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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 .
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 blue ink that reads "J. Preston." The signature is written in a cursive style.

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