable earnings for that pay period—

- (a) the contributions payable under regulation 192; and
- (b) the contributions required to be deducted from P's pensionable earnings under regulation 193 (whether or not such amounts were deducted).

- (3) For the purpose of paragraph (2)—
- (a) pensionable earnings are payable in arrears, and
 - (b) any contribution arrears payable by reason of a retrospective increase in pensionable earnings are taken to become payable in the pay period in which they were paid.
- (4) A payment under paragraph (2) must be received by the Department within 7 days after the end of each pay period and if the full amount of the payment is not so received—
- (a) interest is payable by the employer or the former employer on the amount outstanding at the standard rate from the 8th day after the end of the pay period to the date of payment, but the Department may in any particular case waive the payment of the whole or any part of such interest, and
 - (b) if the Department makes a written demand, the employer or former employer must pay to the Department such further sum, not exceeding £100, as it may specify in the demand.
- (5) The payment referred to in paragraph (4)(b) must be made within 14 days after the date of the demand.

PART 10

Transfers

CHAPTER 1

Preliminary

Application of Part

197. This Part—

- (a) supplements the rights conferred by or under Chapter 4 of Part 4 of the Pension Schemes Act (transfer values); and
- (b) is without prejudice to that Chapter or Chapter 5 of that Part (early leavers: cash transfer sums and contribution refunds).

Interpretation of Part

198. In this Part—

“cash equivalent” means an amount calculated in accordance with regulations made under section 93 of the Pension Schemes Act;

“club transfer statement of entitlement”, in relation to a member's accrued earned pension under this scheme, means a statement by the Department of the club transfer value as at the guarantee date;

“club transfer value”, in relation to earned pension accrued under this scheme or under another club scheme, means an amount calculated—

- (a) in accordance with the club transfer arrangements; and
- (b) by reference to the guidance and tables provided by the Government Actuary for this purpose that are in use on the date used for the calculation;

“guarantee date” means—

- (a) for a transfer value, the date specified in the statement of entitlement as the date by reference to which the cash equivalent is calculated; and

- (b) for the club transfer value, the date specified in the club transfer statement of entitlement as the date by reference to which the club transfer value is calculated;

“guaranteed cash equivalent”, in relation to accrued rights to benefits under this scheme, means the cash equivalent of those accrued rights as at the guarantee date, as specified in a statement of entitlement;

“statement of entitlement”, in relation to a member's accrued rights to benefits under this scheme, means a statement by the Department of the cash equivalent of those rights as at the guarantee date;

“transfer value”, in relation to accrued rights other than rights to earned pension accrued under this scheme or under another club scheme, means—

- (a) for accrued rights to benefits under this scheme, an amount equal to the guaranteed cash equivalent of those accrued rights; and
- (b) for accrued rights under another pension scheme, an amount—
- (i) determined by the scheme actuary of that scheme; and
 - (ii) specified in a statement of accrued rights provided by the scheme manager of that scheme.

CHAPTER 2

Transfers on a cash equivalent basis

SECTION 1

Application of Chapter

Application of Chapter

199. This Chapter applies to the payment and receipt of transfer values.

SECTION 2

Transfers out

Application of this Section

200.—(1) This Section applies to a person (P) who—

- (a) has left all pensionable service under this scheme;
- (b) has become subject to—
 - (i) another registered pension scheme which is not a connected scheme; or
 - (ii) a qualifying recognised overseas pension scheme for the purposes of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004 (see section 169(2) of that Act); (in either case, referred to in this Section as “the receiving scheme”); and
- (c) has not reached normal pension age.

(2) This Section does not apply if—

- (a) P is not qualified for retirement benefits under this scheme and a repayment of the balance of contributions has been made to P; or
- (b) P is qualified for retirement benefits under this scheme and a retirement pension (other than a phased retirement pension) or a short-service serious ill-health grant has become payable to P in respect of that pensionable service.

Application for a statement of entitlement

201.—(1) A person (P) may apply for a statement of entitlement by written notice to the Department.

(2) The application must be made within 12 months after the day on which P becomes subject to the receiving scheme.

Application for payment of a transfer value

202.—(1) A person who is provided with a statement of entitlement may apply for a transfer value to be paid to the receiving scheme.

(2) The application must—

- (a) be made within 12 months after the day on which P becomes subject to the receiving scheme
- (b) be by notice to the Department;
- (c) specify the pension scheme or other pension arrangement to which the transfer value is to be paid; and;
- (d) meet any other conditions the Department requires.

Payment of a transfer value

203.—(1) On receipt of the application under regulation 202, the Department may make a transfer value payment in respect of P.

(2) A member of this scheme may only require the Department to use a transfer value in a way specified in section 91(2) of the Pension Schemes Act.

(3) The whole of the transfer value must be applied.

(4) A transfer value payment in respect of a member's accrued rights under this scheme may only be made to the receiving scheme.

(5) A transfer value payment in respect of any pension credit rights or pension credit benefits must not be made under this regulation.

(6) If a transfer value payment is made in respect of a person's rights under this scheme, those rights are extinguished.

SECTION 3

Transfers in

Application for acceptance of a transfer value

204.—(1) A person (P) may apply for payment of a transfer value to be accepted from—

- (a) another registered pension scheme; or
- (b) a qualifying recognised overseas pension scheme for the purposes of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004 (see section 169(2) of the Act) (in either case, referred to in this Section as “the sending scheme”).

(2) The application must—

- (a) be made within 12 months after the day on which P enters pensionable service under this scheme;
- (b) be by written notice to the Department;

- (c) specify the pension scheme from which the transfer value will be received; and
- (d) meet any other conditions the Department requires.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** Reg. 204(2)(a) applied (with modifications) (1.10.2023) by [The Teachers' Pension Scheme \(Remediable Service\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2023 \(S.R. 2023/131\)](#), regs. 1, **55**

Acceptance of a transfer value

205.—(1) The Department may not accept payment of a transfer value from the sending scheme if—

- (a) P has reached 75;
- (b) retirement benefits have become payable to P under this scheme or under the sending scheme; or
- (c) the sending scheme was a money purchase arrangement to which P's previous employer made no contribution.

(2) A transfer value payment in respect of any pension credit rights or pension credit benefits must not be accepted under this regulation.

Amount of transferred pension

206. The amount of transferred pension a person is entitled to count under this Part is an amount determined by the Department.

CHAPTER 3

Club Transfers

SECTION 1

Application of Chapter

Application of Chapter

207. This Chapter applies in relation to the payment and receipt of club transfer values.

SECTION 2

Transfers out

Application of this section

208.—(1) This Section applies to a person (P) who—

- (a) has left all pensionable service under this scheme;
- (b) has become subject to another club scheme (“the receiving scheme”); and
- (c) has not reached 75.

(2) This Section does not apply if—

- (a) P is not qualified for retirement benefits under this scheme and a repayment of the balance of contributions has been made to P; or

- (b) P is qualified for retirement benefits under this scheme and a retirement pension (other than a phased retirement pension) or a short-service serious ill-health grant has become payable to P in respect of that pensionable service.

Application for a club transfer statement of entitlement

209.—(1) A person (P) may apply for a club transfer statement of entitlement by written notice to the Department.

(2) The application must be made within 12 months after the day on which P becomes subject to the receiving scheme.

Application for payment of a club transfer value

210.—(1) A person (P) who is provided with a club transfer statement of entitlement may apply for a club transfer value to be paid to another public service pension scheme (“the receiving scheme”).

(2) The application must—

- (a) be made within 12 months after the day on which P becomes subject to the receiving scheme;
- (b) be by notice to the Department;
- (c) specify the pension scheme to which the club transfer value is to be paid; and
- (d) meet any other conditions the Department requires.

Payment of a club transfer value

211.—(1) On receipt of the application, the Department may pay a club transfer value in respect of P.

(2) A transfer value payment in respect of any pension credit rights or pension credit benefits must not be made under this regulation.

(3) If a transfer value payment is made in respect of a person's rights under this scheme, those rights are extinguished.

SECTION 3

Transfers in

Application for acceptance of a club transfer value

212.—(1) A person (P) may apply for payment of a club transfer value to be accepted from another club scheme.

(2) The application must—

- (a) be made within 12 months after the day on which P enters pensionable service under this scheme;
- (b) be by written notice to the Department;
- (c) specify the pension scheme from which the club transfer value is to be received; and
- (d) meet any other conditions the Department requires.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4 Reg. 212(2)(a) applied (with modifications) (1.10.2023) by [The Teachers' Pension Scheme \(Remediable Service\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2023 \(S.R. 2023/131\)](#), regs. 1, 55

Acceptance of a club transfer value

213.—(1) On receipt of an application, the Department may accept payment of a club transfer value from another club scheme (“the sending scheme”) if—

- (a) P has not reached 75;
- (b) retirement benefits have not become payable to P under this scheme or under the sending scheme; and
- (c) the sending scheme was a money purchase arrangement to which P's previous employer made contributions.

(2) A transfer value payment in respect of any pension credit rights or pension credit benefits must not be accepted under this regulation.

Amount of club transfer earned pension

214. The amount of club transfer earned pension a person is entitled to count under this Part is an amount determined by the Department.

CHAPTER 4

Making a bulk transfer payment

Application of Chapter

- 215.**—(1) This Chapter applies in relation to all persons who were in an eligible employment.
(2) This Chapter does not apply in relation to any person without that person's agreement.

Making a bulk transfer payment

216.—(1) The Department may make a transfer payment to another occupational pension scheme in respect of each person to whom this Chapter applies as part of a bulk transfer payment.

(2) In this Chapter, “bulk transfer payment” means a single transfer payment in respect of all persons to whom this Chapter applies.

CHAPTER 5

Accepting a bulk transfer payment

Application of Chapter

- 217.** This Chapter applies in relation to all persons who were in an eligible employment.

Accepting a bulk transfer payment

218.—(1) The Department must accept a transfer payment from another occupational pension scheme in respect of each person to whom this Chapter applies as part of a bulk transfer payment if it is offered.

(2) In this Chapter, “bulk transfer payment” means a single transfer payment in respect of all persons to whom this Chapter applies.

PART 11

Miscellaneous and Supplemental

Employment records

219.—(1) This regulation applies to any employer of a person (P) in pensionable service under this scheme.

(2) P's employer must record for the financial year—

- (a) the annual rate of P's salary;
- (b) the annual amount of P's pensionable earnings;
- (c) if P was in part-time employment for any part of the financial year, the amount which P's pensionable earnings for that employment would have been if P was in full-time employment throughout the year;
- (d) the money value forming part of P's pensionable earnings by virtue of regulation 38 (money value of residential benefits in kind to form part of pensionable earnings);
- (e) the contributions deducted under regulation 193;
- (f) the period of pensionable service;
- (g) the dates of any absence on sick leave, maternity leave, paternity leave, ^{F28} ... parental leave [^{F29}, shared parental leave] or adoption leave and the amount of any salary or statutory pay paid to P during the financial year; and
- (h) any information requested by the Department.

(3) P's employer must, within the time set by the Department—

- (a) make such reports and returns to the Department as it may require for the purpose of its functions under these Regulations; and
- (b) give the Department any information or documents required by it for the purpose of—
 - (i) its functions under these Regulations; or
 - (ii) records required to be kept by it under regulations made under section 16 of the Act.

F28 Words in reg. 219(2)(g) omitted (5.4.2015) by virtue of [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(3), **23(11)(a)** (with art. 25)

F29 Words in reg. 219(2)(g) inserted (15.3.2015) by [The Shared Parental Leave and Statutory Shared Parental Pay \(Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/146\)](#), arts. 1(2), **23(11)(b)**

Information and documents

220.—(1) This regulation applies to—

- (a) a person (P) who is or was in pensionable service; and
- (b) P's personal representatives.

(2) P or, if P is deceased, P's personal representatives must, within the time set by the Department, give it any information or documents required by it for the purpose of its functions under these Regulations.

Provision of benefit information statements to members

221.—(1) The Department must provide an annual benefit information statement to each active member of this scheme.

(2) The statement must be provided in accordance with—

- (a) section 14 of the Act (information about benefits); and
- (b) directions made by the Department of Finance and Personnel under that section.

Extension of time

222. The Department may extend, or treat as extended, the time within which anything is required or authorised to be done under these Regulations.

Guaranteed minimum pension

223.—(1) The weekly rate of any relevant pension payable to a person who has a guaranteed minimum (P) and who reaches GMP age must not be less than the person's guaranteed minimum under sections 10 to 12 of the Pension Schemes Act ^{M39}.

(2) Where no relevant pension becomes payable to P within 5 years after P reaches GMP age, a guaranteed minimum pension, the weekly rate of which is P's guaranteed minimum under sections 10 to 12 of the Pension Schemes Act, is payable to P.

(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply—

- (a) while P consents to the application of that paragraph being postponed;
- (b) from the date on which a relevant pension becomes payable; or
- (c) where paragraph (4) applies.

(4) This paragraph applies where—

- (a) P has a guaranteed minimum and exercises P's right to a cash equivalent;
- (b) the pension scheme into which P's rights to benefits under these Regulations are transferred does not accept a transfer of P's accrued rights to guaranteed minimum pensions; and
- (c) P's accrued rights to a guaranteed minimum pension are not transferred elsewhere.

(5) Where paragraph (4) applies, a guaranteed minimum pension, the weekly rate of which is the person's guaranteed minimum under sections 10 to 12 of the Pension Schemes Act, is payable to P for life from the date on which P reaches GMP age.

(6) Where P dies leaving a widow, widower or civil partner the pension payable to the widow, widower or civil partner under Part 6 (survivor's benefits) must be paid, for any period required by or under section 13 of the Pension Schemes Act ^{M40}, at a weekly rate which is not to be less than the widow's, widower's or civil partner's guaranteed minimum (as set out in that section).

(7) In this regulation—

“accrued rights to guaranteed minimum pensions” is to be construed in accordance with section 16 of the Pension Schemes Act ^{M41};

“contracted-out employment” has the meanings given in sections 4(1) and (1A) of the Pension Schemes Act;

“relevant pension” means a phased retirement pension or retirement pension which becomes payable in respect of contracted-out employment before 6th April 1997.

(8) In this regulation the question whether a person has a guaranteed minimum is to be determined in accordance with section 10 of the Pension Schemes Act.

(9) This regulation overrides any inconsistent provision elsewhere in these Regulations, save that it is subject to—

- (a) regulation 171 (commutation of whole pension (serious ill-health));
- (b) regulation 174 (commutation: small pensions);

Marginal Citations

M39 Section 10 was amended by the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, Schedule 3; section 11A was inserted by the 1999 Order, Article 29; section 12 was amended by the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, Schedule 3 and the 1999 Order, Schedule 2.

M40 Section 13 was amended by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c.4 (NI), [Schedule 4](#) and the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (SI 2005/255 (NI)), Part VI.

M41 Section 16 was amended by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000, Schedule 5 and the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 1 (NI)); section 4(1) was amended and (1A) inserted by the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, Schedule 4.

Transitional Provisions

224. Schedule 3 (transitional provisions) has effect.

[^{F30}Scheme valuation and employer cost cap

225. Schedule 4 (scheme valuation and employer cost cap) has effect.]

F30 [Reg. 225](#) inserted (1.4.2015) by [The Teachers' Pensions \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/126\)](#), regs. 1, **13**

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Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.