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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

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

The amendment is to provide a different rate for pension contributions payable by members of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme which increase accordingly to the amount of pensionable pay which the member receives. The contribution rates are specified in paragraph 3 of the Table in Part A1 of Schedule 7. The contribution rate which applies to a part-time regular firefighter is that which is specified as though he had been a whole-time firefighter. Where there is a change in a firefighter's pensionable pay, the contribution rate which applies from that date, is that specified for the revised amount of pensionable pay. For the purposes of ascertaining the rate of contribution, the pensionable pay does not include any payments made for continual professional development although these payments are included in pensionable pay for the purposes of calculating the pension contribution to be paid.