

## **RULE I5**

### **Servicemen who do not resume service with their former fire and rescue authority**

**Rule I5 explains what happens if you do not return to your former fire and rescue authority after ceasing to be a serviceman.**

#### **Situation and effect**

If you are a serviceman and you do not resume service with your former fire and rescue authority within one month of leaving the armed forces, Rule I5(1) says that for the purposes of “material provisions” you will be treated as if you left your former fire and rescue authority at the end of your period of relevant service in the armed forces.

Rule I5(2) explains that the material provisions are those -

- for a deferred pension under Rule B5
- for the limitation on a widow(er)'s or civil partner's award with reference to date of marriage or formation of civil partnership under Rule C5
- for entitlement to count previous service without payment under Rule F3
- for entitlement to count previous service on payment under Rule F4
- for preventing payment of an award where a transfer value has been paid under Rule F9(9)
- for deciding pensionable pay and average pensionable pay under Rule G1
- for modification of benefits under paragraph 1 of Part IV of Schedule 11 for persons serving on 10 July 1956.

See the explanation of Rule I1 for the meaning of “serviceman” and the explanation of Rule A12 for the meaning of “relevant service”.

Rule I5(3) gives you a time limit of one month from the end of your forces period to apply for the consent of your former fire and rescue authority to transfer to another fire and rescue authority as a regular firefighter for purposes of Rule F4(1)(b). (This enables reckonability of previous pensionable service subject to certain conditions.)