POLICY NOTE

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE SUPERANNUATION SCHEME (2008 SECTION) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

S.S.I. 2013/174

These Regulations are made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 10 and 12 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Superannuation Act 1972. They are subject to the negative procedure.

Policy Objectives

1. The rules of the National Health Service superannuation scheme for Scotland are set out in the National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2011 and, for those joining after 1 April 2008, the National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2008 ("2008 Section").

2. These Regulations consolidate the rules which apply in relation to the 2008 Section (S.S.I. 2008/224 as amended by S.S.I. 2009/19 and 208, 2010/22 and 369, 2011/53 and 364, 2012/69 and 163, 2013/70, 109 and 168 and S.I. 2010/234).

3. In addition, minor drafting amendments are made to:

- make the rules more consistent (including definitions and rules in Parts 2 and 3);
- adjust pensionable and qualifying service to include service under the 2008 Section;
- add definitions for assistant and principal practitioners;
- update cross-references (including identifying the subject matter);
- remove or update obsolete references / anomalies;
- modernise some of the language and add footnotes;
- provide for revocations, savings and transitional provisions.

Consultation

A public consultation on a draft of these Regulations took place from 8 March 2013 to 14 April 2013. In particular, representatives of NHS employers and employees, other Scottish Government interests and UK Government departments were consulted. There were no comments received.

Impact Assessments

No Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out on this instrument as there as no policy changes were included in the consolidation.

Financial Effects

No business and regulatory impact assessment has been prepared for the Regulations as no impact upon business, charities or voluntary bodies is foreseen.

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