

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Section 80.

REVALUATION OF ACCRUED BENEFITS ETC.

PART 1

REVALUATION OF ACCRUED PENSION BENEFITS

Amendments to Schedule 2 to the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993

1. This Part makes amendments to Schedule 2 to the Pension Schemes Act (methods of revaluing accrued pension benefits).

2. In paragraph 1 (the final salary method), for sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) substitute—

“(1) The final salary method is to add to the amount that would be payable but for Chapter 2 of Part 4, or regulations made under it, the additional amount specified in sub-paragraph (1A), (1B), (1C) or (1D) (whichever applies).

(1A) Where—

- (a) the termination of pensionable service occurs before 1st January 1991, and
- (b) the whole of the member’s pensionable service falls on or after 1st January 1985,

the additional amount is the appropriate higher revaluation percentage of the accrued benefit.

(1B) Where—

- (a) the termination of pensionable service occurs before 1st January 1991, and
- (b) some of the member’s pensionable service falls before 1st January 1985,

the additional amount is such proportion of the appropriate higher revaluation percentage of the accrued benefit as the member’s pensionable service falling on or after 1st January 1985 bears to the member’s total pensionable service.

(1C) Where the termination of pensionable service occurs—

- (a) on or after 1st January 1991, but

- (b) before the day on which section 80 of the Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 comes into operation (“the Pensions Act commencement day”),

the additional amount is the appropriate higher revaluation percentage of the accrued benefit.

(1D) Where the termination of pensionable service occurs on or after the Pensions Act commencement day, the additional amount is the aggregate of—

- (a) the appropriate higher revaluation percentage of so much of the accrued benefit as is attributable to the member’s pensionable service falling before the Pensions Act commencement day, and
- (b) the appropriate lower revaluation percentage of so much of the accrued benefit as is attributable to the member’s pensionable service falling on or after that day.

(1E) In this paragraph “the accrued benefit” means the amount of the pension or other benefit which on the termination date has accrued to the member or to any other person in respect of the member (excluding any part of that amount which consists of—

- (a) the member’s guaranteed minimum, or
- (b) the guaranteed minimum of the member’s widow, widower or surviving civil partner).

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph, a member’s pensionable service includes any notional pensionable service which is credited to the member by the scheme (“notional service”).

But notional service shall not be taken into account in determining which of sub-paragraphs (1A), (1B), (1C) and (1D) applies.

(3) For the purposes of determining the additional amount where sub-paragraph (1B) applies, any notional service shall be taken to have ended immediately before the member’s actual pensionable service began.

(3A) For the purposes of determining the additional amount where sub-paragraph (1D) applies, any notional service shall be treated as falling on or after the Pensions Act commencement day only if, or to the extent that, it is so treated for the purposes of the scheme.”.

3.—(1) Paragraph 2 (the revaluation percentage and the appropriate revaluation percentage) is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1)—

- (a) for “a revaluation percentage” substitute “a higher revaluation percentage and a lower revaluation percentage”;

(b) for “a corresponding revaluation percentage” substitute “a corresponding higher revaluation percentage and a corresponding lower revaluation percentage”.

(3) For sub-paragraph (3) substitute—

“(3) In paragraph 1—

“the appropriate higher revaluation percentage” means the higher revaluation percentage specified in the last calendar year before the date on which the member attains normal pension age as the higher revaluation percentage for the revaluation period which is of the same length as the number of complete years in the pre-pension period;

“the appropriate lower revaluation percentage” has a corresponding meaning.”.

PART 2

REVALUATION OF ACCRUED AMOUNTS ETC.

Amendments to Schedule 6 to the 2005 Order

4. This Part makes amendments to Schedule 6 to the 2005 Order (pension compensation provisions).

5.—(1) Paragraph 12 (active members who have not attained normal pension age at assessment date: the revaluation amount for the revaluation period) is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (3), for paragraph (b) substitute—

“(b) in any other case, the aggregate of—

(i) the higher revaluation percentage of so much of the accrued amount as is attributable to the active member’s pensionable service falling before the day on which section 80 of the Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 comes into operation (“the Pensions Act commencement day”), and

(ii) the lower revaluation percentage of so much of the accrued amount as is attributable to the active member’s pensionable service falling on or after that day.”.

(3) After sub-paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(b)—

(a) any service within paragraph 36(4)(b) (notional pensionable service) is to be treated as falling on or after the Pensions Act commencement day if, or to the extent that, it is so treated for the purposes of the scheme;

- (b) regulations may make provision in relation to cases where it is unclear whether or not any particular pensionable service (either actual or notional) falls, or is to be treated as falling, on or after that day.”.

(4) For sub-paragraphs (4) and (5) substitute—

“(4) In sub-paragraph (3)(b)—

“the higher revaluation percentage” means the lesser of—

- (a) the percentage increase referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of “the higher revaluation percentage” in paragraph 12(4) of Schedule 7 to the Pensions Act 2004 (“the inflation percentage”), and
- (b) the higher maximum revaluation rate;

“the lower revaluation percentage” means the lesser of—

- (a) the inflation percentage, and
- (b) the lower maximum revaluation rate.

(5) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (4)—

“the higher maximum revaluation rate”, in relation to the revaluation period, is—

- (a) if that period is a period of 12 months, 5%, and
- (b) in any other case, the percentage referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of “the higher maximum revaluation rate” in paragraph 12(5) of Schedule 7 to the Pensions Act 2004;

“the lower maximum revaluation rate”, in relation to the revaluation period, is—

- (a) if that period is a period of 12 months, 2.5%, and
- (b) in any other case, the percentage referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of “the lower maximum revaluation rate” in paragraph 12(5) of Schedule 7 to the Pensions Act 2004.

This is subject to paragraph 29 (power of Board to determine maximum revaluation rates etc.).”.

6.—(1) Paragraph 17 (deferred members who have not attained normal pension age at assessment date: the revaluation amount for the second revaluation period) is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (3), for paragraph (b) substitute—

“(b) in any other case, the aggregate of—

- (i) the higher revaluation percentage of so much of the relevant amount as is attributable to the deferred member’s pensionable service falling before the day on which section 80 of the Pensions (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 comes into operation (“the Pensions Act commencement day”), and

- (ii) the lower revaluation percentage of so much of the relevant amount as is attributable to the deferred member's pensionable service falling on or after that day."

(3) After sub-paragraph (3) insert—

"(3A) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(b)—

- (a) any service within paragraph 36(4)(b) (notional pensionable service) is to be treated as falling on or after the Pensions Act commencement day if, or to the extent that, it is so treated for the purposes of the scheme;
- (b) regulations may make provision in relation to cases where it is unclear whether or not any particular pensionable service (either actual or notional) falls, or is to be treated as falling, on or after that day."

(4) For sub-paragraphs (4) and (5) substitute—

"(4) In sub-paragraph (3)—

"the higher revaluation percentage" means the lesser of—

- (a) the percentage increase referred to in paragraph (a) of the definition of "the higher revaluation percentage" in paragraph 17(4) of Schedule 7 to the Pensions Act 2004 ("the inflation percentage"), and
- (b) the higher maximum revaluation rate;

"the lower revaluation percentage" means the lesser of—

- (a) the inflation percentage, and
- (b) the lower maximum revaluation rate;

"the relevant amount" means the aggregate of—

- (a) the accrued amount, and
- (b) the revaluation amount for the first revaluation period (see paragraph 16).

(5) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)—

"the higher maximum revaluation rate", in relation to the second revaluation period, is—

- (a) if that period is a period of 12 months, 5%, and
- (b) in any other case, the percentage referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of "the higher maximum revaluation rate" in paragraph 17(5) of Schedule 7 to the Pensions Act 2004;

"the lower maximum revaluation rate", in relation to the second revaluation period, is—

- (a) if that period is a period of 12 months, 2.5%, and
- (b) in any other case, the percentage referred to in paragraph (b) of the definition of "the lower maximum revaluation rate" in paragraph 17(5) of Schedule 7 to the Pensions Act 2004.

This is subject to paragraph 29 (power of Board to determine maximum revaluation rates etc.).”.

7. In paragraph 29 (Board’s powers to alter rates of revaluation etc.), for sub-paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) The Board may determine what is to be the higher maximum revaluation rate or the lower maximum revaluation rate for the purposes of paragraphs 12(4) and 17(4), and where it does so the relevant definitions in paragraphs 12(5) and 17(5) do not apply.”.

PART 3

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

8. In Article 51ZA of the 1995 Order (meaning of “the appropriate percentage”) —

(a) in paragraph (a), for “revaluation percentage” substitute “higher revaluation percentage”;

(b) for paragraph (b) substitute—

“(b) in the case of a category Y pension, means the lower revaluation percentage for that period.”.

9. In Article 54(3) of the 1995 Order (Articles 51 to 53: supplementary)—

(a) after the definition of “the commencement day” insert—

““higher revaluation percentage” and “lower revaluation percentage” mean the higher revaluation percentage and the lower revaluation percentage specified for a revaluation period by a revaluation order;”;

(b) omit the definition of “revaluation percentage”.