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Title:	<i>THE FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME - guidance on the definition of "regular firefighter"</i>		
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Summary:	This circular revises previous guidance on entitlement to an ill-health award as a consequence of the change to the definition of regular firefighter set out in the Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 2004. It replaces section (a) of Annex B (Guidance on implementing changes) of Fire and Rescue Service Circular 30- 2004.
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The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order 2004

1. Guidance in section (a) Annex B of Fire and Rescue Service Circular 30-2004 sets out the consequence of the amendment to the definition of "regular firefighter" in Schedule 1, Part 1 (Glossary of expressions) of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (FPS). Since the guidance was issued, the Fire and Rescue Service have responded positively to the requirement for fitness for other related duties in addition to engaging in firefighting to be considered when assessing whether a person is permanently unfit under Rule A10 and accordingly, over the last 12 months, we have revised the guidance which we have been giving to fire and rescue authorities when asked about the consequences of the amendment.
2. In the circumstances, we are amending the guidance set out in the circular and the following paragraph, which more accurately reflects the provisions of the FPS, should be substituted:-

"(a) Amendment to the definition of "regular firefighter" (Schedule 1, Part 1)

Eligibility for full membership of the FPS is limited to regular firefighters only. The definition of "regular firefighter" includes a requirement to engage in firefighting and to perform other duties as appropriate to his role as a firefighter (other than, or in addition to, engaging in firefighting). The test in assessing whether a regular firefighter ought to retire on the grounds that he is permanently disabled under Rule A15 is whether he is permanently disabled for firefighting and for performing other duties appropriate to the role."