

Regular firefighter appointed on or after 6 April 2006

Dear xxxxxxxx

The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (England) Order 2006

When you joined xxxxxxxx Fire and Rescue Service on dd/mm/yy you were automatically admitted to the Firefighters' Pension Scheme 2006 (known as the "New Firefighters' Pension Scheme" or "NFPS"). At that date, however, the legislation containing the rules of the NFPS had not been finalised. Consequently you were given temporary pension cover in the Firefighters' Pension Scheme 1992 although the pension contribution rate you have been paying – 8.5% of pensionable pay – anticipated the rate you would pay under the NFPS.

The Firefighters' Pension Scheme Order 2006 which sets out the rules of the NFPS is about to come into force, having effect from 6 April 2006. Consequently I can confirm that you will be officially a member of the NFPS with effect from your first day of service, and the temporary cover offered by the Firemen's Pension Scheme Order 1992 will cease.

Although they do not form part of the NFPS, you also have cover for injury awards and duty-related compensation as set out in the Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (England) Order 2006. A Guide to the Compensation Scheme is available on the intranet at [[link to be inserted](#)] or on the firepensions website at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1164954>

Enclosed with this letter is –

- a Guide to the NFPS. This will give you basic information about the Scheme
- a New Starter Form/Pensions History Form (*or whatever the FRA's form is called*) for you to complete and return. This will help ensure an accurate pension record is created for you and gives you the opportunity to ask the Fire and Rescue Authority to investigate a possible transfer of pension rights from some other pension scheme. Note that a transfer will only be accepted if you request it within 12 months.
- a form on which you can nominate the person or persons you would wish to receive payment of a death grant.
- a form on which, if you have a dependent partner, you may choose to nominate that partner for a survivor's pension in the event of your death (a spouse or civil partner has automatic cover without need for nomination).
- a form on which, if you wish, you may elect to opt out of the NFPS. (This would not mean that you retain the temporary cover of the FPS. You would have to make your own pension arrangements.) The enclosed Scheme guide explains the implications of opting-out.

Completed forms should be returned in the enclosed prepaid envelope to –

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If you have any questions about membership of the NFPS or would like further information about the forms or the contents of the Guide, please contact –

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Yours sincerely