

2015 No. 10

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

PENSIONS

**The New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2)
Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

Made - - - - *19 January 2015*

Coming into operation - *12 February 2015*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by article 10(1), (3), (4) and (5) of the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984^(a) and now vested in it^(b) and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel, in accordance with article 10(1) of that Order, makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and effect

1. This Order may be cited as the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 12 February 2015 and shall have effect from 1 July 2014.

Amendment of the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2007

2. The New Firefighters' Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2007^(c) shall be amended in accordance with the Schedule.

(a) S.I. 1984/1821 (N.I. 11) Article 10(5) was amended by S.I. 1998/1549 (N.I. 11) Article 4. Article 10 was continued by S.I. 2006/1254 (N.I. 9) Article 60(1) and (2)
(b) See S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6 (c) and Schedule 4, Part III
(c) S.R. 2007 No. 215, amended by S.R. 2008 No 381, S.R. 2013 No 172, S.R. 2012 No 162, S.R. 2013 No 84, S.R. 2014 Nos 57 and 168.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on
19th January 2015



Linda Devlin
A senior officer of the
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

The Department of Finance and Personnel approves this Order

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 19th January 2015



Anthony Simpson
A senior officer of the
Department of Finance and Personnel

SCHEDULE

Amendment of the Annex to the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2007

1. In Part 3 (Personal awards) in article 17(B)(1) (additional pension benefit) for “added pension benefit” substitute “additional pension benefit”.

2. In Schedule 2 (Appeal to Independent Medical Referee)—

(1) Paragraph 9A(a) is revoked.

(2) In paragraph 11—

(a) for sub-paragraph (3) substitute—

“(3) Where the appellant gives notice to the independent medical referee of withdrawing the appeal within 21 working days of the date appointed for an interview by the independent medical referee under paragraph 7(2), the Board may require the appellant to pay it such sum, not exceeding the total amount of fees and allowances payable to the independent medical referee under paragraph 10(1) as it thinks fit.”.

(b) in sub-paragraph (5)(a) for “paragraph 4” substitute “paragraph 7”.

(a) Paragraph 9A was inserted by SR 2014 No 168.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2007. Some of the amendments correct minor drafting errors. Paragraph 2 revokes and amends provisions of Schedule 2 (appeal to independent medical referee) so as to revoke changes made earlier this year and revert to the previous provisions.

The Order has effect from 1st July 2014. Powers to give the Order retrospective effect is conferred by article 10(4) of the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 as continued by article 60 of the Fire and Rescue Service (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

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

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