

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (SCOTLAND) CIRCULAR SPN/LG No. 4/2014

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ACTION: This circular should be brought to the attention of

Pension Managers, Superanuation Sections and LGPS Employer Payroll Departments. You may also wish to draw it to the attention of the Directors of Finance and

Administration

SUBJECT: The Local Government Pension Scheme

(Administration) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations

2014 (S.S.I. 2014/164)

About Circular No.4/2014:-

The purpose of this circular is to announce the publication of the LGPS 2015 Regulations.

The Regulations are contained in;

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2014 (SSI 2014/164)

These Regulations ("the Regulations") introduce a new local government pension scheme ("the Scheme") which is to come into existence on 1st April 2015 and replace the local government pension scheme constituted by the Local Government Pension Scheme



(Benefits, Membership and Contributions) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (S.S.I. 2008/230) and the Local Government Pension Scheme Administration) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (S.S.I. 2008/228) ("the 2008 Scheme").

The reform of the LGPS follows Lord Hutton of Furness' report of March 2011 and the resulting Public Service Pensions Act 2013.

In contrast to the 2008 Scheme which was a final salary pension scheme in which unreduced benefits were payable to members from the age of 65, the Scheme provides for members to accrue pension on a career average revalued earnings basis and for unreduced benefits to be payable from their state pension age.

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