STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No. 162

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

PENSIONS

The New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

Made - - - -	*4th April 2012*
Coming into operation	*1st April 2012*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 10(1), (3), (4) and (5) of the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (**1**), and now vested in it(**2**) 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 and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2012.

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

2. The Annex to the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (**3**) (in which the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) is set out) is amended in accordance with articles 3 and 4.

3. In Chapter 1 of Part 11 (pensionable pay, pension contributions and purchase of additional service), in article 63(1) (pension contributions) for "at the rate of 8.5% of his pensionable pay" substitute "at the rate of his pensionable pay specified in the Table in Schedule A1".

4. After Part 15 insert—

(**1**) 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).
(**2**) See S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(c) and Schedule 4, Part III
(**3**) S.R. 2007 No. 215 to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

"Schedule A1

Pension Contributions

1. The rate of the pension contribution mentioned in article 63(1) of Part 11 is that specified in the Table below by reference to the amount of the pensionable pay of the firefighter member in the first column of the Table.

2. The amount of pensionable pay of a retained or volunteer firefighter for the purpose of the first column of the Table shall be that firefighter's reference pay.

3. The amount of pensionable pay of a part-time regular firefighter for the purpose of the first column of the Table shall be the amount of pensionable pay of a whole-time regular firefighter of equivalent role and length of service.

4. Where there has been a permanent material change to the terms and conditions of a firefighter member's employment which affects his pensionable pay, from the date of that change pensionable pay shall be calculated by reference to the revised amount.

5. Pensionable pay in the first column of the Table does not include payments made to a regular firefighter by the Board in respect of his continual professional development, but those payments will be included in his pensionable pay for the purposes of the application of the rate specified in the second column.

Pensionable pay	*Contribution rate from 1st April 2012*
Up to and including £15,000	8.5 % of pensionable pay
More than £15,000 and up to and including £30,000	8.8 % of pensionable pay
More than £30,000 and up to and including £40,000	8.9 % of pensionable pay
More than £40,000 and up to and including £50,000	9.0 % of pensionable pay
More than £50,000 and up to and including £60,000	9.1 % of pensionable pay
More than £60,000 and up to and including £100,000	9.3 % of pensionable pay
More than £100,000 and up to and including £120,000	9.5 % of pensionable pay
More than £120,000	9.7 % of pensionable pay"