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The Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2014

PART 8

Payment of benefits

CHAPTER 3

Payment of lump sums

Member declaration

161.—(1) The scheme manager 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 FA 2004(1) would not apply.

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

Commutation of part of pension

162.—(1) The following members may apply to the scheme manager 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 transfer day 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 159 for payment of the pension; and
 - (c) specify the amount of the lump sum which the member wishes to receive.

Amount of lump sum payable under regulation 162

163. The amount of a lump sum payable under regulation 162 must—

⁽¹⁾ Paragraph 3A of Schedule 29 was inserted by section 159 of the Finance Act 2006 (c.25).

- (a) be a multiple of $\pounds 12$; and
- (b) not exceed P's permitted maximum.

Commutation amount for lump sum payable under regulation 162

164.—(1) For the purpose of calculating the annual rate of pension payable to a member (P) who receives a lump sum under regulation 162, the commutation amount is 1/12th of the amount of the lump sum.

(2) If a retirement pension commuted under regulation 165 ceases to be payable under regulation 94 or 111, the commutation amount for any retirement pension that subsequently becomes payable to P is an amount determined by the scheme manager after consulting the scheme actuary.

Commutation of whole pension (serious ill-health)

165.—(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 scheme manager 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 159 for payment of the pension; and
 - (c) be accompanied by all the medical evidence necessary for the scheme manager to determine that P is entitled to payment of the lump sum.
- (4) If P is eligible to apply under regulation 162 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 166.
- (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 165 instead of retirement pension

166.—(1) This regulation applies to a member (P) who applies under regulation 165 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) x 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(2).

Amount of lump sum payable under regulation 165 instead of a pension credit retirement pension

167.—(1) This regulation applies to a member (P) who applies under regulation 165 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

168.—(1) If paragraph (2) applies, the scheme manager 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 paragraphs 7 and 7A of Schedule 29 to FA 2004 or falls within regulation 11 or 12 of the Registered Pension Schemes (Authorised Payments) Regulations 2009(3);
- (b) the application under paragraph (1) is made when P applies under regulation 159 for payment of the retirement pension;
- (c) in the 3 years ending with the date of the application, a transfer value payment has not been made in respect of P;
- (d) a transfer value payment or cash transfer sum has not been accepted under Part 10 in respect of P's rights accrued under a personal pension scheme; and
- (e) in the 5 years ending with the date of the application, a transfer value payment or cash transfer sum has not been accepted under Part 10 in respect of rights accrued under another occupational pension scheme.
- (3) If a lump sum is paid under paragraph (1), benefits are not payable under Part 6 on P's death.

(4) The scheme manager 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 FA 2004 or falls within regulation 11 or 12 of the Registered Pension Schemes (Authorised Payments) Regulations 2009;
- (b) the application is made when P applies under regulation 159 for payment of the pension; and
- (c) in the 3 years ending with the date of the application, a transfer value payment has not been made in respect of P.

(5) The scheme manager 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 159 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 FA 2004.

⁽²⁾ Note: if this period is 5 years or more, no lump sum is payable in respect of the phased retirement pension.

⁽**3**) S.I. 2009/1171.

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