## **B5C** Additional pension benefit

Notes to rule B5C

#### **Relevant Amendments**

This rule is substituted for the original rule B5C from 1 July 2013 but with effect from 11 April 2011. It has been un-amended since being ;introduced in July 2013 - http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1392/schedule/paragraph/2/made

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- (1) Where a fire and rescue authority determines that the benefits listed in paragraph (1) are pensionable, and in any additional pension benefit year pays any such pensionable benefits to a regular firefighter, the authority shall credit the firefighter with an amount of additional pension benefit in respect of that year.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3), the amount of additional pension benefit in respect of that year shall be determined on 1st July immediately following the year in question in accordance with guidance and tables provided by the Scheme Actuary.
- (3) The amount of additional pension benefit determined in accordance with paragraph (2) shall be increased on the first Monday of the following relevant tax year by the same amount as any increase which would have applied if that additional pension benefit were a pension to which the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 applied and the beginning date for that pension were the 1st July of the tax year immediately before the relevant tax year.
- (4) For the avoidance of doubt, the increase of additional pension benefit in the tax year 2010/2011 shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage increase in the Consumer Prices Index in September 2010 with effect from Monday 11th April 2011.
- (5) The benefits referred to in paragraph (1) are—
  - (a) any allowance or supplement to reward additional skills and responsibilities that are applied and maintained outside the requirements of the firefighter's duties under the contract of employment but are within the wider functions of the job;
  - (b) the amount (if any) paid in respect of a firefighter's continual professional development;
  - (c) the difference between the firefighter's basic pay in their day to day role and any pay received whilst on temporary promotion or where he is temporarily required to undertake the duties of a higher role;
  - (d) any performance related payment which is not consolidated into his standard pay.

- (6) In this rule—
  - "additional pension benefit year" means the period of 12 months beginning with 1st July in which a firefighter is in receipt of any of the benefits listed in paragraph (5).
  - "the beginning date" means the date on which the pension is treated as beginning for the purposes of section 8(2) of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971;
  - "following relevant tax year" means the tax year after the relevant tax year, in relation to which the member is not a pensioner member or entitled to a deferred pension under rule B5;
  - "relevant tax year" means a tax year in relation to which—
    - (a) the amount of a firefighter's pension benefits determined under this rule for the purposes of this Scheme is taken into account for tax purposes, and
    - (b) the firefighter is not in receipt of a pension under this Scheme or entitled to a deferred pension under rule B5; and
  - "tax year" means the period of 12 months beginning with 6th April.

# B5D Additional pension benefit: supplementary provisions

### **Relevant Amendments**

• Para (1)

Amended by SI 2015/589 The words "Subject to paragraphs (1A), (2) and (3)" are substituted for the words "Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3)" from 1 April 2015:

Para (1A)

Amended by SI 2015/589 Para (1A) is inserted from 1 April 2015

• Para (2)

Amended by SI 2013/1392 The words "paragraph (4)" are substituted for the words "paragraphs (4) and (5)" from 1 July 2013

Para (2A)

Amended by SI 2015/589 Para (2A) is inserted from 1 April 2015.

• Para (3)

Amended by SI 2013/1392 The words "(rule A15)" are revoked from 1 July 2013:

• Para (3A)

Amended by SI 2015/589 Para (3A) is inserted from 1 April 2015.

## B5D Additional pension benefit: supplementary provisions

- (1) Subject to paragraphs (1A), (2) and (3), additional pension benefit under rule B5B or B5C is payable from normal pension age or, in the case of a regular firefighter to whom rule B1 (ordinary pension) applies, from the date of his retirement.
- (1A) Where additional pension benefit under rule B5B or B5C is payable to a person, who is entitled to a continuous service pension under rule B1A, it is payable from normal pension age or at the age ascertained in accordance with paragraph (3)(i) of rule B1A if that is earlier.
- (2) Where the firefighter resigns or is dismissed or makes an election under rule G3, additional pension benefit is payable at normal benefit age; and paragraph (4) of rule B5 (deferred pension) shall apply in relation to that benefit as if it were a deferred pension to which he was entitled under that rule.
- (2A) Where a person to whom paragraph (6) of rule A3 applies is not entitled to a continuous service pension under rule B1A or to an ill health award under regulation 65 of the 2014 Regulations, paragraph (2) of this rule applies to that person as if that person were a firefighter who had resigned or been dismissed or made an election under rule G3.
- (3) Where the firefighter is required to retire on grounds of permanent disablement, his additional pension benefit is payable immediately.
- (3A) Where the firefighter is entitled to an ill-health award under regulation 65 of the 2014 Regulations additional pension benefit is payable under this Scheme at the same time as the equivalent amount to the 1992 Scheme lower tier ill-health pension.
- (4) For the purposes of rules B7 and B8, additional pension benefit shall be treated as if it were a pension payable under this Part.
- (5) For the purposes of determining the amount of any survivor's pension under Part C, Part D or Part E or pension credit under Part IA, additional pension benefit shall be treated as if it were a pension payable under this Part.