

**Rule F6 refers to the counting of war service as pensionable service.  
Schedule 7 sets out the circumstances under which war service may be taken into account.**

**Eligibility**

Although these provisions have been retained in the FPS it is highly unlikely, in view of the passage of time, that any new cases will now arise. The time limit for applications expired in 1987 although fire and rescue authorities have discretion to extend this in certain cases.

Initially, the war service arrangements covered firefighters who had served in the armed forces of the Crown, or in the merchant navy or mercantile marine, or in any of the women's services specified in Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Act 1946, after 2 September 1939 but before 1 July 1950, and who immediately after war service and before 1 July 1950 served as a firefighter. Subject to a valid claim such a firefighter could count part of the period of war service as pensionable service.

Similar provisions applied in certain other public sector schemes and eventually the rules were changed to allow the war service to count in cases where a person did not become a firefighter immediately after war service but first entered some other area of public service with similar arrangements.

The idea behind this provision was to compensate those whose entry into public service was delayed because of the Second World War by allowing part of their service to the country to count towards their public service pension.

Full details of how the war service provisions should be applied can be found in Fire Service Circulars – see "Useful reference source".

**Provisions**

Because it was felt unlikely that there would be any new cases arising after the drafting of the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order 1992, the provisions were not put in the main body of the Order but at the end, in Schedule 7. Nevertheless the terms remain unchanged from the earlier Order.

Schedule 7 sets out the provisions in 5 parts –

Part I: explains how an election should be made.

Part II: applies to those who became firefighters before July 1950.

Part III: applies to "transferees", i.e. those who were not firefighters before July 1950 but in some other area of public service (Part III explains which) and subsequently became firefighters.

Part IV: applies to certain other categories of transferee – mainly those in ministerially controlled pension arrangements.

Part V: contains supplementary provisions.

**Rule F6 (continued)**

**Useful reference  
source**

- FSC 28/1975: anticipatory – counting of war service
- FSC 28/1975: addendum
- FSC 28/1975: addendum 2
- FSC 28/1975: annex
- FSC 28/1975: clarification letter
- FSC 16/1979: counting of war service in Palestine Police Force
- FSC 31/1979: war service in Palestine Police Force – interest payments
- FSC 35/1979: main details about war service
- FSC 7/1986: extension to public service transferees