

POLICE PENSION SCHEME
Police Pension Circular 2010/2

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

ACTION: This circular should be brought 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: PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS INCREASE 2010

DATE: 30 March 2010

The purpose of this circular is to:

The purpose of this circular is to notify Pension Managers and Superannuation Sections that there will be no increase to Public Service Pensions this year.

Public service pensions will **not be updated from April 2010, i.e. benefits will remain at current cash levels**. This is in line with the uprating of additional pensions (State Earnings Related Pension and State Second Pension), as the increase in the Retail Prices Index in the 12 months to September 2009 was negative (-1.4%).

As there is no increase this year, there will not be any Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2010. The Public Service Pensions Uprate 2010 multiplier tables and associated covering note have been published on the HM Treasury website: [Public Service Pension Uprating 2010](#).

Police Authorities are reminded that, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation E10 of the Police Pensions Regulations 1987 and Schedule 12 to the Police Pensions Regulations of 1971 and 1973, as amended, widows' flat rate pensions and children's flat rate allowances are increased directly by orders made under section 59 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975.

6. As from the week beginning 12th April 2008, the discretionary increases in certain widows' pensions (Regulation 30, 33 and 35 of the Police Pensions Regulations 1971 and Part

VI of Schedule 3 to those Regulations) should take account of the rates of benefit set out in the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2010 (SI 2010 No 793) which replaces those set out in the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2009.

7. Bereavement payment will be £2000.00 and the weekly rate of widow's pensions payable after the first 26 weeks of widowhood will be £97.65. The age allowance is unchanged at £0.25.

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