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The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

PART 3

Modification of early leaver and other provisions

Preservation of benefit

7.—(1) Chapter 1 of Part 4 of the 1993 Act (protection for early leavers: preservation of benefit) is modified as follows in relation to P.

(2) In the application of that Chapter to the old scheme—

- (a) in section 66(1)(interpretation), in the definitions of “relevant employment” and “long service benefit” a reference to the scheme is to be taken as a reference to either the old scheme or the new scheme;
- (b) in section 67(1) (basic principle as to short service benefit)—
 - (i) the requirement for a scheme to make provision is to be taken as a requirement that either the old scheme or the new scheme must make that provision;
 - (ii) a reference to a transfer payment to the scheme is to be taken as a reference to a transfer payment either to the old scheme or to the new scheme;
 - (iii) a reference to termination of P's pensionable service is to be taken as a reference to termination of P's pensionable service in relation to the new scheme;
 - (iv) a reference to benefit which would have been payable to P under the scheme is to be taken as a reference to benefit which would have been payable to P either under the old scheme or under the new scheme,

and subsequent references in the Chapter to “short service benefit” are to be construed accordingly;

- (c) in section 67(5), a reference to termination of P's pensionable service is to be taken as a reference to termination of P's pensionable service in relation to the new scheme;
- (d) in section 67(7)(a), the reference to P's pensionable service under the scheme is to be taken as a reference to P's pensionable service either for the old scheme or for the old and new schemes taken together; and
- (e) in sections 68(2) (no discrimination between short service and long service beneficiaries), 70(6) and (7) (computation of short service benefit), 71(3) and (4) (credits) and 72(1) and (3) (pension increases), a reference to termination of P's pensionable service is to be taken as a reference to termination of P's pensionable service in relation to the new scheme.

(3) In the application of that Chapter to the new scheme—

(1) Section 66 was amended by Article 2 of, and paragraph 12 of the Schedule to, the Civil Partnership (Pensions and Benefit Payments) (Consequential, etc. Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) (S.R. 2005 No. 434).

- (a) in section 66, in the definitions of “relevant employment” and “long service benefit” a reference to the scheme is to be taken as a reference to either the old scheme or the new scheme;
- (b) in section 67(1)—
 - (i) the requirement for a scheme to make provision is to be taken as a requirement that either the old scheme or the new scheme must make that provision;
 - (ii) a reference to a transfer payment to the scheme is to be taken as a reference to a transfer payment either to the old scheme or to the new scheme;
 - (iii) a reference to benefit which would have been payable to P under the scheme is to be taken as a reference to benefit which would have been payable to P either under the old scheme or under the new scheme,and subsequent references in the Chapter to “short service benefit” are to be construed accordingly;
- (c) in section 67(7)(a), the reference to P’s pensionable service under the scheme is to be taken as a reference to P’s pensionable service either for the new scheme or for the old and new schemes taken together; and
- (d) in section 70(6), in relation to pensionable service which is terminated, the reference to the beginning of that service is to be taken as a reference to the beginning of pensionable service for the old scheme.