

**FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME  
01/2011**

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

**ACTION:** Please draw this circular to the attention of Pension Managers and Superannuation Sections. You may also wish to draw it to the attention of the Directors of Finance and Administration.

**SUBJECT:** PENSIONS INCREASE (REVIEW) ORDER 2011

**The purpose of this circular is to:**

The purpose of this circular is to notify Pension Managers and Superannuation Sections of the increase to Public Service Pensions with effect from 11 April 2011.

I am writing about the above mentioned Order (SI 2011 827) which provides for the payment of pensions increase resulting from the 2009 Review. A copy of the SI and Explanatory Note can be purchased from the Stationery Office or can be accessed using the following links:

[Pensions Increase \(Review\) Order 2011](#)

**The Increase**

3. Increases are payable from 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011. For pensions which began before 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 the increase is 3.1%. For pensions which began on or after 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 the increases are as follows:-

Pensions Beginning	Pensions Increase
12th April 2010 to 26th April 2010	3.10%
27th April 2010 to 26th May 2010	2.84%
27th May 2010 to 26th June 2010	2.58%
27th June 2010 to 26th July 2010	2.33%
27th July 2010 to 26th August 2010	2.07%
27th August 2010 to 26th September 2010	1.81%
27th September 2010 to 26th October 2010	1.55%
27th October 2010 to 26th November 2010	1.29%
27th November 2010 to 26th December 2010	1.03%
27th December 2010 to 26th January 2011	0.78%
27th January 2011 to 26th February 2011	0.52%
27th February 2011 to 26th March 2011	0.26%

4. Article 4 of the Order provides for the payment of increases on deferred lump sums which became payable before 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011 but on or after 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010. These increases are set out in Annex A to this Circular. Multipliers for “preserved” pensions



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and lump sums can be accessed on the HM Treasury website on their Public Service Pensions / [Pensions Increases](#) page.

6. Fire authorities are reminded that widows' flat rate pensions and children's flat rate allowances directly attract the provisions of orders made under section 59 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975. These awards may also accordingly be increased by 3.1% on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

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## Annex A

### **A. Deferred lump sums which become payable on or after 11 April 2011.**

These are eligible for the same increase as pensions which begin on the same date as the lump sum begins. (See Multiplier table)

### **B. Deferred lump sums which became payable in the period 12 April 2010 to 11 April 2011.**

(i) If the lump sum began before 12 April 2010, it may have been eligible for increases under the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971. These should have been paid with the lump sum at the time it became payable. A further increase is payable on 11 April 2011 according to the table below.

(ii) In years where there is an increase, if the lump sum began on or after April of the previous year (in this case it would have been 12 April 2010) an increase is payable in April (11 April 2011 in this case) according to the table below.

In calculating the length of period, count complete months starting with the beginning date (or 12 April 2010 if later), and then count the remaining days, excluding the payable date itself –

eg 25 May to 7 July is 1 month (25 May to 24 June) and 12 days (25 June to 6 July).

Length of period	Percentage increase
16 days to 1 month 15 days	0.26
1 month 16 days to 2 months 15 days	0.52
2 months 16 days to 3 months 15 days	0.78
3 months 16 days to 4 months 15 days	1.03
4 months 16 days to 5 months 15 days	1.29
5 months 16 days to 6 months 15 days	1.55
6 months 16 days to 7 months 15 days	1.81
7 months 16 days to 8 months 15 days	2.07
8 months 16 days to 9 months 15 days	2.33
9 months 16 days to 10 months 15 days	2.58
10 months 16 days to 11 months 15 days	2.84
11 months 16 days to 12 months 15 days	3.10

It is not possible for the period to exceed 11 months 29 days if correctly calculated.

