

RULE A6

No application to auxiliary firefighters

Rule A6 excludes auxiliary firefighters from the Scheme.

Exclusion Rule A6 states that the FPS does not apply to an employee whose employment, except in a war emergency, is restricted to duties undertaken for training purposes only.

Points To Note

1. The Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS) was formed in 1939 and absorbed into the National Fire Service (NFS) in August 1941.

In 1942, on the amalgamation of about 1,400 local fire brigades, all auxiliaries became part of the NFS.

The NFS was disbanded in 1948 and the Fire Services Act 1947 reinstated local authority fire brigades.

The "Cold War" and perceived nuclear threat which arose after World War II gave rise to the Civil Defence Act 1948 which reconstituted the Civil Defence Corps and the AFS. As the threat waned, the Civil Defence Corps and AFS were considered no longer necessary. The AFS was stood down in 1968. Since then no auxiliary firefighters have been recruited.
2. Special arrangements were made for the counting of AFS or NFS service towards pensionable service by those who became members of local authority fire brigades in 1948.
3. Although there are no longer any auxiliary firefighters serving as such, provision is still needed to make it clear that benefits under the FPS do not apply to former auxiliary firefighters who did not become members of local authority fire brigades, nor to their dependants. This is the purpose of Rule A6