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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES
PENSIONS

**The New Firefighters’ Pension Scheme
(Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013**

Made - - - - 26th March 2013
Coming into operation 1st April 2013

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 10(1), (3), (4) and (5) of the Fire Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (1), and now vested in it(2) and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel in accordance with Article 10(1) of that Order makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the New Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2013.

Amendment of the New Firefighters’ Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2007

2. The Annex to the New Firefighters’ Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (3) (in which the New Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) is set out) is amended in accordance with articles 3 and 4.

3. In Chapter 1 of Part 11 (pensionable pay, pension contributions and purchase of additional service), in article 63(1) (pension contributions) insert “percentage” before “rate”.

4. For the table in paragraph 5 of Schedule A1 (pension contributions) substitute—

<i>“Pensionable pay</i>	<i>Contribution rate from 1st April 2013</i>
Up to and including £15,000	8.5 % of pensionable pay

(1) [S.I. 1984/1821 \(N.I. 11\)](#) Article 10(5) was amended by [S.I. 1998/1549 \(N.I.11\)](#) Article 4. Article 10 was continued by [S.I. 2006/1254 \(N.I.9\)](#) Article 60(1) and (2).
(2) See [S.R. 1999 No. 481](#) Article 6(c) and Schedule 4, Part III
(3) [S.R. 2007 No. 215](#) relevant amendment is [SR 2012 No. 162](#).

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<i>“Pensionable pay</i>	<i>Contribution rate from 1st April 2013</i>
More than £15,000 and up to and including £21,000	9.1 % of pensionable pay
More than £21,000 and up to and including £30,000	9.6 % of pensionable pay
More than £30,000 and up to and including £40,000	9.9 % of pensionable pay
More than £40,000 and up to and including £50,000	10.1 % of pensionable pay
More than £50,000 and up to and including £60,000	10.2 % of pensionable pay
More than £60,000 and up to and including £100,000	10.5 % of pensionable pay
More than £100,000 and up to and including £120,000	10.8 % of pensionable pay
More than £120,000	11.1 % of pensionable pay”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 26th March 2013.



Bernie Stuart
A senior officer of the
Department of Health, Social Services and
Public Safety

The Department of Finance and Personnel approves this Order.
Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 26th March 2013.



Bill Pauley
A senior officer of the
Department of Finance and Personnel

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order further amends the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2007.

Article 3 inserts the word "percentage" to clarify the meaning of a provision amended by the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 ([S.I. 2012/162](#)).

Article 4 amends the Scheme to provide a different rate for pension contributions payable by members of the Scheme which increase according to the amount of pensionable pay which the member receives. The contribution rates are specified in the Table.

In addition, a new band of pensionable pay has been created so that those firefighters who earn more than £15,000 and up to and including £21,000 will pay a lower rate than those earning more than £21,000 and up to and including £30,000.