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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 437**

**The Armed Forces Early Departure  
Payments Scheme Order 2005**

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**Establishment of the Armed Forces Early Departure Payments Scheme**

2.—(1) This Order provides for a Scheme to be known as “the Armed Forces Early Departure Payments Scheme”.

(2) The Scheme provides for—

- (a) entitlement to a lump sum payment and periodical payments when membership of the armed forces ceases and certain conditions as to age and service are met (see articles 8 to 13), and
- (b) entitlement to a lump sum payment where those conditions are not met but at the time membership of the armed forces ceases the member—
  - (i) meets certain conditions as to length of service (see article 14), or
  - (ii) is unfit for service as such a member (see article 16).