

**POLICE PENSION SCHEME
2014/04**

WHO SHOULD READ: The Chief Constable of Police Scotland
ACTION: For information and action. Please draw this to the immediate attention of the force personnel officers, pension managers and members of the Police Pension Scheme (PPS) and the New Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) (NPPS)
SUBJECT: Transfer of service and added years

The purpose of this circular is to:

- The purpose of this circular is to set out the position in relation to transfers of service and to added years so that police pension scheme members can initiate action if they so choose.

You will be aware that the Police Pension Scheme 2015 will come into effect on 01/04/2015. This circular may apply to members who have service in another pension scheme which could be transferred in, and to members who may be eligible to purchase added years in the 2006 scheme. Administrators are requested to make every effort to make this information available to all police pension scheme members.

1. Transfers

If you are due to move into the 2015 scheme, and if you have service in another pension scheme, and if you were a member, or eligible to be a member of a police pension scheme on 01/04/2012, you may be able to transfer that service in to the police scheme. You must do so before the date you are due to move into the new scheme which will be 01/04/2015 unless you have tapered protection. Service transferred can then count as service in the existing schemes and may then qualify a member for full or tapered transitional protection or extend the period of tapering. Where service is transferred in and the amounts of qualifying service and reckonable service differ, then it is the reckonable service that will be used to determine protection.

The overall process is that a member who wishes to pursue a transfer will approach the relevant administrator, who will advise on eligibility and arrange a quote giving details of the amount of service involved. Should the member wish to proceed they must sign and return the appropriate discharge form. This part of the process must be concluded before 31/03/2015. There may be exceptional circumstances where this condition may be varied if, for example, the administrator is at fault for delay in the provision of a quote.



2. Added years

If you are in the 2006 scheme and would be unable to build up 35 years' pensionable service before age 55, you may be eligible to purchase added years in the scheme if your next birthday falls no later than 31/03/2015. Added years arrangements which are initiated before that date will be able to continue after the new scheme is introduced in April 2015. If you wish to consider this option or wish to enquire about eligibility you should approach your pension administrator.

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