

**New Pension
Arrangements For
Firefighters
Communications**

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PENSION REGS



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Introduction of Firefighters' Pension Scheme 1992

Help from above . . .



www.odpm.gov.uk/firepensions

- on-line Fire Commentary
- Firefighters' Pension Scheme Circulars
- consultation papers
- Firefighters' Pension Committee papers
- model ill-health certificates



The Occupational Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 1996

- the right to see scheme rules
- basic information about pension scheme
- any “material alteration” in scheme rules

[Draft]
**The Occupational Pension Schemes
(Disclosure of Information) Regulations
2006**

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2005/>

Communication exercise

- Current Firefighters' Pension Scheme as amended
- New Firefighters' Pension Scheme
- Transitional arrangements

Current Firefighters' Pension Scheme (as amended)

- Locally:
 - notify members of “material change”
 - update pension scheme guides
- ODPM:
Fire Commentary will be updated

New Firefighters' Pension Scheme

- New pension scheme guides
(produced by ODPM?)
- New Commentary produced by ODPM?
- Other guidance produced by ODPM?

Transitional arrangements

- Information to regular firefighters about transfer options
- Information to retained firefighters about transfer options
- General information about new tax regime
- Information about transitional protection (new tax regime) for high earners and pension credit members

Workshops

Consider communication issues

- What should be provided?
- How should it be provided?
- How can ODPM help?

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