

FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME REGULATIONS

If you require financial details in respect of your pension, including a Cash Equivalent Transfer Value, for matrimonial proceedings please complete and return the attached form as quickly as possible. This will give Your Pension Service your written authority to provide you (or your solicitor if you so wish) with all the pensions information that will be necessary for matrimonial proceedings.

Please note that under the Pensions on Divorce etc. (Provision of Information) Regulations 2000, Your Pension Service may also be required to provide similar information directly to the court if so ordered and certain information (excluding a valuation of your pension benefits) to your spouse if requested to do so.

Under normal circumstances Your Pension Service is required to provide the information to you within 3 months of receiving your request. If you require the information in a shorter timescale, a charge will be levied. Please note, where a valuation is required for a member who is already in receipt of a monthly pension i.e. a pensioner member, a charge will be made in all cases. Please refer to the enclosed schedule for the current level of charges and the circumstances in which the charge for information will be applied.

Please return the completed form to **Your Pension Service**:

Please visit our website www.yourpensionservice.org.uk for contact details.

Notes:-

1. Divorce or annulment proceedings must have commenced under one of the following:

- part II of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 or Part II of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (England and Wales powers in relation to domestic and overseas divorce, etc.) or
- part III of the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, or Part IV of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (corresponding Northern Ireland powers), or
- The Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985 or Part IV of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (corresponding Scottish powers)

If you wish to update your contact details including a change of address please use our My Pension Online service. To login or register please go to www.yourpensionservice.org.uk



WRITTEN CONSENT FOR VALUATION AND PROVISION OF INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH MATRIMONIAL PROCEEDINGS

Please complete the details requested in block capitals, sign, date and return the form.

Name: _____

NI Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

The address to which you wish correspondence to be sent (for example, your home address):-

Do you currently contribute to the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (FPS)? YES/NO

(Delete as appropriate)

Do you have a deferred pension in the FPS? YES/NO

(Delete as appropriate)

Are you in receipt of a pension from the FPS? YES/NO

(Delete as appropriate)

Have divorce or annulment proceedings formally commenced (see note 1)

i.e. have you completed a 'Form A' for your solicitor? YES/NO

(Delete as appropriate)

The name and address of the solicitor acting for you:- _____

Do you authorise Your Pension Service to provide the solicitor named above with such pension information as he/she may request in relation to your benefits in the FPS? YES/NO
(Delete as appropriate)

Information can be sent to either you or your solicitor. Please tick the relevant box.

Please send details to my home address.

Please send details to solicitor as above.

I require the information as soon as possible and understand that there will be a fee payable in line with the enclosed schedule of charges. Please do not send payment at this stage, an invoice will be issued. Please tick if applicable

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Schedule of Charges Pension Sharing on Divorce

| Details | Cost | Method of Payment |
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| CETV quotation required in less than 3 months | £150 Plus VAT | An invoice will be raised when The information is provided |
| CETV quotation required in a period of 3 months or more | Nil | Provided under disclosure Of information requirements |
| Cash Equivalent valuation for a pensioner member | £150 Plus VAT | An invoice will be raised when The information is provided |
| A second CETV quotation within a 12 months period | £150 Plus VAT | An invoice will be raised when The information is provided |
| A second request for Information (other than a CETV) requested by the spouse Or court within a 12 month period | £150 Plus VAT | An invoice will be raised when The information is provided |
| Any further requests for Information | £150 Plus VAT | An invoice will be raised when The information is provided |
| Administration involved Following the issue of a Pension Sharing Order | £625 Plus VAT | Fees to be invoiced to both Parties line with the split Authorised by the court |
| Costs incurred where a Sharing Order has been made The subject of an application For leave to appeal out of time | Each case Considered Individually | Member/Solicitor will be Notified that costs for Dealing with inoperable Orders will be passed on |
| Objections to an Order by The scheme (Onus is on the Draftsman of the Order to Ensure that it is correctly Drafted prior to issue) | Each case Considered Individually | Member/Solicitor will be Notified that costs for Dealing with inoperable Orders will be passed on |
| Charges made by an AVC Provider to "Split" the AVC Fund | Total charge Made by AVC provider | Deduction from the spouses AVC fund |

- **Consumer Prices Index (CPI) increases will be added to any charges not yet due or remaining unpaid at the date the "Pension Sharing Order" takes effect if a period of more than 12 months elapses between supplying the basic information and the date the Order takes effect.**
- All charges will be increased in line with CPI in April each year
- Where a Pension Sharing Order requires an apportionment of the charges, the Pension Fund will comply with any charging instructions in the Order. Full payment of the fee will be required before implementation.