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Dear Colleague

**POLICE PENSIONS CIRCULAR No 2005/7  
THE POLICE PENSIONS (PART-TIME SERVICE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2005**

**This circular should be brought to the attention of pension and personnel managers and staff who are responsible for the administration of the Police Pensions Scheme (PPS).**

1. This Circular is to notify you that changes to the Police Pension Regulations 1987 and the Police Pensions (Purchase of Increased Benefits) Regulations 1987 in relation to part-time service came into force on 14 November. Details of the revised procedures when considering part-time service were outlined in SPPA circular 2005/5. The amendments are made by the Police Pensions (Part-time Service) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (SSI 2005/495) click on the attached link for a copy of the amendment [SSI2005/495](#) or refer to [www.hmso.gov.uk](http://www.hmso.gov.uk) .
2. The Police Pensions (Part-time Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 will allow a more equitable approach to calculating benefits where part-time service is involved. These amendments are designed to ensure that, as far as possible, officers with part-time service in the police receive a fair proportion of their full-time counterparts' pensions.
3. The amendments came into force with effect from 14 November 2005 but have retrospective effect from 1 July 1992 (when part-time hours were introduced in the police service). Also included in the amendments are changes necessary to G6 (buy-back of pre-1990 service for widowers' benefits) and amendments to the Police Pensions (Purchase of Increased Benefits) Regulations 1987 to take into account part-time service. These provisions will only have effect from the date the regulations came into force.
4. Officers who have retired with part-time pensionable service in their awards made under the previous regulations will be affected by these regulations as will those part-time officers currently buying additional service under G6 or added years. Contributions will need to be up-rated to the full-time equivalent but there will be a three month period (from when the regulations came in to force) for the officer to vary their original election.

5. Police Pensions Circular No 2005/5 was issued on 18 August 2005 advising of the above changes to the Police Pension Scheme which, it was hoped, would come into effect in October 2005. A copy of this circular, amended to show that the effective date of the Police Pensions (Part-time Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 is 14 November 2005, is also enclosed. **If they have not already done so pensions administrators should write out immediately to all affected officers advising them of the situation. A sample letter is at Annex B of the attached circular.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Preston".

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