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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2023 No. 133**

**The Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable  
Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023**

**PART 7**

**Provision about special cases**

**CHAPTER 1**

**Ill-health retirement**

**Assessment and reassessment of certain transitional ill-health cases**

**52.**—(1) This regulation applies where—

- (a) a remedy member (“M”) was, immediately before 1st April 2022, not a full protection member of the FPS or a full protection member of the NFPS,
- (b) an assessment (“the transitional assessment”) of M’s entitlement to an ill-health award under the reformed scheme began before 1st April 2022, and
- (c) a determination had not been made by the scheme manager in relation to the transitional assessment by the end of 31st March 2022.

(2) Where the transitional assessment has not been determined before 1st October 2023, the scheme manager must secure that—

- (a) the transitional assessment is undertaken on the basis that M’s normal pension age is 55, and
- (b) any steps in relation to the transitional assessment the outcome of which might have been different had they been taken on the basis that M’s normal pension age is 55 are retaken.

(3) Paragraph (4) applies where—

- (a) the transitional assessment has been determined before 1st October 2023, and
- (b) it was determined that—
  - (i) M was not entitled to a lower tier award in the reformed scheme, or
  - (ii) M was entitled to a lower tier award in the reformed scheme, but not a higher tier award in that scheme.

(4) Where this paragraph applies, the scheme manager must secure that—

- (a) M is assessed for entitlement to a relevant award under the reformed scheme on the basis that M’s normal pension age is 55, and
- (b) M is treated as if the transitional assessment had not been undertaken so far as it relates to the relevant award.

(5) In this regulation—

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**Changes to legislation:** *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023, Section 52. (See end of Document for details)*

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“full protection member of the FPS” means a full protection member of the FPS within the meaning of paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to the 2015 Regulations;

“full protection member of the NFPS” means a full protection member of the NFPS within the meaning of paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to the 2015 Regulations;

“relevant award” means—

- (a) where paragraph (3)(b)(i) applies, a lower tier award and a higher tier award;
- (b) where paragraph (3)(b)(ii) applies, a higher tier award.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 52 in operation at 1.10.2023, see [reg. 1](#)

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