

These notes relate to the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009 (asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 25 February 2009

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY PENSIONS ACT 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part O Added Years

Rule 87: Resumption of service as MSP member

347. While some interruptions to service are final, rule 87 makes provision in relation to interruption of service which is of a temporary nature and where the scheme member subsequently rejoins the scheme as a participating MSP member.
348. When service is interrupted but later restarts, an MSP member may resume paying towards the purchase of added years in certain circumstances. In other circumstances, an MSP member may, within three months of rejoining the scheme, apply to restart paying instalments at the previously determined rate.
349. Rule 87(2) sets out the effect that restarting has on reckonable service and the amount and duration of instalments. Under rule 87(2)(a), instalments resume at the previous amount and continue until the end of the original period. By virtue of rule 87(2)(b), the reckonable service added in respect of the original payments is removed and recalculated when the final instalment is paid or, if earlier, when the individual next leaves the scheme.