

Scottish Fire and Rescue circular - 3/2010

WHO SHOULD READ: The Chief Executives, Fife Council and Dumfries & Galloway Council
Clerks to the Joint Boards
Chief Fire Officers

ACTION: **To bring to the attention of your Fire Authority, Finance Managers and Pensions Managers**

SUBJECT: Fire Authorities commutation returns – Payment to HMRC

About Circular 3/2010

The purpose of this circular is to notify employers of changes to:-

- Fire Authorities commutation returns – Payment of tax to HMRC

In Scottish Fire and Rescue Circular 10/2009 Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRA) were advised that where additional commutation lump sum payments and interest on them, were being made more than a year after the entitlement arose, unauthorised payments for tax purposes would incur an Unauthorised Payment Charge. It was not considered that it would be appropriate for authorities to incur tax charges in these circumstances and arrangements with HMRC would be made by the Scottish Government to account for and pay the total unauthorised payment liability.

As this money has already been paid to FRAs as part of the Local Government settlement grant, individual FRAs will now have to make their payment direct to HMRC.

We require contact details of the person in each FRA who will be responsible for making the payment direct to HMRC. Please advise me of these contact details by Tuesday, 9 March 2010. HMRC will then write to that contact directly, at which point FRAs will have 30 days to pay. If payment falls outwith the 30 days then FRAs may be liable to Inland Revenue charges.

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