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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2015 No. 113**

**The Police Pensions Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

**PART 4**

Scheme membership

Chapter 1

Active membership

**Eligible Service**

- 18.**—(1) A member of the police service—
- (a) is in eligible service; and
  - (b) is eligible to be an active member of this scheme.
- (2) While a person is a protected member of the existing police pension scheme, the person—
- (a) is not in eligible service; and
  - (b) is not eligible to be an active member of this scheme.
- (3) For the purpose of these Regulations, a member of the police service remains in eligible service during—
- (a) a career break; and
  - (b) any other period of unpaid leave—
    - (i) that does not exceed 5 years; and
    - (ii) during which the employment relationship continues <sup>M1</sup>
- (4) For the purpose of these Regulations, a member of a police force remains in eligible service during a period of permanent service unless during that period of permanent service P is in pensionable service in—
- (a) an existing scheme <sup>M2</sup> that relates to the armed forces or another scheme under section 1 of the Act that relates to the armed forces; or
  - (b) any other occupational pension scheme.

**Marginal Citations**

- M1** See regulation 19 (periods of unpaid leave) for periods of unpaid leave during which the employment relationship continues
- M2** See section 18(2) of the Act for the meaning of “existing scheme”

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Police Pensions Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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- reg. 18(3) substituted by [S.R. 2024/38 reg. 6\(2\)](#)
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- Ch. 4 cease to have effect from 1/4/2024 by [S.R. 2024/38 reg. 10](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1(d) substituted by [S.R. 2024/38 reg. 42\(3\)](#)
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- reg. 90(4) inserted by [S.R. 2024/38 reg. 20](#)
- reg. 117(2) inserted by [S.R. 2024/38 reg. 32\(7\)](#)
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- reg. 219(5) inserted by [S.R. 2024/38 reg. 41](#)