

X FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

NEW FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME 2006

**RETAINED FIREFIGHTER APPOINTED ON OR AFTER 6 APRIL 2006
OPTION TO BACKDATE MEMBERSHIP**

You have been brought into the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme ("NFPS") as a retained firefighter¹ member with effect from the date the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (England) Order 2006 came into force. Because, however, the Order has effect from 6 April 2006, you can, if you wish, backdate your membership to the date you took up your employment.

There are time limits for taking up this option and you would be required to pay arrears of contributions

If you are interested in this option, you should complete the other side of this form to this effect and return it to the address below by 31 March 2007. The Fire and Rescue Authority will then calculate the arrears of contributions due and will send you written notice of the amount together with instructions regarding payment. If you wish to proceed, full payment must be made within 6 months of the date of the notice.

If you do not elect to make the payment or, having elected to pay, fail to make the full payment within the time limit, your period of service before the operative date will not count as qualifying or pensionable service as a member of the NFPS.

There is no option to make a partial payment for part of the period to count.

There is no option to make this payment if you elect not to be a member of the NFPS with effect from the date the Order came into force.

This option to elect to backdate membership by the payment of arrears of contributions will not be extended beyond 31 March 2007.

If you do not wish to backdate membership, please complete and return the form to indicate this.

The completed form should be returned to:

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¹ "Retained firefighter" means a retained duty system firefighter, a day-crewing firefighter while undertaking retained duties, or a volunteer firefighter.

First read the other side of this form

**RETAINED FIREFIGHTER
OPTION TO BACKDATE MEMBERSHIP**

Tick A or B below to indicate your wishes:

- A I am interested in backdating my membership of the NFPS to my first day of employment as a retained firefighter and paying to the Fire and Rescue Authority a sum representing the contributions I would have paid on my earnings as a retained firefighter between that first day of employment and the date the Firefighters' Pension Scheme Order 2006 came into force.

I understand that the Fire and Rescue Authority will confirm receipt of this request and will send me notice of the contributions due and how payment may be made. I can then decide whether or not I wish to pay the contributions in order that membership may be backdated.

- B I **do not** wish to backdate membership of the NFPS to my first day of employment as a retained firefighter.

I understand that I will not have a further opportunity to count the period of employment before the date the Firefighters' Pension Scheme Order 2006 came into force.

Signed Date

Complete in BLOCK CAPITALS:

Surname

Forename(s)

Address

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National Insurance number

Work location

Date of commencement of employment

Employee number (if known)