

NEW FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME 2006

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Information for regular firefighters appointed on or after 6 April 2006

The legislation setting out the terms and provisions of the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme 2006 (referred to here as "the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme" or "NFPS") will not come into operation until later this year. When it is issued, however, it will have retrospective effect from 6 April 2006.

Because you were appointed as a firefighter after 5 April 2006, you will be a member of the NFPS. This Guide tells you about the Scheme and the benefits it provides.

You will see in "How Much Do I Pay?" on page 9 that your contribution rate as a member of the NFPS is 8.5% of pensionable pay. Contributions at this rate will be deducted from your instalments of pay from your date of appointment.

In addition to membership of the NFPS you are covered by the injury and compensation provisions of the Firefighters' Compensation Scheme. You do not have to pay contributions for this cover.

It is to be hoped, of course, that you will have many years of NFPS membership ahead of you as a serving firefighter. If, however, circumstances are such that you cease to be a member for any reason before the NFPS legislation comes into force, entitlement to benefits will be based on those provided under the Firefighters' Pension Scheme 1992 (and the Compensation Scheme if relevant).

As soon as the NFPS legislation comes into force you will be informed.