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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2024 No. 38**

**PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS**

**The Police Pensions (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024**

*Made* - - - - *6th March 2024*

*Coming into operation* *1st April 2024*

**THE POLICE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2024**

1. Citation, commencement, and effect
2. These Regulations come into operation on 1st April 2024 except...

PART 1

Police Pensions

3. Amendment of the Police Pensions Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015
4. Interpretation
5. Police Pension Board: membership
6. Eligible Service
7. Periods of unpaid leave
8. Automatic re-enrolment
9. Pensionable earnings
10. Eligibility for payment of ill-health benefits
11. Meaning of deferred member
12. Decision of selected medical practitioner
13. Refusal to be medically examined or attend interviews
14. Referral of medical questions for purpose of regulation 80
15. Application of Chapter
16. Referral of medical questions for purpose of early payment of full retirement pension on grounds of permanent medical unfitness
17. Qualifying Service
18. Entitlement to full retirement pension (active members)
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20. Claim for payment of full retirement pension (active members)
21. Notice period for active members

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

22. Payment thresholds
23. Entitlement to payment of ill-health pension
24. Annual rate of ill-health pension under this scheme
25. Referral of medical question for purpose of reduction of benefits
26. Reduction of pension in case of default
27. Refusal to be medically examined
28. Decision of scheme manager void if appeal against decision of selected medical practitioner is successful
29. Review of lower tier ill-health pension
30. Review and cancellation of enhanced upper tier ill-health pension
31. Review and cancellation of full retirement pension which came into payment early on the grounds of permanent medical unfitness
32. Decision of scheme manager void if appeal against decision of selected medical practitioner is successful
33. Option to buy out early payment reduction
34. Death gratuity – estate
35. Rate of member’s contribution
36. Employer contributions
37. Commutation of small pensions
38. Interpretation and application
39. Forfeiture: offences committed by members
40. Forfeiture: offences committed by a member’s beneficiary
41. Reduction of benefits where annual allowance charge paid by scheme manager
42. Medical decisions: appeals and reconsideration
43. Transitional provisions

## PART 2

### Police Pensions

44. Amendment of the Police Pension (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2009
45. Forfeiture of Pension

## PART 3

### Police Pensions

46. Amendment of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Regulations 1988
47. Pension debit members
48. Child’s allowance or special gratuity - limitations
49. Gratuity in lieu of widow’s pension
50. Forfeiture of Pension
51. Schedule A (Glossary of Expressions)  
Signature  
Explanatory Note