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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**Local Government Pension Scheme  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002**

**PART II**

**PRIMARY PROVISIONS**

**CHAPTER I**

***MEMBERSHIP***

*Joining and leaving the Scheme*

**Joining the Scheme**

6.—(1) A person who wishes to become an active member must apply in writing to his employer or future employer.

(2) An eligible person who applies before he begins his employment becomes a member when his employment begins unless he applies to join later.

(3) An eligible employee who applies becomes a member on the first day of the first payment period following the application.

(4) A payment period is a period of service to which the employee's wages or salary payment relate.

(5) An employee is deemed to have applied to become a member, unless he notified his employer in writing that he did not wish to do so –

- (a) before his employment began; or
- (b) if he only became eligible to be a member later, before the date he became eligible.

(6) But paragraph (5) does not apply –

- (a) to casual employees; or
- (b) to former members who opted to leave the Scheme by a notification under regulation 7.

(7) An application for membership may be withdrawn before membership begins.

(8) A former active member may reapply for such membership.

(9) But a person who has given more than one notification under regulation 7 may only reapply again if –

- (a) his employer or future employer consents; or
- (b) he is beginning a new employment with a new employing authority and he reapplies before he has been employed for three months; or
- (c) he is a person about whom information may be given under Article 164(1) of the Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, as it has effect in the case of the Scheme.

### **Leaving the Scheme**

- 7.—(1) A person stops being a member if he ceases to be eligible for membership.
- (2) A person may leave the Scheme if he wishes but must notify his employer accordingly in writing.
- (3) A member who gives such a notification stops being a member from the date the notification specifies.
- (4) But, if a date earlier than the notification or no date is specified, he stops being a member at the end of the payment period during which the notification is given.
- (5) Where notification is given by a person before he has been a member for three months, he must be treated as not having been a member in that period.