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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2000 No. 177**

**Local Government Pension Scheme  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000**

**Part B**

**Membership**

***Membership periods***

**Special power of employing authority to increase period of membership**

**B15.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), if the body employing an employee who is eligible to be a member of the Scheme (in these regulations referred to as “the employing authority”) is satisfied that, having regard to the interests of the efficient exercise of its functions, there are exceptional reasons for doing so, it may resolve to add an additional period of membership to a member’s period of membership.

(2) A resolution under paragraph (1)—

- (a) may only be passed before or within 6 months after the person becomes a member in the authority’s employment, and
- (b) may not be passed after he has attained the age of 59 years, unless he did so after becoming such a member.

(3) The additional period is to be specified in the resolution and is not to exceed the maximum period which would be applicable under regulation C10(1) (taking the references in regulation C10(6)(a) and (b) to the date of the election as references to the date of the resolution and, in the case of a person who at the date of the resolution had not become a member in the employment of the authority, treating him as if he had on that date become such a member on the scale of remuneration at which the employment was offered to him).

(4) Where the employing authority has passed a resolution under paragraph (1) and the member—

- (a) remains in his employment under that authority until his NRD (within the meaning of regulation C2(1)),
- (b) on ceasing to hold that employment before his NRD is incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of the employment by reason of ill-health or infirmity of mind or body, or
- (c) dies while in that employment,

the additional period specified in the resolution may be counted as a period of membership.

(5) In any other case where the employing authority has passed such a resolution the member is entitled to count as a period of membership the appropriate proportion of the additional period of membership specified in the resolution.

(6) In paragraph (5) “the appropriate proportion” means the proportion which the period during which the member has been in the employment of the employing authority bears to the period during

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which the member would have been in that employment if he had remained in it until his NRD (within the meaning of regulation C2(1)).