

# ANNEXE 2

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## LIST OF ORDERS, REGULATIONS AND CIRCULARS

This Annexe lists all the Firefighters' Pension Regulations, Firefighters' Pension Scheme Orders and Firefighters' Pensions Scheme Circulars which have been issued since 1 July 1973.

Guidance Notes began to be issued from April 2005. These are included here, too.

If you use these documents for guidance, you should have regard to the following note which was issued with FPSC 3/2008 on 13 March 2008:

"With the assistance of the Department's legal advisers the following has been prepared. Stakeholders are free, of course, to take their own advice on these matters.

Informal (i.e. non-statutory) guidance is just that, non-binding advice which is intended to assist decision-taking authorities in the exercise of their statutory duties. It suggests steps which might be taken; factors which could be taken into account and procedures which could be followed to deliver specified steps of administration, or policy delivery.

Statutory (i.e. formal) guidance, sets out specific, mandatory requirements on a local authority and/or other parties or may give factors to which the recipient should have regard in the exercise of their statutory powers. This guidance would be made in the exercise of powers conferred on the Secretary of State by primary legislation and in secondary legislation. In many cases the statutory guidance would normally be subject to consultation with interested parties when in draft form.

Its advantage over a statutory instrument, for example, lies in its ease of amendment and the shorter time needed to make any changes.

An example of statutory guidance is that provided for in Rule LA10 of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme 1992 (Part 13, rule 10 of the 2006 Scheme) which requires a fire and rescue authority to have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State in regard to the Firefighters' Pension Fund. This is the only such provision in the 1992 and 2006 Schemes, although there are other requirements relating to the use of tables or factors prepared by the Government or Scheme Actuary.

The Courts alone can provide an authoritative interpretation of legislation and so any view on legislation expressed in any guidance, whether formal or informal, issued by the Secretary of State is subject to this."

**Firefighters' Pension Scheme Orders, Firefighters' Pension Regulations  
and Firefighters' Pension-related Circulars issued since 1 July 1973**

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The table in this Annexe lists all Firemen's Pension Scheme Orders and Firemen's Pension Scheme Regulations by their Statutory Instrument ("SI") number. The Fire Service Circulars and Guidance Notes are listed by their reference number. A brief outline of the content of each Circular and Guidance Note is given.

In the last column the date given is –

- the date on which an SI came into force (although this may not be the same as the effective date – this would have to be checked from the SI itself), or
- the date on which a Fire Service Circular or Guidance Note was issued.

This list has been compiled from old records dating back many years. It may not be complete or 100% accurate. Nevertheless it may prove helpful for those administrators who have to deal with old cases and want to look up background information.

If any omissions or inaccuracies are found, please notify the Firefighters' Pensions Team at:

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CIRCULAR	SI	TITLE (SI) CONTENT (CIRCULAR)	CAME INTO FORCE
24/1973	1973/966	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme Order 1973</b> Explanatory circular – outline of Main Order.	1.7.1973
49/1973	-	<b>The Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1973</b> Pensions Increase; Increase in flat rate pensions.	1.12.1973
52/1973	1973/1814	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order 1973</b> Pensions Increase 1973 (see also 49/1973); Anticipatory – deferred pensions – widow and children where death before making option; Restoration of widow's pension terminated on re-marriage; Notice of forthcoming money purchase/uniform accrual transfers.	1.12.1973
56/1973	1973/1951	<b>The Fire Services (Retirement of Senior Officers) Regulations 1973</b> Application of the Fire Services (Retirement of Senior Officers) Regulations 1973, made under s260 of the Local Government Act 1972 – enhanced benefits as an alternative to compensation under section 259 – see SI 1974/540.	24.12.1973
1/1974	-	Anticipatory – Police and Firemen's Pension Schemes Public Sector Transfer Arrangements – outline of new transfer arrangements (see also 52/1973).	1.1.1974
8/1974	1974/309	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Modification) Order 1974</b> Restoration of pension cover for certain fire officers outside the scope of the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order 1973 until new county authorities assume functions of fire authorities on 1 April 1974.	7.3.1974
10/1974	1974/540	<b>The Fire Services (Compensation) Regulations 1974</b> Application of the Fire Services (Compensation) Regulations 1974 made under section 259 of the Local Government Act 1972.	1.4.1974
12/1974	1974/432	<b>The Police etc. and Fire Pensions (Modification) Order 1974</b> Transfer of responsibilities and powers for paying police and fire pensions to the new authorities.	1.4.1974
40/1974	1974/1531	<b>The Pensions Increase (Modification) (Police and Fire Services) Regulations 1974</b> Purpose and effect of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1974; Percentage rates.	21.10.1974
40/1974	1974/1532	<b>The Pensions Increase (Police and Fire Services) Regulations 1974</b> Purpose and effect of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1974; Percentage rates.	21.10.1974
48/1974	-	Pensions Increase 1974; Increase in flat rate pensions.	1.12.1974

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53/1974	1974/1797	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1974</b> Pensions Increase 1974 (see also 48/1974); End to abatement of children's allowances.	1.12.1974
13/1975	-	Police and Firemen's Pension Scheme; Forfeiture Provisions	-
18/1975	-	Anticipatory: Reckoning of service in days for pension purposes; Examples.	1.5.1975
20/1975	-	Anticipatory: Commutation after 25 years' service; Table.	1.4.1975
21/1975	-	Anticipatory: Advice on winding-up of the State Graduated Pension Scheme – action to be taken for preservation of EPBs and effect on transfer values; Amendments to 1/1974; Revised list of Club Schemes.	-
HO 116/1975	-	“An advanced copy which may be acted upon” (see 28/1975). Anticipatory: Counting of War Service – meaning – reckoning – commutation – deferred pensions.	
28/1975	-	Anticipatory: Counting of War Service – identical to Home Office circular 116/1975.	1.4.1975
28/1975	-	Addendum to Annex A of 28/1975: Verification of War Service; Contributions; Interest.	-
28/1975	-	Addendum 2 to Annex A of 28/1975: Amends and amplifies Annex A: Meaning of War Service – reckoning – verification – late application – contributions – ill-health awards – tax – NI modification – commutation – deferred pensions – transfers – informing staff.	-
28/1975	-	Annex B of 28/1975: Anticipatory: Uprating War Service for widow's pensions; Tables; Examples.	-
116/1975 28/1975	-	Clarification letter: War Service – clarification of PI position and of terminology; Confirms anticipatory nature of Annex B.	-
36/1975	-	Pensions Increase 1975: Increase in flat rate pensions.	1.12.1975
43/1975	1975/1717	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1975</b> Pensions Increase 1975 (see also 36/1975): Payment without probate increased to £1,500.	1.12.1975

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36/1976	1976/1273	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1976</b> Commutation after 25 years' service (see 20/1975); Notional pay – regular firefighter who served on or after 1.8.1975 as chief officer, assistant chief officer, or deputy assistant chief officer; Reckoning of service in years and days (see 18/1975).	6.9.1976
42/1976	-	Allocation of Pension; Tables.	1.12.1976
43/1976	-	Pensions Increase 1976: Increase in flat rate pension.	1.12.1976
49/1976	1976/1708	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1976</b> Pensions Increase 1976 (see also 43/1976).	1.12.1976
10/1977	-	Commutation Tables.	1.4.1977
23/1977	-	Public Sector Transfer Arrangements – revised list of Club schemes.	-
30/1977	1977/1118	<b>The Contracted-out Employment (Fire Services) Regulations 1977</b> Notice to contract-out of State Earnings Related Pension Scheme.	1.10.1977
30/1977 amendment	1977/1680	<b>The Contracted-out Employment (Fire Services) (Amendment) Regulations 1977</b> Amendment – non-exclusion of firefighters serving overseas.	1.12.1977
44/1977	-	Pensions Increase 1977: Increase in flat rate pensions	1.12.1977
53/1977	1977/1704	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1977</b> Pensions Increase 1977 (see also 44/1977).	1.12.1977
10/1978	-	Consultative/anticipatory – “After-Appearing Injuries”.	1.4.1978
15/1978	-	Anticipatory (see also 30/1977). Effect of contracting-out – GMP comparison – post-retirement marriage – cessation of widow's pension – commutation and allocation restrictions – widow's lump sum benefits – CEPs – deferred pensions – refund restrictions – retirement/death after state pensionable age – reductions in, and restrictions on, transfers (GMP) – amendment to forfeiture – withholding part or return of contributions – assignment – widow's pension (Schedule 10 optants) – refund entitlement diagram – transfer value tables – transfer value examples.	6.4.1978
15/1978 addendum 1	-	Addendum 1: ECON and list of SCONS.	6.4.1978

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15/1978 addendum 2	-	Addendum 2: Clarification of detail of 15/1978 – refunds – deferred pensions – widow's accrued pensions.	6.4.1978
34/1978	1978/1228	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1978</b> Reckonability of service on re-joining brigade; New transfer arrangements (see also 1/1974 and 21/1975); Calculation of transfer values; Further and additional contributions – widow's accrued pension and child's allowance.	1.10.1978
34/1978 addendum	-	Addendum: Inward transfers – no need for previous scheme to be Club or Inland Revenue approved; Amendment to 34/1978 paragraph 15 – operative date of additional and further contributions; Multiplier for annual rate of GMPs and pensions.	-
39/1978	1978/1349	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order 1978</b> Supersedes 15/1978 and 15/1978 Addendum 2: EPB assurance; Conversion of pensions from weekly to annual amounts; Effect of contracting-out on deferred pensions; £5,000 earnings limit on refunds; Assessment of transferred-in service for "split benefits"; Minimum payments in respect of pension; Limitation on reduction of pension; Commutation of trivial pensions; Widow's award where no other award payable; Post-retirement marriage; Widow living apart from husband; Widow's accrued pension – less than 5 years' service; Limits on commutation and allocation; Withdrawal of pension; Limit on recovery of debt/voluntary authorisation; Assignment to dependants; GMP liability; Reduction of gratuity where GMP paid; Reductions of, and limitations on, transfer values in respect of GMP; Widow's requisite benefits; Effect of contracting-out on Schedule 10 widows; Examples of transfer value calculations; Suggested explanatory notes for firefighters.	6.10.1978
40/1978	1978/1577	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.3) Order 1978</b> Pensions Increase 1978: Increase in flat rate pensions; Advance notice that PI 1979 will be as prescribed in section 59 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975.	1.12.1978
45/1978	-	Commutation Tables.	1.11.1978
9/1979	-	Public Sector Transfer Arrangements – revisions of Club Scheme list: Inclusion of Armed Forces Pension Scheme.	-
16/1979	-	Counting of War Service in the Palestine Police Force (see also 28/1975).	-
22/1979	1979/407	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1979</b> Interest on transfer values – interest factors – examples.	1.5.1979
26/1979	-	Appeals to Crown Court – time limit ; Commutation – definition of "Age next birthday"	-

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31/1979	-	Police and Firemen's Pension Schemes Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 as amended – changes to PI arrangements in 1979 (see also 40/1978); Advice on section 8(2)(a) of the 1971 Act (PI and averaging period); PI on commuted lump sums; War Service – withdrawal of advice (see 16/1979) to pay interest on Palestine Police Force War Service lump sum.	-
32/1979	1979/855	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1979</b> Implementation of "after appearing injuries" (see 10/1978); Death in service (not injury) – widow's right to choose current Firemen's Pension Scheme Order pension or smaller pension plus lump sum; Death in Service (injury) – widow to receive additional lump sum; Examples of calculation of widow's pension and lump sum.	20.8.1979
34/1979	1979/1286	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1979</b> Pensions Increase – new arrangement (see 31/1979): Reduction by GMP before PI assessed; Increase in flat-rate pensions.	12.11.1979
35/1979	1979/1360	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (War Service) Order 1979</b> Explanation of Order (see anticipatory circular 28/1975); Examples.	1.12.1979
8/1980	1980/273	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1980</b> Relaxation of £5,000 earnings limit on refunds; End of flat rate National Insurance modification; Reckonability of service during paid suspension; Amendments to calculation of widow's accrued pension; Amendments to list of Club Schemes.	1.4.1980
20/1980	-	Simplified system for payment of Central Service transfer values; Information which may be obtained direct from Government Actuary's Department; Changes in the Club Scheme list; Expanded explanation of calculation of post-retirement marriage widow's pension.	-
21/1980	1980/1587	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order 1980</b> Notional pay – 1.10 1978 to 30.6.1979 for chief fire officer, and assistant chief fire officer – 7.11.1978 to 6.11.1979 for all ranks up to and including senior divisional officer.	1.12.1980
22/1980	1980/1615	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.3) Order 1980</b> Pensions Increase: Amendment to flat rate pensions – to be increased automatically under section 59 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975; Increase in certain lump sums on attaining age 55.	24.11.1980
3/1982	1982/114	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1982</b> Government Actuary's Department factors for converting disablement gratuities to annuities; Examples; Notional pay – 1.7.1979 to 31.12.1980 for chief fire officer and assistant chief fire officer.	8.3.1982
23/1982	-	Commutation and Annuity Equivalent Tables: Examples	1.1.1983

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4/1983	1983/614	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1983</b> Pension contribution rate amendment.	1.5.1983
16/1983	1983/1409	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order 1983</b> Removal of upper age limit for child's pension and raising of normal age limit; Amendment to various references to enable application to children of female firefighters; Vocational training of children which is remunerated; Disabled children; Examples of calculation of children's pensions where remunerated vocational training.	10.10.1983
17/1983	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1983; HM Treasury Memorandum of Instructions to authorities paying Public Service Pensions; Annuity equivalent of disablement gratuities – explanatory notes (see 23/1982); Revised list of Club schemes (supersedes 9/1979 and subsequent amendments); Information which may be obtained from the Government Actuary's Department (see also 20/1980).	-
2/1984	-	"Collection and use of statistical data" – submission of statistical information on an annual basis to the Government Actuary's Department by 16 selected fire authorities; Statistics to be used for actuarial, costing and budgeting purposes in relation to the Pension Scheme.	-
8/1984	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1984; Amendments to HM Treasury Memorandum of Instructions to authorities paying public service pensions; Annuity equivalent of disablement gratuities; Pensions Increase; Clarification of 23/1982 (see also (17/1983); Child allowances – cessation of full-time education and payment of allowances during final school holidays; Amendments to Club Scheme list.	-
7/1986	1985/318	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1985</b> Equal access to benefits for widowers	1.5.1985
11/1985	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1985; Payments due to deceased persons which may be made without probate – increased from £1,500 to £5,000 – authority to pay in advance of amendment to FPSO: Annuity equivalent of disablement gratuities – guidance on late payment.	-
2/1986	-	Social Security Act 1985 – revised interchange arrangements and Section 32 Buy-Out Bonds.	-
5/1986	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1986; Amendments to Club Scheme list.	-

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7/1986	1986/1663	<p><b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (War Service) Transferees) Order 1986</b></p> <p>War Service (Transferees) guidance and specimen letter to those who may be affected; Widower's pensions – guidance on SI 1985/318; Retained firefighters' right of appeal – administrative procedure where dismissal on medical grounds but no entitlement to benefit under Firefighters' Pension Scheme.</p>	5.11.1986
1/1987	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1987; Amendments to Club scheme list.	-
5/1987	1987/1302	<p><b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1987</b></p> <p>Purchase of increased benefits.</p>	1.10.1987
3/1988	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1988; Social Security Act 1986 – the effect on the FPS/proposed changes – action may be taken in anticipation of legislation; Deferred pension/refunds – entitlement to preservation of benefits after 2 years (previously 5) and refund ban after 2 years (previously 5); Right of firefighter to opt out of FPS – effect – personal pensions – transfers – injury benefits; Right to opt back into FPS.	-
4/1988	-	Social Security Act 1986 – right to opt back into Scheme; Requests for fire authorities to record statistics of optants; Refunds of contributions – increase in tax from 10% to 20%.	-
8/1988	-	Revised public sector transfer arrangements from 6.4.1988 – cash equivalent transfers – examples; medical advice to fire authority – to avoid suggestion of bias, recommendation to use alternative medical practitioner for review of successful appeal against original opinion that unfit for duty.	-
12/1988	-	Factors to be used in incoming transfers – clarification of current position of brigade to brigade transfers (continue Firemen's Pension Scheme Order rules) and Central Service transfers (net service system – see Circular 20/1980); Amendment to examples given in Circular 8/1988 to reflect method of calculation of firefighter's deferred pension; Reference to FSAVCs – authorities advised that cannot give Inland Revenue certification; Update on in-house AVC negotiations.	-
5/1989	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1989; Action in respect of Retail Price Index; Amendment to flow chart in Appendix 3 of Circular 2/1986 (transfers); Request for statistics of firefighters opting in and out of the FPS (see Circular 4/1988).	-

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8/1989	1989/731	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1989</b> Increase in child's benefits from 12.5% to 18.75%; Public sector transfer arrangements – amendments to Club scheme list; Advice on transfers – use factors in Circular 8/1988, same factors now for Club and non-Club; Request for opting-out returns; Check list of recent circulars; Clarification of the information to be submitted with medical appeal.	15.6.1989
8/1989	1989/732	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order 1989</b> Application of £60,000 limit on pay; Public sector transfer arrangements – amendments to Club scheme list; Advice on transfers – use factors in Circular 8/1988, same factors now for Club and non-Club; Request for opting-out returns; Check list of recent circulars; Clarification of the information to be submitted with medical appeal.	1.6.1989
4/1990	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1990; Public sector transfer arrangements – amendments to Club scheme list; Additional Voluntary Contributions – guidance.	-
11/1990	1990/1841	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1990</b> Right to elect not to participate in Firemen's Pension Scheme – associated amendments; Reduction in service needed to qualify for personal benefits from 5 years to 2 years; Cancellation of firefighter's ill-health and injury pensions on recovery in relation to optant-out's deferred pension; amendments to interchange arrangement reflecting right to cash equivalent transfer value; Amendment to earnings cap provisions within definition of pensionable pay; Widower's Guaranteed Minimum Pension requirement.	6.4.1988
2/1991	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1991; Continuation of opting-out returns; Amendments to Club scheme list; Further guidance on AVCs and FSAVCs – no need to take commutation into account since prohibited in respect of a pension payable under FSAVCs arrangement.	-
4/1991	1991/1097	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1991</b> Increase in contribution rate to 11%; Introduction of twice final pay death grant.	1.7.1991
2/1992	1991/129	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme Order 1992</b> Explanatory circular	1.3.1992
3/1993	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order; Public sector transfer arrangements – Club schemes; Rights of appeal for retained firefighters – dismissal on medical grounds.	24.3.1993
5/1994	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1994; Persons opting out of the Police and Fire Pension Schemes; Public sector transfer arrangements – Club schemes.	28.2.1994

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1/1995	-	Persons who have opted out of, or failed to join, their occupational pension scheme, as a result of inappropriate advice; Retained firefighters – claims for membership of the FPS.	31.1.1995
4/1995	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1995; Public sector transfer arrangements – Club schemes; Injury awards – sickness benefit and invalidity benefit replaced by incapacity benefit; Correspondence for Finance Division 2; Numbering of Fire Service Circulars.	17.3.1995
9/1995	-	Police and Firefighters' Pensions – transfer value factors.	31.10.1995
3/1996	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1996; Public sector transfer arrangements – Club schemes; Correspondence on FPS.	19.3.1996
10/1996	-	Internal Dispute Resolution Procedures – advance notice – setting up of working group – further details to follow; Disclosure of Information Regulations – advance notice – HO seeking legal advice on adequacy of documentation; Pensions on Divorce – reference to Pensions Act obligations and Green Paper “The Treatment of Pensions on Divorce”; Fire Service Medical Appeals – progress report; Mis-selling of personal pensions – drafting of legislation allowing re-instatement.	30.10.1996
1/1997	-	FPS and Disclosure of Information Regulations – requirements.	21.1.1997
2/1997	-	FPS and Internal Dispute Resolution Procedures – arrangements and suggested format of correspondence	4.2.1997
3/1997	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1997; Determinations by the Pensions Ombudsman – request for fire authorities to submit to Home Office any appeal cases for logging; Public sector transfer arrangements – Club schemes – amendments to Club list; Telephone or written enquiries on FPS matters – Home Office contact names and telephone numbers.	13.3.1997
9/1997	[1997/c52]	<b>The Police and Firemen's Pensions Act 1997</b> Amends the Fire Services Act 1947 to allow the making of Regulations to re-instate in the FPS those who were mis-sold personal pensions.	31.3.1997
8/1997	-	Pension Scheme registration; Re-election arrangements for contracting out of SERPS; Transfer Values; New medical appeal arrangements – Regional Boards of Medical Referees; Mis-selling of personal pensions.	31.7.1997
9/1997	1997/1829	<b>The Firemen's Pensions (Provision of Information) Regulations 1997</b> Mis-selling of personal pensions.	1.9.1997
10/1997	-	Pensions Attachment (“Earmarking”) under s166 of the Pensions Act 1995 – guidance for authorities and notes for distribution to firefighters.	16.10.1997

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11/1997	1997/2309	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1997</b> Regional Boards of Medical Referees; Background; Procedures; Regional organisation; Appeal costs; Amendment to FPSO 1992; Amendment to Commentary including model forms.	1.11.1997
14/1997	-	Contracting-out of salary related schemes from the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme – re-election arrangements – notice for distribution to firefighters.	13.11.1997
2/1998	1997/2851	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment No.2) Order 1997</b> Mis-selling of personal pensions – Home Office guidance – GAD guidance – DSS (COEG) Guidance on NIC rebates; Copy of PSO Update No.21.	29.12.1997
3/1998	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1998; Pensions Levy; Pensions Ombudsman Cases; Case histories and outcome; Public sector transfer arrangements – Club schemes; Telephone or written enquiries on FPS matters – Home Office contact names and telephone numbers for enquiries about the FPS.	12.3.1998
4/1998	-	Revised commutation factors effective from 27 July 1998.	27.7.1998
8/1998	1998/1010	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 1998</b> Amendments to reflect cessation of accrual of GMPs from 6 April 1997 and to reflect change in State pensionable age (women equalising with men); Amendments in respect of re-election for contracted-out status of FPS; GMP underpayments – Invalidity Benefit cases – Annex A and B explanatory notes for those affected; Injury Awards – assessment of Degree of Disablement in respect of retained firefighters; Internal Dispute Resolution Procedures – role of Occupational Advisory Service (OPAS); Pensions Ombudsman cases – case history and outcome; Withdrawal of GMP Buy-out; Addendum – Fire Service Circular 4/1998 (correction to commutation table headings and details).	11.5.1998 (SI).  10.12.1998 (Circular)
1/1999	-	Changed factors for individual cash equivalent transfer vales (CETVs) – change to the inflation assumption used for calculating the AMC; GMP underpayments – invalidity benefits cases update – UKSC guidance on compensation payments; Disclosure of Information responsibilities following Scally Judgement in Northern Ireland; Role of Occupational Pensions Advisory Service – change in DSS (DWP) regulations which will affect time of intervention and role to be played by OPAS; Annex – Adjustments for Market Conditions.	21.1.1999
2/1999	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 1999 – list of multipliers; Public Sector Transfer Arrangements – amendments to list of Club schemes; Contact names and telephone numbers for enquiries about the FPS.	15.3.1999

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3/1999	-	Retained firefighters' claims for membership of the Firemen's Pension Scheme – Applications to Industrial Tribunals; GMP notifications – delays due to problems with the Contributions Agency NIRS2 Computer System; Contracting-out of Salary Related Schemes from SERPS – re-election arrangements – new contracting-out certificate.	21.4.1999
5/1999	-	Medical appeals – changes to procedures – fire authorities should submit assessment of degree of disablement with case papers to Home Office – fire authorities and appellants must inform the Boards, in advance, of the persons likely to attend the appeal interview – changes to medical certificates; Retained firefighters – medical appeals where extra-statutory will be handled as if statutory; Statistics and results of questionnaires issued by Boards.	25.5.1999
11/1999	-	Medical appeals – new procedure for obtaining medical records required by the Regional Board of Medical Referees; Proposals for a National Retirement Pension Scheme for retained firefighters and the implications of the stakeholder pension proposals in the Government's Green Paper "A New Contract for Welfare: Partnership in Pensions "; Guaranteed Minimum Pensions (GMP) notifications – delays due to problems with the National Insurance Recording System 2 (NIRS2).	16.11.1999
2/2000	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2000; Pensions Increase guidance – HM Treasury; Mis-selling of Personal Pensions – FSAVCs; Internal Dispute Resolution Procedures – applicants to be informed that OPAS can assist at <u>any</u> stage; Payment of fees to GAD – GAD will charge a fee for actuarial calculations, e.g., for Rules E7 and G6 to G8; Contact names and addresses within the Fire Policy Unit.	28.2.2000
5/2000	-	Amendment to the Commentary; Rules A9 and A11 – qualifying injury and injury awards.	3.5.2000
15/2000	-	Advance notice of pension sharing on divorce; Correction to FSC 5/2000 – Bradley case should be 1994 not 1992 – amendment to page A9-1 of the Commentary.	2.10.2000
17/2000	-	Regional Boards of Medical Referees – 2 year extension to contract with BUPA – new terms for default arrangements for BUPA – increase in costs and details – changes in time limits for giving of notice and reporting of cases – postponement charges.	27.10.2000
19/2000	-	Revised Pensions Increase booklet produced by HM Treasury and available for purchase for distribution to pensioners; Revised Ministerial Direction under section 59A of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975	27.10.2000

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5/2001	-	Revised CETV factors for those entitled to immediate payment of benefits at the date of calculation; Fully revised list of Club Schemes; Draft Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2001; Inland Revenue Contracted-out Employment Group Newsletter (includes details of necessary action on divorce); FSAVCs headroom checking – additional information; Fire Policy Unit contact names, addresses and telephone numbers.	7.10.2001 (CETV factors 12.3.2001)
6/2001	-	Request for ill-health statistics in relation to work being undertaken by the Implementation Task Group in respect of “Fit for Duty” report of HM Inspectorate and HM Treasury “Review of Ill-Health Retirement in the Public Sector”.	9.3.2001
15/2001	-	Pensions for retained firefighters – suspension of work on voluntary national GPP pending outcome of employment tribunals – HO legal adviser’s view that retained firefighters have access to an occupational pension scheme (injury provisions of FPS) and so, for purposes of stakeholder pension legislation, a fire authority does not have to provide a stakeholder pension; HM Treasury guidance on the operation of Pensions Increase; Further guidance on revised CETV factors (see FSC 5/2001); Public Sector transfer arrangements – Club Schemes, details of website giving list of participating employers; Qualification in Public Sector Pensions – details of new PMI qualifications; Contracted-Out Employments Group – details of website for regular newsletters.	3.8.2001
17/2001 (see 2001/3691)	-	Pension sharing on divorce – general guidance; advance issue of Annexe 14 of the Commentary on the Firefighters’ Pension Scheme – for the firefighter, guidance note – for the fire authority, administrative procedures, model forms, model letters, GAD guidance.	8.8.2001
18/2001	-	Stakeholder pensions for retained firefighters – advice from the Department for Work and Pensions.	17.9.2001
-	2001/3649	<b>The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments and Repeals) Order 2001</b> Amends Rule F6A (Previous service reckonable following actionable loss) and The Firemen’s Pensions (Provision of Information) Regulations 1997 (provision of information in mis-selling cases) to include references to the Finances and Markets Act 2000.	1.12.2001
20/2001	2001/3691	<b>The Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Pension Sharing) Order 2001</b> Amendment to GAD guidance notes.	1.12.2001

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2/2002	-	Revised version of the on-line Commentary on the Firefighters' Pension Scheme; Crown Court judgement in respect of assessment of degree of disability for an injury award – Brigade Medical Officer may advise on medical issues only, the Fire Authority must assess on non-medical issues; Fire Authorities asked to notify Fire Policy Division promptly in the event of an appeal going to Crown Court under Rule H3; Electronic version of circulars available, may eventually appear on DTLR website; Contact names, addresses and telephone numbers.	13.3.2002
3/2002	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2002; Change of e-mail addresses for Fire Policy Division; Contact names, addresses and telephone numbers.	5.4.2002
14/2002	-	Regional Boards of Medical Referees – following Crown Court judgement referred to in FSC 2/2002 Boards will be asked only to consider medical issues, they will not be <u>prohibited</u> from considering the non-medical aspect of a case but fire authorities will not be bound by conclusions on non-medical aspects; In future there should be a clear distinction between the medical issues to be considered by a fire authority's medical adviser and the non-medical issues e.g. skills and qualifications, which should be considered by the fire authority; new model Medical Certificates A, B and G and Assessment Form (Degree of Disablement); List of amendments made to Commentary; Transfer of Fire Policy Division with effect from end of May 2002 to Office of Deputy Prime Minister – new address; contact names and phone numbers at ODPM.	20.10.2002
2/2003	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2003; Contact names, addresses and telephone numbers.	17.1.2003
3/2003	-	Introduction of requirement for independent qualified medical practitioner for medical opinions under Rule H1; Test of "permanently disabled" to be interpreted as "incapable until the normal date of retirement".	17.1.2003
4/2003	-	Regional Boards of Medical Referees – new contract awarded to BUPA Wellness; Amendments to administrative procedures and forms.	17.1.2003
5/2003	-	Reserve Forces Service Leave – notes for issue to regular firefighters called up for the Reserve Forces.	4.2.2003
9/2003	-	Consultation on amendments to FPS; New ODPM website address for the Commentary; Amendments to Commentary since December 2002; Contact names, addresses and telephone numbers.	17.7.2003
12/2003	-	Commonly asked questions about changes to firefighters' pension arrangements; Contact names, addresses and telephone numbers.	9.9.2003
5/2004	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2004; Proposed amendments to the FPS;	16.2.2004

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14/2004	-	Update on new pension arrangements; Proposed amendments to the FPS; Employment of regular firefighters as retained firefighters – pension implications; Contact names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses	30.4.2004
-	2004 Chapter 21	<b>The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004</b> The Act repeals the Fire Services Act 1947. Part 4 – Employment (sections 32 to 37), deals with employment by fire and rescue authorities, in particular the creation of negotiating bodies to determine the terms and conditions of employees, and pension schemes. Section 34 gives the Secretary of State power to bring into operation one or more schemes making provision for payment of pensions, allowances and gratuities to or in respect of persons who are or have been employed by a fire and rescue authority or by a Scottish authority. It also makes provision for persons who die or have died while so employed. Section 35 sets out the circumstances in which the authority may provide information, etc. in connection with "mis-selling". Section 36 preserves the existing scheme established under section 26 of the Fire Services Act 1947 despite the repeal of that section of the Act. It also allows for a new name for the scheme.	Royal Assent 22.7.2004
21/2004	-	Management of medical appeals, including new forms; Key Learnings provided by BUPA Wellness based on appeal experience; Details of two Pensions Ombudsman cases: (a) authority's delay in submitting firefighter's notice of appeal: (b) secondary employment to be disregarded in assessing to what extent earnings capacity is affected.	11.8.2004
	2004/2304 (C.100)	<b>The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (Commencement) (England and Scotland) Order 2004</b> Brings section 21 (Fire and Rescue National Framework) and section 36 (preservation of existing pension scheme) of the 2004 Act into force on 7 September 2004. Other parts of the Act not already in force come into force on 1 October 2004.	6.9.2004
30/2004	2004/1912	<b>The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 2004</b> Part-time provisions; Maternity, paternity, adoption leave; Change in definition of "regular firefighter"; Medical Appeal Boards may decide non-medical issues of questions in Rule H1(2); Authority may require appellant to meet cost of late cancellation; Amendments to allocation; Widow(er)'s ordinary pension entitlement after 2 years; Restoration of 13-week payment following death of retained firefighter; Restoration of child's pension for servicemen; Removal of discretion and test of dependency for child of a female under Rules J3 and J4; Payment of a widow(er)'s pension disregarded during service as a firefighter under Rule K1; Child can receive pension in respect of both firefighter parents; Timing of lump sum payment for "purchase".	13.9.2004  Circular 1.9.2004
30/2004 explanatory letter	-	ODPM letter adding additional guidance on content of FSC 30/2004	6.9.2004

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-	2004/2306	<b>The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (England and Scotland) Order 2004</b> Provides for the Firemen's Pension Scheme established under s26 of the Fire Services Act 1947 to continue in force despite repeal of that section, and provides for the name of the Scheme to be changed to the "Firefighters' Pension Scheme".	1.10.2004
44/2004	-	Review of Pension Arrangements for Firefighters – covers publication of two consultation documents: (a) Government proposals for a New Firefighters' Pension Scheme, (b) Proposals for amendments to the Firefighters' Pension Scheme	13.10.2004
48/2004	-	Review of Pension Arrangements for Firefighters – further Q and A briefing to supplement that provided with FSC 44/2004.	4.11.2004
4/2005	-	Proposals for new financial arrangements for Firefighter Pensions: Circular invites comments. Also requests up-to-date data regarding current payroll for active firefighter, the number of firefighters in the pension scheme leaving each FRA in 2003/4 and estimates for 2004/05 and 2005/06.	8.2.2005
9/2005	-	Changes to Commentary (Rule H2) following revised guidance in FSC 21/2004 with revised medical certificates for use by the Service and Independent Qualified Medical Advisers and a revised consent for completion by the appellant: Also advises on pensionable pay, Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2005 and injury awards and apportionment.	8.3.2005
FPS Guidance Note 1/2005	-	Additional guidance on content of FSC 9/2005. Need for referral to Independent Qualified Medical Practitioner.	13.4.2005
16/2005	-	Disability Discrimination Act – decisions about recruitment and retention must be based on the assessment of the individual against medical and occupational evidence.	4.4.2005
FPSC 1/2005	-	Move of Firefighters' Pension Team (on 1.8.2005) from Fire Legislation, Safety and Pensions Division of the Fire and Rescue Services Directorate to the new Local Government and Firefighters' Pensions Schemes Division in the Local Government Finance Directorate – change of address: Salary sacrifice schemes: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) replaced National Earnings Survey (NES) on 28 October 2004 – ASHE may be used for assessing degree of disablement for an injury award.	15.8.2005
FPSC 2/2005	-	The outcome of the consultation exercise on pension changes for firefighters – Government response to consultation on current FPS and new FPS: The development of proposals for a new Scheme and the framework: Briefing Note (FAQs) for firefighters.	8.9.2005

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FPSC 3/2005	-	Information about, and invitation to comment on, proposed amendments to FPS; Copy of informal consolidation of FPSO 1992 including all amendments made since 1992.	13.9.2005
FPSC 4/2005	2005/2980	<b>The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (England) Order 2005</b> Change from ranks to roles; Change from "fire authority" to "fire and rescue authority"; Change from "brigade" and "fire service" to "fire and rescue service"; Compulsory retirement age (55 or 60 according to rank) amended to normal pension age (55 for all roles); Definition of pensionable pay amended to allow Salary Sacrifice; Non-duplication of benefit provisions extended to cover cases where duplication of awards arises from both regular and retained employment; Corrections to anomalies, e.g. early payment of deferred pension on health grounds.	21.11.2005
FRSC 55-2005	-	Introduction of new financial arrangements for firefighter pensions from 1 April 2006.  Annex A: formal ODPM response to consultation.  Annex B: Detailed guidance for FRAs.  Annex C: Invitation to seminar on 8 December 2005.	29.11.2005
FPSC 5/2005	2005/3228	<b>The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Civil Partnership Amendments) (England and Scotland) Order 2005</b> Introduction of benefits for surviving civil partners of firefighters.	5.12.2005
FRSC 62-2005	-	New financial arrangements for firefighter pensions – local government finance settlement.	23.12.2005
FRSC 4-2006	-	Personal insurance for firefighters	1.2.2006
FPSC 1/2006	-	Progress on NFPS: Blueprint agreed and referred to lawyers for Scheme order to be drafted, intent that NFPS should come into operation on 6 April 2006 and that the FPS should be closed to new members from that date.  Progress on FPS: no decision yet as to increase in minimum retirement age; proposed that two-tier ill health arrangements should be introduced from April 2006; changes required to reflect new tax regime from 6 April 2006.  Appendix A: Question and answer briefing for firefighters on FPS amendments and introduction of NFPS.  Appendix B: Effect on FPS (and death and injury compensation benefits) of new tax regime, new finance arrangements, new ill-health retirement provisions.	2.2.2006

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<p style="text-align: center;">FPSC 2/2006</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FPS Guidance Notes 1/2006 2/2006</p>	-	<p>New tax regime: information for firefighters and administrators –</p> <p>Guidance Note 1: provides technical notes for administrators on the valuation of FPS benefits at 5 April 2006 for primary protection purposes.</p> <p>Guidance Note 2: covers impact of new tax regime on high earners in the Firefighters' Pension Scheme.</p> <p>Tax Registration requirements.</p>	6.2.2006
<p style="text-align: center;">FPSC 3/2006</p>	-	<p>HMRC guidance on time limit for commutation.</p> <p>Reminder of address to which medical appeal papers should be sent.</p>	10.2.2006
<p style="text-align: center;">FPSC 4/2006</p>	-	<p>Progress on FPS: Ministers have withdrawn proposal to raise minimum pension age from 50 to 55, this will have an impact on the future cost of the FPS and the employee contribution rate for the NFPS will be slightly higher than originally envisaged; the new ill-health retirement arrangements will be effective from 1 April as planned; because of closure of FPS FRAs should take steps to inform optants out and those on career breaks (not in firefighter employment) that they will be in NFPS if return after 5 April 2006 – see FPS Guidance Note 3/2006.</p> <p>Progress on NFPS: remains intent should come into operation for new entrants from 6 April 2006; will be open to regular, retained duty system, and volunteer firefighters.</p> <p>Transitional arrangements: new entrants to be placed on a temporary basis in the FPS, paying a contribution of 8.5% of pensionable pay.</p> <p>Retained duty system firefighters' injury provisions: Ministers have decided that those serving immediately before introduction of NFPS should have protection of whole-time injury cover, whether or not choose to join NFPS.</p> <p>Control room staff: Ministers to consider whether should have access to NFPS.</p> <p>New injury compensation scheme: proposals to be published "later this spring".</p> <p>Appendix A: Question and answer briefing for firefighters on FPS amendments and introduction of NFPS.</p>	20.2.2006
<p style="text-align: center;">FPS Guidance Note 3/2006</p>	-	<p>Transitional arrangements: career breaks (effect on entitlement to membership of FPS or NFPS).</p>	1.3.2006
<p style="text-align: center;">FPSC 5/2006</p>	-	<p>Basic annual increase to be 2.7%.</p> <p>Working Group set up to consider "The terms on which Emergency Fire Control Staff might transfer to the NFPS, having regard to the need to ensure no additional costs to fire and rescue authorities."</p>	2.3.2006
<p style="text-align: center;">FRSC 8/2006</p>	-	<p>Final guidance on the new financial arrangements setting out details for the financial arrangements introduced on 1 April 2006.</p>	2.3.2006

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FPSC 6/2006	-	<p>Refers to drafts of Compensation Scheme Order and Pension Scheme Amendment Order, invites comments and explains background.</p> <p>Death and injury benefits: these benefits as contained in FPSO 1992 to be put into a separate SI (to comply with new tax regime) together with injury provisions previously contained in Grey Book.</p> <p>New finance arrangements: explanation of how these will be set out in amendments to be made to FPSO 1992.</p> <p>New arrangements for ill-health awards: explanation of how these will be set out in amendments to be made to FPSO 1992.</p> <p>Amendments consequential to new tax regime: list of amendments to be made to FPSO 1992 with cross-reference to requirement of Finance Act 2004.</p> <p>Closure of FPS to new members from 6 April 2006.</p> <p>Annex: draft Compensation Scheme Order</p> <p>Annex: draft Pension Scheme Amendment Order</p>	15.3.2006
FPSC 7/2006	-	<p>Intended arrangements for introduction of NFPS – membership, new recruits employed from 6 April 2006, new scheme options.</p> <p>Annexe A: Statement Package – list of items to be issued.</p> <p>For immediate issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A guide to the NFPS</li> <li>• Guide insert for regular firefighters appointed on or after 6 April 2006</li> <li>• Form: nomination for recipient of death grant or guaranteed pension</li> <li>• Form: nomination form - dependent partner</li> <li>• Leaflet: guide to persons not allowed to marry or enter into a civil partnership in UK</li> </ul>	30.3.2006
FPSC 8/2006	-	<p>Progress of FPS Amendment Order. Latest draft on website.</p> <p>Firefighters' Compensation Scheme: HMRC guidance that no enforcement of unauthorised payment tax charges pending the introduction of the Scheme. Latest draft on website.</p> <p>New tax regime: Taking benefits and remaining employed as a firefighter – an explanation, earnings cap for 2006/2007,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lifetime allowance – declaration form and notes</li> </ul> <p>New ill-health award arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• revised model certificates</li> <li>• guidance note for firefighters (attached as Annex to circular)</li> </ul> <p>NFPS financing: explanation that employer contribution rate of 14.2% includes ill-health charge equal to 3.2%.</p> <p>Announcement of further workshops.</p>	11.4.2006

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FPSC 9/2006	2006/1810	Explains the following two Orders:  <b>The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (England) Order 2006</b>  Various effective dates.  The amendments are those which – (a) are consequential on the new tax regime for pensions which came into force on 6.4.2006 (b) are required by new financing arrangements for firefighters' pensions (c) result from new ill-health arrangements (d) close FPS to new members (e) make corrections.	FPSC date 11.7.2006  7.8.2006
	2006/1811	<b>The Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (England) ) Order 2006</b>  This has effect from 1.4.2006. It was necessary to remove all the injury provisions from the FPS before 6.4.2006 in order that the Scheme would meet the new tax regime requirements effective from that date. The Order contains those provisions plus duty-related compensation which was previously set out in the 5th edition of the Scheme of Conditions of Service (Grey Book).	7.8.2006
FPSC 10/2006	-	Progress with drafting of NFPS Order.  Changes to contract with BUPA for provision of Boards of Medical Referees.  Reminder about requirement to obtain opinion of independent qualified medical practitioner when considering questions under Rule H1(2).  Annex A: Form for FRA's completion and return to DCLG regarding preparedness for Options Exercise.  Annex B: Draft text of letter to be sent to firefighters about the NFPS and the Options Exercise.	14.7.2006
FPS Guidance Note 4/2006	-	Pension Scheme Tax Reference	15.8.2006
FPSC 11/2006	-	Revision of previous guidance on entitlement to an ill-health award as a consequence of change to definition of "regular firefighter". The test in assessing whether a regular firefighter ought to retire on the grounds of ill-health is that he/she is permanently disabled for firefighting <u>and</u> for performing other duties appropriate to the role.	4.9.2006
FPSC 12/2006	-	Setting up of discussion forum on DCLG website.  Issue of forms to retained and volunteer firefighters in post before 6 April 2006 for nomination of dependent partner for survivor's pension in advance of issued of NFPS Order (not binding if choose not to join).  Dates of NFPS Options Workshops.	5.10.2006

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FPSC 13/2006	-	Guidance on management of Options Exercise (joining/transferring service to NFPS).  Annex 1: Summary of information to be given to firefighter Groups A to E.  Annex 2: Form for FRAs to complete and return to DCLG on completion of Options Exercise.	20.12.2006
FPSC 2/2007	2006/3432	<b>The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (England) Order 2006</b>  Has effect from 6.4.2006. Sets out the rules of the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme.	25.1.2007 (Circular 15.2.2007)
FPSC 2/2007	2006/3433	<b>The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No 2) (England) Order 2006</b>  Has effect (mainly) from 6.4.2006. Most amendments are for consistency with NFPS but include some corrections.	25.1.2007 (Circular 15.2.2007)
FPSC 2/2007	2006/3434	<b>The Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (England) (Amendment) Order 2006</b>  Has effect from 6.4.2006. Most amendments consequential on introduction of NFPS.	25.1.2007 (Circular 15.2.2007)
FPSC 1/2007	-	Transfer value factors and guidance provided by GAD for the NFPS	13.2.2007
FPSC 3/2007	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2007; Financial Reporting Council and Levy on Pension Schemes – Guidance; Recycling of Pension Commencement Lumps Sums – Guidance and suggested declaration form.	21.2.2007
FPS Guidance Note 1/2007	-	Treatment of pension debits (following a pension sharing order) on conversion during Options Exercise.	12.3.2007
FPS Guidance Note 2/2007	-	New Firefighters' Pension Scheme: Tax Reference	23.3.2007
FPSC 4/2007	-	Firefighters' Compensation Scheme - Compensation for death or permanent incapacity while on duty and how entitlement should be established; Earnings Cap for 2007/08; Corrected version of NFPS on OPSI website; Regional meetings planned – dates and venues.	11.4.2007

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FPSC 5/2007	-	NFPS Contracted-out status; Actuarial data required for setting contribution rates; HMRC - Role of a sub-scheme Administrator.  Annexe A: Contracted-out status Annexe B: Contracted-out status – example form Annexe C: Specification of data required for setting Contribution Rates Annexe D: Rule of a sub-scheme administrator	14.5.2007
FRSC 33/2007	-	Firefighter pensions top-up grant payments	30.7.2007
FPSC 6/2007	-	Implications for injury benefits of employing a firefighter under a second contract or on secondary duties	14.8.2007
FPSC 7/2007	-	Amendment to FPS and NFPS to provide Additional Pension Benefit arrangements in respect of pension problems caused by the phasing out of the Long Service Increment and the introduction of Continual Professional Development payments; introduction of split pensions into FPS; miscellaneous corrections to NFPS	23.8.2007
FRSC 38/2007	-	Financial arrangements for firefighter pensions – top-up grant estimate form.	31.8.2007
FPSC 8/2007	-	Guidance to help Independent Qualified Medical Practitioners understand their role in determining a medical opinion on questions of permanent disablement, etc.	5.9.2007
FPS Guidance Note 3/2007	-	NFPS: Transfers between English authorities. Arrangements to recover National Insurance contributions paid on earnings where retained and volunteer firefighters have backdated their membership in the NFPS to April 2006. Attachment letter updating progress on amendments to FPS and NFPS, in particular the introduction of split pensions into FPS and APB arrangements for CPD allowance and LSI.	8.11.2007
FRSC 1/2008	-	Firefighter pension schemes – data collection for actuarial assessment.	4.1.2008
FPSC 1/2008	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2008; Possible overpayments of pensions paid to FPS pensioners who have reached State Pension Age (SPA) as a result of late or non notification of GMPs.	4.2.2008
FPSC 2/2008  FPSC 2/2008 (Amended)	2008/213	<b>The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (England) (Amendment) Order 2008</b> Amendments to NFPS to allow for the pensionability of Long Service Increment and Continual Professional Development payments to be dealt with through Additional Pension Benefit arrangements; Various correcting amendments.	29.2.2008 (Circular 15.2.2008 Reissued 3.3.2008)

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FPSC 2/2008  FPSC 2/2008 (Amended)	2008/214	<b>The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (England) Order 2008</b>  Amendments to FPS to allow for the pensionability of Long Service Increment and Continual Professional Development payments to be dealt with through Additional Pension Benefit arrangements; Introduction of two pensions (or split pension) arrangements in the 1992 Scheme.	29.2.2008 (Circular 15.2.2008 Reissued 3.3.2008)
FPSC 3/2008	-	Statutory Guidance on transfer values and pension sharing in NFPS (supersedes previous guidance issued 13.2.2007 with FPSC 1/2007; Statutory Guidance on the calculation of CETVs in the FPS; Statutory guidance on the dates to be used in the calculation of pension credits on pension sharing on divorce in the FPS; Details of change of office address; Note explaining the status of FPC circulars. Annexes A and B - GAD factors and guidance, Annex C Paper HRG(08)6 – paper regarding status of advice issued by CLG (as presented to second meeting of FPS III-Health Review Group on 4 March 2008)	13.3.2008
FRSC 16/2008	-	Financial arrangements for firefighter pensions – top-up grant forms. Forms to be completed by 16 May 2008. Information provided to be used to calculate final top-up grant payments to FRAs in respect of 2006/07 and 2007/08	16.4.2008
FPSC 4/2008	-	Extension of contract for provision of Boards of Medical Referees and revised schedule of charges.	1.5.2008
FPSC 5/2008	-	Revised GAD factors for commutation under Rule B7 of FPS (for use from 1.10.2007); GAD factors for trivial commutation under Rules B8 and E5 of FPS and Part 3 Rule 10 and Part 5 Rule 5 of the NFPS; GAD factors for capitalisation of death gratuities under Rule E4 of FPS.	21.5.2008
FPS Guidance Note 1/2008*	-	Additional Pension Benefits - questions and answers (see FPSC 2/2008)  <i>An amended version of this Guidance Note was issued in June 2008</i>	5.2008
FPS Guidance Note 2/2008*	-	FPS – change to commutation factors: tax implications	5.2008
FPS Guidance Note 3/2008*	-	Clarification about the application of Pensions Increase to Additional Pension Benefits.  Amended version of FPS Guidance Note 1/2008 attached.	6.2008
FPS Guidance Note 4/2008*	-	FPS: New commutation factors – additional guidance	8.2008
FRSC 40/2008	-	Financial arrangements for firefighter pensions – top-up grant payments.	6.8.2008

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FPSC 6/2008	-	NFPS: Purchase of additional service – GAD factors and guidance	12.8.2008
FRSC 49/2008	-	Financial arrangements for firefighter pensions – request for FRAs to complete and return top-up grant estimate forms.	2.9.2008
FPSC 7/2008	-	New arrangements for Cash Equivalent Transfer Values; Annex A – new Public Sector Transfer Club factors as issued by GAD	26.9.2008
FPSC 8/2008	-	New, informal guidance on the award of ill-health retirement pensions under the FPS and NFPS.	24.10.2008
FPS Guidance Note 5/2008*	-	New provisions for Cash Equivalent Transfer Values	31.10.2008
FPSC 9/2008	-	GMP overpayments in public service pension schemes	16.12.2008
FPSC 10/2008	-	Update on grievances submitted by firefighters following decision to apply revised commutation factors relating to FPS retrospectively to 1 October 2007.	17.12.2008
FPSC 1/2009	-	Review of IDRPs arrangements.	2.1.2009
FPSC 2/2009	-	Introduction of Employment and Support Allowance to replace Incapacity Benefit and Income Support; implication for calculating injury awards under FCS	6.1.2009
FPS Guidance Note 1/2009	-	NFPS: Member Initiated Early Payment of Pension – actuarial reduction	13.1.2009
FPSC 3/2009	-	Final guidance and actuarial factors for calculating CETVs for the FPS and NFPS from 1.10.2008. To be read with FPSC 7/2008 and FPS Guidance Note 5/2008	30.1.2009
FPSC 4/2009	-	Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2009	19.2.2009
FRSC 11/2009	-	Notification to FRAs of new arrangements for claiming and payment of Firefighter Pension Top Up Grant. Responsibility passed from CLG Fire and Resilience Directorate to Workforce Pay and Pensions Division. Future general information to be issued under the cover of Firefighter Pension Scheme Circulars.	3.3.2009

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FPSC 5/2009	-	Reminds FRAs of the deadline (5.4.2009) for the submission of claims for protection certificates to HM Revenue and Customs. Provides FRAs with notification of Earnings Cap for 2008/10	17.3.2009
FPSC 6/2009	-	Current status of Pension Top Up Grants for 2009. Advises each FRA of the value of Top Up Grant which they will receive	11.8.2009
FPSC 7/2009	-	Guidance on backdating to 22 August 2006 of commutation factors (as issued with FPSC 5/2008)	7.9.2009
FPSC 8/2009	-	Update on consequences of decision of the Court of Appeal in Marrion and others and impact on guidance given in FPSC 8/2008. Issue of Guidance for Independent Qualified Medical Practitioners July 2009. Arrangements for procurement of a new contract for Boards of Medical Referees.	9.9.2009
FPSC 9/2009	-	Copy of CLG response to complaints from retired firefighters relating to the introduction of new commutation factors.	15.9.2009
FPSC 10/2009	-	CLG's position regarding the abatement of a member's pension on re-employment	25.9.2009
FPS Guidance Note 2/2009	-	FPS: Protected Pension Age	9.11.2009
FPSC 11/2009	-	FPS and NFPS: definition of pensionable pay; comments invited on options for more equitable arrangements. Recommendation that FRAs should not introduce new pensionable payments until decisions have been taken.	9.12.2009
FPSC 12/2009	-	Advises FRAs about the payment of a second special commutation top-up payment following the decision to further backdate the application of the revised commutation factors to those firefighter FPS pensions that came into payment on or after 22 August 2006	23.12.2009
FPSC 1/2010 <del>13/2009</del>	-	Gives details of the new contract between CLG and Health Management Ltd. for Boards of Medical Referees, the procedures for processing appeal cases, and the revision of forms to support this. Replaces 21/2004 which should be destroyed.	14.1.2010
FPS Guidance Note 1/2010	-	Protected Pension Age – implications for re-employment of FPS Pensioners from 6 April 2010	26.1.2010