POLICY NOTE

THE FIREFIGHTERS' PENSIONS (REMEDIABLE SERVICE) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2025

SSI 2025/113

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1) and (2)(f), 2(1) (together with paragraph 6(c) of schedule 2) and 3(1) and (2)(a) (together with paragraph 13 of schedule 3) and (c) and (3) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 ("the 2013 Act") and sections 5(1) and (5), 6(1), 7(3), 8(1) and (3), 10(1), 11(1) and (5), 12(1) and (3), 18(1) to (3), (5), (6) and (8), 19(1), (4) and (5), 22(1), (2) and (6), 24(1) and 29(1), (7) and (8) of the Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022 ("PSPJOA 2022") and all other powers enabling them to do so.

To the extent required by section 27 of PSPJOA 2022, these Regulations are made in accordance with Treasury Directions made under that section.

Summary Box

Purpose of the instrument is to correct minor errors and add clarity in The Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/242)

Policy Objectives
The purpose of this instrument is to update and amend The Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2023.

The aim of this instrument is to provide clarity by correcting minor errors and clarify 'Entitlement to ill-health benefits where a remedy member's legacy scheme is the 'New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland)'.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 Compatibility
In accordance with section 23(2) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 (the Act), the Scottish Ministers certify that, in their view, the Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment Regualtions 2025 is compatible with the UNCRC requirements as defined by section 1(2) of the Act.

EU Alignment Consideration
This instrument is not relevant to the Scottish Government's policy to maintain alignment with the EU.

Consultation
No additional consultation has been undertaken as a full consultation was undertaken in 2023 and there is no material change to the regulations. Rather, this Instrument corrects minor

errors in the original Scottish Statutory Instrument. The original consultation documents are available to view on the SPPA website[1].

Impact Assessments
An Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) has not been completed as this is an amendment instrument centred on correction of references, definitions and typographic errors. The EQIA to the original regulations, is available to view on the SPPA website[2].

Financial Effects
The Minister for Public Finance confirms that no Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) is necessary as changes to employee contributions has no significant financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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[1] https://pensions.gov.scot/firefighters/scheme-governance-and-legislation/consultations
[2] https://pensions.gov.scot/sites/default/files/2023-05/2015_Remedy_Equality_Impact_Assessment_%E2%80%93_Firefighters%27_Pension_Scheme.pdf