

## **POLICY NOTE**

### **THE FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2019**

**SSI 2019/357**

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(1) and (2)(f) of, and paragraph 6(c) of Schedule 2 to, the Public Service Pensions Act 2013. The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

#### **Purpose of the instrument**

These regulations make an amendment to the Firefighters Pension Scheme (Scotland) 2015 to allow protected members of the 1992 to retain protection when they transfer from England, Wales or Northern Ireland.

#### **Policy Objectives**

Under the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015, protected members of the 1992 scheme transferring to Scotland from England, Wales and Northern Ireland are not permitted to remain as 1992 scheme members. Regulation 3 clarifies that such members are not included in the general prohibition on new joiners to the 1992 Scheme, maintaining the position that existed prior to 1 April 2015.

#### **Consultation**

To comply with the requirements of section 21 of the 2013 Act, a consultation was undertaken from 6 August to 29 October 2018. All stakeholders were consulted, including the Fire Brigades Union, Fire Officers Association and relevant Scottish and UK Government Departments. No responses were received. A copy of the consultation document is available on the Scottish Public Pension Agency's website [www.pensions.gov.scot](http://www.pensions.gov.scot)

#### **Impact Assessments**

This policy does not impose any additional costs or reduce existing costs for business, third or public sector organisations and on that basis no Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment is required for these Regulations.

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