

**2016 No. 30**

**PENSIONS**

**The Judicial Pensions (Contributions) (Amendment)  
Regulations 2016**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>14th January 2016</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>15th January 2016</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>5th February 2016</i>

The Lord Chancellor and, in relation to offices existing only in Scotland or to any judicial office whose jurisdiction is exercised exclusively in relation to Scotland, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8A(1) of the District Judges (Magistrates' Courts) Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1960(a), section 33ZA(1) and (6)(b) of the Judicial Pensions Act 1981(b) and sections 9A(1) and 29(6) of the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993(c), and with the consent and concurrence of the Treasury, make the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Judicial Pensions (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 5th February 2016.

**Amendment of the Judicial Pensions (Contributions) Regulations 2012**

2.—(1) The Judicial Pensions (Contributions) Regulations 2012(d) are amended as follows.

(2) For regulation 3 (rate of contributions) substitute—

“3.—(1) Contributions under—

- (a) section 8A of the 1960 Act;
- (b) section 33ZA of the 1981 Act, or
- (c) section 9A of the 1993 Act,

must be made as follows.

(2) A person who, when their salary becomes due, has an annual salary of £150,000 or less must make contributions at a rate of 2.61% of their salary for the time being as it becomes due.

(3) A person who, when their salary becomes due, has an annual salary of more than £150,000 must make contributions at a rate of—

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(a) 1960 c. 2 (N.I.); amended by the Pensions Act 2011 (c. 19), Schedule 5, paragraph 1. Citation of the District Judges (Magistrates' Courts) Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1960 was amended by S.R. (NI) 2008 No.154.  
(b) 1981 c. 20; amended by the Pensions Act 2011, Schedule 5, paragraph 2.  
(c) 1993 c. 8; amended by the Pensions Act 2011, section 34(1) and by the Pension Schemes Act 2015 (c. 8), Schedule 5, paragraph 8.  
(d) S.I. 2012/516; amended by S.I. 2013/484 and 2014/483.

- (a) 2.61% of their salary up to and including £150,000, and  
(b) 4.43% of their salary in excess of £150,000,  
for the time being as it becomes due.”.

13th January 2016

*Michael Gove*  
Lord Chancellor  
Ministry of Justice

6th January 2016

*David Mundell*  
Secretary of State for Scotland

We concur and consent

*Charlie Elphicke*  
*Mel Stride*

14th January 2016

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations change the rate at which contributions are to be paid by members of judicial pension schemes established in accordance with the District Judges (Magistrates’ Courts) Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1960 (c. 2 (N.I.)), the Judicial Pensions Act 1981 (c. 20) and the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993 (c. 8). The rate is changed so that members of those judicial pension schemes pay the same rate of contributions paid by members of the pension scheme established by the Judicial Pensions Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/182), after tax relief.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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