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PART 3

BENEFITS FOR PRACTITIONERS ETC.

CHAPTER 6

TRANSFERS

Transfers in

[^{F1}Acceptance of transfer value payments

229

(1) If an application is duly made by a member under regulation 227, the Department may accept the transfer value payment if such conditions as the Department may require are met.

This is subject to paragraph (10).

(2) If the Department accepts the payment, the member is entitled to count—

- (a) the appropriate increase in the member's pensionable earnings for the purposes of calculating benefits payable to, or in respect of, the member under the Scheme; and
- (b) the relevant period of pensionable service for the purpose of determining whether or not the member has reached 45 years of pensionable service for the purposes of regulation 139.

This is subject to paragraph (8).

(3) In paragraph (2)(a) "the appropriate increase" means the increase calculated in accordance with regulation 230.

(4) In paragraph (2)(b) "the relevant period" means the period calculated by reference to whichever of paragraphs (5), (6) or (7) apply in respect of the transfer payment.

(5) If the Department accepts the payment in respect of a member of a corresponding 1995 scheme, "the relevant period" means the period calculated in accordance with any guidance, tables and other relevant factors provided by the Scheme actuary for that purpose, having regard to the period of employment that qualified the member for the rights in the corresponding 1995 scheme.

(6) If the Department accepts the payment under the public sector transfer arrangements, "the relevant period" means the period of pensionable service the member is entitled to count calculated—

- (a) in accordance with those arrangements; and
- (b) by reference to the guidance and tables provided by the Scheme actuary for the purposes of this paragraph, that are in use on the date that is used by the transferring scheme for calculating the transfer value payment.

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(7) If the Department accepts the payment from a scheme that does not participate in the public sector transfer arrangements, “the relevant period” means a period equal to the period of employment that qualified the member for the rights in respect of which the transfer payment is being made.

(8) Any part of a member’s increase to pensionable earnings under paragraph (2)(a) that falls to be treated as a capped increase to pensionable earnings shall count as a capped increase to pensionable earnings for the purpose of paragraph (5) of regulation 225.

(9) For the meaning of “capped increase to pensionable earnings”, see regulation 231.

(10) The Department may not accept a transfer value payment if—

- (a) it would be applied in whole or in part in respect of the member’s or the member’s spouse’s entitlement to a guaranteed minimum pension; and
- (b) it is less than the amount required for that purpose, as calculated in accordance with guidance and tables prepared by the Scheme actuary for the purposes of this paragraph.

This is subject to paragraph (11).

(11) Paragraph (10) does not apply if the transfer would be paid under the public sector transfer arrangements.

(12) In the case of a 2008 Section Optant, this regulation is subject to regulation 260J.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Reg. 229 substituted (with effect in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending Rule) by [The Health and Personal Social Services \(Superannuation Scheme, Compensation for Premature Retirement and Additional Voluntary Contributions\), and Health and Social Care \(Pension Scheme\) \(Amendment\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2010 \(S.R. 2010/22\)](#), regs. 1(2), **92**

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- [reg. 49\(9A\)](#) inserted by [S.R. 2024/117 reg. 12\(6\)](#)