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Dear Colleague

**POLICE PENSIONS CIRCULAR No 2007/1**  
**THE POLICE (INJURY BENEFIT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2007**

**This circular should be brought to the immediate attention of force personnel officers, Human Resource Managers and the Pension Managers and administrators of the PPS.**

This circular is to notify you that The Police (Injury Benefit) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 came into force on 7 March 2007 but will have retrospective effect from 6 April 2006. To access a copy of the SSI click on the attached link [SSI 2007/68](#) or refer to [www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk). A hard copy of the regulations has been issued to the named police pension administrator for each of the eight Scottish forces.

A Scottish Statutory Instrument (SSI) was originally laid at Parliament in December 2006 (SSI 2006/610) to introduce these regulations. Unfortunately, due to a formatting problem on the SSI template used, problems arose which included incorrect cross references in Schedule 2. As there was sufficient time to replace rather than simply correct the SSI a revoking order was made (SSI 2007/28) and the corrected version outlined in this circular was prepared.

Entitlement to an injury award is not dependant on the officer being a member of the Police Pension Scheme (PPS) or the New Police Pension Scheme (NPPS). Injury benefits are compensatory payments for those officers who suffer an injury without their default in the execution of their duties. The benefits payable are made up of both pensions and gratuities. In addition pensions and gratuities are paid to spouses, civil partners, children and adult dependant relatives where the officer dies from such an injury.

The regulations paying these benefits were previously included in the Police Pensions Regulations 1987 and also the additional Police (Injury Benefit) Regulations 1987. The introduction of this SSI removes all regulations relating to injury awards from the main police pension scheme regulations.



These regulations represent the benefits that were originally available and put injury benefits on a separate statutory basis. Further details concerning the reasons why injury benefits have been put onto a separate statutory basis were outlined in Annex F of Police Pensions Circular 2006/3.

Yours sincerely

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