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- Crystal Mark 22141 and conditions of use: [Bulletin 9](#), [Bulletin 9 Appendix 3](#), [Bulletin 9 Appendix 4](#), and [Bulletin 21](#)
- Survey of 2018 ABS process developed in collaboration with Local Pension Board Effectiveness Committee: [Bulletin 11](#)
- Launch of 2018 survey, request for responses by 31 October 2018: [Bulletin 12](#)
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- Updated ABS guidance on new TPR website: [Bulletin 14](#)
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- ABS and explanatory notes template for 2019: [Bulletin 21](#), and [Bulletin 21 Appendix 1](#), and [Bulletin 21 Appendix 2](#)
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Commutation

- Commutation factors – modified members: [Bulletin 4](#)
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- Factsheet: "Uplift of Commutation": [Bulletin 19](#)

Compensation Scheme

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- FPS 2015 transitional protections challenge update: Supreme Court has denied Government's request for appeal: [Bulletin 21](#)
- Supreme Court refuses Government permission to appeal in public sector age discrimination cases: [Bulletin 22](#)
- Legal Update. 1. Langford v Secretary of State for Defence. 2. Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice v McCloud and Others: [Bulletin 22](#), and [Bulletin 22 Appendix 3](#)
- Written Ministerial Statement: Public Service Pensions – Firefighters Transitional Protection Challenge (McCloud and Sargeant): [Bulletin 22](#)
- Written Ministerial Statement: Walter v Innospec, Supreme Court Judgement: [Bulletin 22](#)

Cyber security

- Cyber resilience – actions for schemes: [Bulletin 22](#)
- TPR Governance and Administration survey 2018 – a view from the Regulator regarding Fire Schemes: [Bulletin 22](#), and [Bulletin 22 Appendix 4](#)

Data

- Background to General Data Protection Regulation: [Bulletin 1](#)
- Government Response to scams consultation: [Bulletin 2](#)
- PLSA guide “GDPR Made Simple”: [Bulletin 2](#)
- The Pension Regulator’s presentation – “Data challenges in the pensions landscape and GDPR”: [Bulletin 2](#), and [Bulletin 2 Appendix 3](#)
- TPR Quick Guides to record keeping, measuring data, improving data: [Bulletin 3](#)
- GDPR – six practical steps for FRAs: [Bulletin 5](#), and [Bulletin 5 Appendix 3](#)
- GDPR – template privacy notice for FRAs: [Bulletin 8](#)
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- HMRC General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) privacy notice: [Bulletin 9](#)
- Pension Administration Standards Association (PASA) data guidance: [Bulletin 18](#)
- “Data: Pensions in a digital era” – event summary: [Bulletin 19](#)
- TPR Governance and Administration survey 2018 – a view from the Regulator regarding Fire Schemes: [Bulletin 22](#), and [Bulletin 22 Appendix 4](#)
- Individual data improvement reports prepared by GAD for every FRA: [Bulletin 23](#)

Deferred Benefit Statements (DBS)

- Production of a standard DBS template planned: [Bulletin 10](#)

Divorce, dissolution of civil partnership, annulment

- Pension sharing on divorce – transition members: [Bulletin 3](#)
- Supreme Court ruling – McDonald – implication for future divorce cases in Scotland: [Bulletin 5](#)
- Pension sharing on divorce – transition members; amendment to guidance given in Bulletin 3: [Bulletin 17](#)

Exit cap

- Government consultation 10.04.2019: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Factsheet “Uplift of Commutation”: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Factsheet “Authority Initiated Early Retirement [AIER]”: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Technical note – guidance to FRAs on implications for Firefighters’ Pension Scheme, of Government’s consultation on restricting exit payments within public sector: [Bulletin 20](#), and [Bulletin 20 Appendix 2](#)

FPS Benchmarking

- FPS benchmarking exercise launched: [Bulletin 12](#), and [Bulletin 12 Appendix 1](#)
- FPS benchmarking exercise update: [Bulletin 13](#)
- FPS benchmarking exercise update: [Bulletin 14](#), and [Bulletin 14 Appendix 1](#)
- FPS benchmarking exercise update: [Bulletin 15](#)
- FPS benchmarking exercise – member survey launched with promotion poster and suggested email text for FRA to issue to members. [Bulletin 16](#), and [Bulletin 16 Appendix 4](#)
- FPS benchmarking exercise update: [Bulletin 17](#)
- FPS benchmarking – final report 30 August 2019: [Bulletin 23](#), and [Bulletin 23 Appendix 1](#)

Funding

- Home Office assumptions exercise: [Bulletin 1](#)
- HO Letter. Financial arrangements for firefighter pensions – LOGASnet Returns. Pension Estimates 2017/18 to 2023/24: [Bulletin 1](#), and [Bulletin 1 Appendix 1](#)
- Spreadsheet. Pension Top-up grant 2018. Pension Deficit/Surplus Estimates 2017/18 to 2023/24. Declaration of assumptions: [Bulletin 1](#), and [Bulletin 1 Appendix 2](#)
- Top-up grant claims to be submitted via new DELTA online data collection system: [Bulletin 7](#)
- FPS 2015 ill-health charge (same as for FPS 1992 and FPS 2006): [Bulletin 9](#)

Government Actuary's Department

- Autumn budget 2017 – GAD technical bulletin providing summary: [Bulletin 3](#)
- Commutation factors – modified members: [Bulletin 4](#)
- Indexation of GMP in public service pension schemes – consultation outcome: [Bulletin 5](#), and [Bulletin 5 Appendix 4](#)
- Valuation data – exclusion of data: [Bulletin 8](#)
- GAD technical bulletin relating to FPS 2016 Valuation and link to relevant documents: [Bulletin 12](#)
- Home Office letter regarding change to SCAPE discount rate and impact on GAD factors: [Bulletin 13](#), and [Bulletin 13 Appendix 1](#)
- Replacement factor tables for early and late retirement: [Bulletin 15](#), and [Bulletin 15 Appendix 2](#)
- Replacement factor tables for CETV and Pensioner Cash Equivalent (for divorce purposes) – any suspended calculations can now recommence: [Bulletin 15](#), and [Bulletin 15 Appendix 3](#)
- Replacement factor tables for Added Years/Added Pension and CPD: [Bulletin 16](#), and [Bulletin 16 Appendix 1](#)
- Replacement factor table for Tax Charge Debits: [Bulletin 16](#), and [Bulletin 16 Appendix 2](#)
- Replacement factor table for Non-Club Transfer-in (“TV-in”): [Bulletin 16](#), and [Bulletin 16 Appendix 3](#)
- GAD PSPS Newsletter – January 2019 edition: [Bulletin 16](#)
- Replacement factor table for Trivial Commutation: [Bulletin 17](#), and [Bulletin 17 Appendix 1](#)
- Replacement factor table for Club Transfers; process for applying new factors: [Bulletin 17](#) and [Bulletin 17 Appendix 2](#)
- Replacement factor table for Pension Debit Adjustment and Pension Credit: [Bulletin 18](#), and [Bulletin 18 Appendix 1](#)
- Club Memorandum updated: [Bulletin 19](#)
- GAD PSPS Newsletter – March 2019 edition: [Bulletin 19](#)
- GAD PSPS Newsletter – May 2019 edition: [Bulletin 20](#)
- Replacement factor table for Non-Club Transfer-In (FPS 2006 standard members): [Bulletin 21](#), and [Bulletin 21 Appendix 3](#)
- GAD consolidated factors spreadsheet: [Bulletin 21](#), and [Bulletin 21 Appendix 4](#)
- GAD PSPS Newsletter – June 2019 edition: [Bulletin 21](#)
- GAD PSPS Newsletter – July 2019 edition, and GAD Mortality Insight – July 2019: [Bulletin 22](#)
- GAD data improvement reports for individual FRAs: [Bulletin 23](#)

Governance

- TPR Governance and Administration survey: [Bulletin 1](#)
- TPR Governance and Administration survey 2017 – results: [Bulletin 8](#)
- Fire and Police Local Pension Board Governance – link to slides: [Bulletin 8](#)
- TPR Governance and Administration survey 2018: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Firefighters and Police Local Pension Boards governance conference 15 May 2019 – event summary and slide decks: [Bulletin 20](#)
- TPR Governance and Administration survey 2018 – a view from the Regulator regarding Fire Schemes: [Bulletin 22](#), and [Bulletin 22 Appendix 4](#)

Guidance for members

- FPS 2015 promotional leaflet for new members: [Bulletin 8](#)
- CARE build up flyer: [Bulletin 8](#)
- Factsheet “Topping up your State Pension”: [Bulletin 9](#)
- Guides and sample documents page added to website. Short guide to FPS 2015 first in a series of new guides for members: [Bulletin 10](#)
- Leaflet containing sample text to inform members of effect of SI 2018/997. (Material alteration to basic scheme membership must be provided to members no later than 8.1.2019.): [Bulletin 14](#)
- Sample text for FRAs to issue to firefighters regarding Court of Appeal judgement relating to transitional protection arrangements in FPS 2015: [Bulletin 15](#)
- Sample notes relating to retirement and opting out: [Bulletin 15](#)
- DWP “mid-life MOT” website: [Bulletin 18](#)
- Leaflet containing sample text for FRAs to issue to firefighters, regarding introduction of The Police and Firefighters’ (Pensions etc.) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2019 [SI 2019/378]: [Bulletin 20](#)
- HMRC Pension Tax restrictions and how they may affect firefighters’ pensions: [Bulletin 22](#), and [Bulletin 22 Appendix 1](#)

Guidance for practitioners

- Introduction of pension query form for submission to Bluelight team: [Bulletin 9](#), [Bulletin 9 Appendix 5](#), and [Bulletin 9 Appendix 6](#)
- Factsheet: “Eligibility to the pension scheme”: [Bulletin 10](#)
- Reminder – new way of submitting queries to the Bluelight team: [Bulletin 10](#)
- Guides and Sample Documents page added to website. New resources – Guide to Disclosure of Information Requirements; Full list of discretions (across all schemes); Short guide to FPS 2015: [Bulletin 10](#)
- A log of queries to, and responses from, Bluelight team available on website: [Bulletin 11](#)
- Addition of individual consolidated regulations on FPS Regulations and Guidance website: [Bulletin 11](#)
- Technical note giving details of The Police and Firefighters’ Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2018 [SI 2018/997]: [Bulletin 12](#)
- Presentations given at Fire Pensions Annual Conference, 17 – 18 September 2018: [Bulletin 12](#)
- Training for administrators on calculating tax liability and related processes: [Bulletin 12](#), and [Bulletin 12 Appendix 2](#)
- Possibility of sharing informal adjudication decisions not published by TPO: [Bulletin 14](#)
- Technical note giving details of The Police and Firefighters’ (Pensions etc.) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2019 [SI 2019/378]: [Bulletin 18](#)
- Factsheet: “FPS Contribution Rates 2019-20”: [Bulletin 18](#), and [Bulletin 18 Appendix 2](#)
- Factsheet: “Firefighters’ Pensions Year End”: [Bulletin 18](#), and [Bulletin 18 Appendix 3](#)
- Factsheet: “Additional Pension Benefits (APBs)”: [Bulletin 18](#)
- Factsheet: “Entitlement to two pensions” and recommended good practice: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Factsheet: “Eligibility to the pension scheme”, amended version: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Factsheet: “Pensions Taxation – Annual Allowance”: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Factsheet: “Pensions Taxation – Lifetime Allowance”: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Factsheet: “Uplift of Commutation”: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Factsheet: “Authority Initiated Early Retirement [AIER]”: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Technical note – guidance to FRAs on implications for Firefighters’ Pension Scheme, of Government’s consultation on restricting exit payments within public sector: [Bulletin 20](#), and [Bulletin 20 Appendix 2](#)
- Training guide “FPS 1992 transitional calculations” updated: [Bulletin 20](#)
- Factsheet “Pensions Taxation – Lifetime Allowance” updated: [Bulletin 20](#)
- New factsheet – “Ill-health pension paid from Compensation Scheme to Retained Firefighters employed before 6 April 2006”: [Bulletin 23](#), and [Bulletin 23 Appendix 2](#)

Ill-health retirement

- LGA quick guide to ill-health and injury benefits: [Bulletin 4](#) and [Bulletin 4 Appendix 1](#)
- IQMP Guidance – 4 October 2012: [Bulletin 4](#), and [Bulletin 4 Appendix 2](#)
- PO determination – Fire Authority should not “blindly” accept IQMP opinion: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Principle of PO determination mentioned in Bulletin 13 – the roles of the Authority and the IQMP – confirmed by 3 further determinations: [Bulletin 14](#)
- New ill-health and injury page in member-restricted area of website. Guidance, training materials, and draft forms which authorities may wish to use/adapt: [Bulletin 14](#)
- New version of Medical Certificate B (Deferred Pension Medical Opinion) which FRAs may wish to use/adapt: [Bulletin 16](#)
- Ill-health and injury workshop, 19 June 2019 – event summary: [Bulletin 21](#)
- Legal Update. The complexities of ill-health pensions. Fire Authority should not “blindly” accept IQMP opinion: [Bulletin 22](#) and [Bulletin 22 Appendix 2](#)
- New factsheet – “Ill-health pension paid from Compensation Scheme to Retained Firefighters employed before 6 April 2006”: [Bulletin 23](#), and [Bulletin 23 Appendix 2](#)

Indexation and revaluation

- HM Treasury written statement confirming Public Service Pension Indexation and Revaluation for 2018: [Bulletin 5](#)
- HM Treasury issue of updated direction on indexation provisions: [Bulletin 15](#)
- HM Treasury written statement confirming Public Service Pension indexation from 8 April 2019. Multiplier tables and covering note: [Bulletin 17](#)
- Revaluation for active members of FPS 2015: [Bulletin 17](#)

Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure (IDRP)

- Retention of two-stage process: [Bulletin 9](#)

Legislation

- The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 [SI 2017/888] and The Firefighters' Pension Schemes and Compensation Scheme (Amendment) (England) Order 2017 [SI 2017/892]: [Bulletin 2](#), and [Bulletin 2 Appendix 1](#)
- Consultation on amendments to survivors' benefits in FPS 2006 and various amendments to FPS 1992, 2006 and 2015 – draft legislation – consultation closes on 14 May 2018: [Bulletin 7](#)
- Financial Guidance and Claims Act 2018 (provides for the introduction of single financial guidance body – SFGB – to replace Pensions Wise, The Pensions Advisory Service and the Money Advice Service): [Bulletin 8](#)
- Data Protection Act 2018 (includes the provisions of the GDPR): [Bulletin 8](#)
- The Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2018 [SI 2018/493]: [Bulletin 8](#)
- The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 [SI 2018/576]: [Bulletin 8](#)
- The Firefighters' Pension Schemes and Compensation Scheme (Wales) Amendment) Order 2018 [SI 2018/577]: [Bulletin 8](#)
- The Data Protection Act 2018 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Saving Provisions) Regulations 2018 [SI 2018/625]: [Bulletin 8](#)
- The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire (Fire and Rescue Authority) Order 2018 [SI 2018/696]: [Bulletin 9](#)
- Certain individual consolidated regulations available on website. Consideration being given to project of retrospective consolidation of FPS 1992 and FPS 2006: [Bulletin 10](#)
- The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [SI 2018/215]: [Bulletin 10](#)
- The Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2018 [SI 2018/216]: [Bulletin 10](#)
- The Police and Firefighters' Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2018 [SI 2018/997]: [Bulletin 12](#)
- The Financial Guidance and Claims Act 2018 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2018 [SI 2018/987]: [Bulletin 12](#)
- The Financial Guidance and Claims Act 2018 (Commencement No.2) Regulations 2018 [SI 2018/1003]: [Bulletin 12](#)
- The Occupational Pension Schemes (Cross-border Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 [SI 2018/1102]: [Bulletin 13](#)
- The Occupational Pension Schemes (Governance) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 [SI 2018/1103]: [Bulletin 13](#)
- The State Pension Revaluation for Transitional Pensions Order 2018 [SI 2018/1217]: [Bulletin 14](#)
- The Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order 2018 [SI 2018/1218]: [Bulletin 14](#)
- The State Pension Debits and Credits (Revaluation) Order 2018 [SI 2018/1219]: [Bulletin 14](#)
- Consultation on changes to survivor benefits in FPS 1992 and FCS 2006, plus correction to FPS 1992 Rule B5A: [Bulletin 15](#)
- The Financial Guidance and Claims Act 2018 (Commencement No. 5) Regulations 2018 [SI 2018/1330]: [Bulletin 15](#)
- Consultation on changes to survivor benefits in FPS 1992 and FCS 2006, plus correction to FPS 1992 Rule B5A – LGA response: [Bulletin 16](#)
- The Finance Act 2004 (Standard Lifetime Allowance) Regulations 2019 [SI 2019/29]: [Bulletin 16](#)
- The Pension Protection Fund and Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling and Compensation Cap) Order 2019 [SI 2019/159]: [Bulletin 17](#)
- The Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 [SI 2019/192]: [Bulletin 17](#)
- The Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2019 [SI 2019/262]: [Bulletin 17](#)

Legislation (continued)

- The Police and Firefighters' (Pensions etc.) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2019 [SI 2019/378]: [Bulletin 18](#)
- The Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2019 [2019/373]: [Bulletin 18](#)
- The Automatic Enrolment (Earnings Trigger and Qualifying Earnings Band) Order 2019 [2019/374]: [Bulletin 18](#)
- The Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order [2019/376]: [Bulletin 18](#)
- The Public Service Pensions Revaluation Order 2019 [2019/455]: [Bulletin 18](#)
- The Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2019 [2019/546]: [Bulletin 18](#)
- Consultation on cap on exit payments in the public sector: [Bulletin 19](#)
- The Pension Schemes (Information Requirements – Qualifying Overseas Pension Schemes, Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pension Schemes and Corresponding Relief) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 [2019/773]: [Bulletin 19](#)
- The Pension Schemes (Information Requirements – Repayment of Overseas Transfer Charge) Regulations 2019 [2019/774]: [Bulletin 19](#)
- The Equality Act (Age Exceptions for Pension Schemes) (Amendment) Order 2019 [2019/879]: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Technical note on SI 2019/378 explaining changes to FPS in light of Walker v Innospec Supreme Court judgement: [Bulletin 22](#)

Local Pension Boards

- Local Pension Board training: [Bulletin 1](#) and [Bulletin 1 Appendix 9](#)
- Local Pension Board training: [Bulletin 2](#)
- Survey launched 28 November 2017 to test effectiveness and operational efficiency: [Bulletin 3](#)
- List of resources for LPBs published on Fire website: [Bulletin 3](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation – Local Pension Board Chairs should ensure exercise is underway: [Bulletin 4](#)
- Local Pension Board survey research report: [Bulletin 6](#), and [Bulletin 6 Appendix 3](#)
- TPR Governance and Administration 2017 survey results: [Bulletin 8](#)
- Training options: [Bulletin 8](#)
- Fire and Police Local Pension Board Governance – link to slides: [Bulletin 8](#)
- CIPFA Police and Fire Network – Police and Fire Horizon Scanning Briefing: [Bulletin 8 Appendix 2](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation update – reminder to Local Pension Boards to submit status information, as requested by HM Treasury, to Bluelight Team: [Bulletin 9](#)
- HMRC request regarding tax relief for special members of FPS 2006 – Local Pension Boards should note and seek confirmation that information has been supplied: [Bulletin 11](#)
- Template agenda and template annual report: [Bulletin 11](#)
- Local Pension Boards should ensure that scheme managers have appropriate process in place to consider IQMP reports: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Local Pension Boards should ensure correct action is taken in respect of underpayments and overpayments identified in the contracting-out reconciliation process: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Local Pension Boards should ensure revised GAD factors are applied with immediate effect: [Bulletin 15](#), [Bulletin 15 Appendix 2](#), and [Bulletin 15 Appendix 3](#)
- Local Pension Boards should ensure revised GAD factors are applied with immediate effect: [Bulletin 16](#), and [Bulletin 16 Appendix 1](#), [Bulletin 16 Appendix 2](#), and [Bulletin 16 Appendix 3](#)
- Training for Local Pension Boards and Scheme Managers: [Bulletin 16](#)
- Local Pension Boards should ensure revised GAD factors are applied with immediate effect: [Bulletin 17](#) and [Bulletin 17 Appendix 1](#)
- Local Pension Boards should ensure revised GAD factors are applied with immediate effect: [Bulletin 18](#), and [Bulletin 18 Appendix 1](#)
- Vacancy for FRA Local Pension Board representative on LPB Effectiveness Committee of SAB: [Bulletin 20](#)
- Firefighters and Police Local Pension Boards governance conference 15 May 2019 – event summary and slide decks: [Bulletin 20](#)
- Local Pension Boards should ensure revised GAD factors are applied with immediate effect: [Bulletin 21](#), and [Bulletin 21 Appendix 3](#)
- Guidance – Scheme Managers’ application to Secretary of State to establish Joint Local Pension Board: [Bulletin 21](#), and [Bulletin 21 Appendix 5](#)
- Local Pension Boards draft terms of reference updated: [Bulletin 21](#), and [Bulletin 21 Appendix 6](#), and [Bulletin 21 Appendix 7](#)
- Local Pension Boards annual wrap-up training, 18 June 2019 – event summary: [Bulletin 21](#)
- TPR Governance and Administration survey 2018 – a view from the Regulator regarding Fire Schemes: [Bulletin 22](#), and [Bulletin 22 Appendix 4](#)
- FPS benchmarking – final report 30 August 2019: [Bulletin 23](#), and [Bulletin 23 Appendix 1](#)
- Vacancy for FRA Local Pension Board representative on Administration and Benchmarking Committee of SAB: [Bulletin 23](#)

Medical appeals

- LGA quick guide to ill-health and injury benefits: [Bulletin 4](#), and [Bulletin 4 Appendix 1](#)
- IQMP Guidance – 4 October 2012: [Bulletin 4](#), and [Bulletin 4 Appendix 2](#)
- FPSC 9/2010 – Appeals to Board of Medical Referees – Processing of medical appeals: [Bulletin 4](#), and [Bulletin 4 Appendix 3](#)

Membership

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- Settlement Lump Sum (Special Members): [Bulletin 8](#)
- FPS 2006 (Special Members) workshop – link to slides: [Bulletin 8](#)
- SAB request for information from FRAs regarding number of members opting out of FPS, leaving or declining promotion due to tax or affordability of membership: [Bulletin 15](#), and [Bulletin 15 Appendix 4](#)
- SAB request for information from FRAs regarding number of members opting out of FPS, leaving, or declining promotion due to tax or affordability of membership: [Bulletin 16](#), and [Bulletin 16 Appendix 5](#)

Pay

- TPO determination (PO-155584) on pensionable pay for a retained firefighter with various allowances – Scheme Advisory Board working with legal advisers to provide guidance on case: [Bulletin 6](#)
- Continual Professional Development (CPD) payment – pensionable status: [Bulletin 9](#)
- TPO determination on pensionable pay (PO-14863). SAB to progress guidance based on case law and scheme rules. Link to presentation at AGM: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Summary of items of pay considered in TPO determination PO-14863: [Bulletin 14](#)
- APBs for temporary promotion: [Bulletin 17](#)
- Factsheet giving guidance on elements of pay considered in Booth v Mid and West Wales: [Bulletin 20](#), and [Bulletin 20 Appendix 1](#)
- Event summary of pensionable pay workshop (18.7.2019) and link to slide deck: [Bulletin 22](#)

Pensions Dashboard

- Pensions Dashboard: [Bulletin 2](#)
- Pensions Dashboard Project – newsletter on developments: [Bulletin 2](#), and [Bulletin 2 Appendix 4](#)
- Pensions Dashboard development day – slides outlining DWP’s policy objectives and Minister’s speech: [Bulletin 4](#), and [Bulletin 4 Appendix 8](#)
- Budget 2018 – Government to provide extra funding. DWP to consult on project later in year: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Government consultation 3.12.2018: [Bulletin 15](#)
- SAB response to Government consultation: [Bulletin 16](#)

Re-employment

- Re-engagement of Senior Fire Officers Post-Retirement – response to Government Consultation 21 February to 4 April 2017. Response published 27 December 2017: [Bulletin 4](#)
- Abatement and re-employment (including Protected Pension Age): [Bulletin 5](#), and [Bulletin 5 Appendix 1](#)

Scheme Advisory Board

- Launch of website: [Bulletin 2](#)
- Annual Fire (England) Scheme Advisory Board subscription levy: [Bulletin 2](#), and [Bulletin 2 Appendix 2](#)
- Appointment of Weightmans as legal adviser to the Board: [Bulletin 8](#)
- Appointment of Aon to conduct benchmarking review: [Bulletin 12](#), and [Bulletin 12 Appendix 1](#)
- Board's Cost Effectiveness Committee meeting with Home Office and GAD to discuss 2016 Valuation draft directions: [Bulletin 12](#)
- SAB levy for 2018/2019: [Bulletin 14](#), and [Bulletin 14 Appendix 2](#)
- End of year message from Chair: [Bulletin 15](#), and [Bulletin 15 Appendix 1](#)
- SAB cost-effectiveness committee vacancy for HR FRA representative: [Bulletin 16](#) and [Bulletin 17](#) and [Bulletin 18](#) and [Bulletin 19](#) and [Bulletin 20](#)
- SAB request for information update: [Bulletin 19](#)
- LPB Effectiveness Committee vacancy for FRA Local Pension Board representative: [Bulletin 20](#)
- SAB levy for 2019/2020: [Bulletin 21](#)
- Vacancy for FRA Local Pension Board representative on Administration and Benchmarking Committee of SAB: [Bulletin 23](#)

Scheme Managers

- Training for Local Pension Boards and Scheme Managers: [Bulletin 16](#)
- Factsheet which gives guidance on the role of Scheme Manager: [Bulletin 16](#), and [Bulletin 16 Appendix 6](#)
- FRAs should ensure that a policy is in place regarding the exercise of their discretion in respect of APBs, and that it is reported to their administrator: [Bulletin 18](#)
- FRAs should ensure that they are aware of the two pension rule and inform their pension administrators when a drop in pay occurs: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Guidance – Scheme Managers' application to Secretary of State to establish Joint Local Pension Board: [Bulletin 21](#), and [Bulletin 21 Appendix 5](#)

Special Members – FPS 2006

- National Insurance rebates for Special Members of FPS 2006 (Modified): [Bulletin 2](#)
- Backdated elections to FPS 2006 (Special Members): [Bulletin 3](#)
- National Insurance rebates for Special Members of FPS 2006 (Modified) – further clarification: [Bulletin 3](#)
- Commutation factors – modified members: [Bulletin 4](#)
- Rebate of NI for retained modified members: [Bulletin 4](#)
- Settlement Lump Sum (Special Members): [Bulletin 8](#)
- FPS 2006 (Special Members) workshop – link to slides: [Bulletin 8](#)
- Tax relief claims – LGA FAQ factsheet to assist FRAs with response to HMRC request: [Bulletin 11](#)
- TPO cases under consideration include individuals who missed deadline to elect for special membership: [Bulletin 13](#)

State Pension and National Insurance (including contracting-out)

- State Pension Age Review: [Bulletin 1](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation: [Bulletin 1](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation: [Bulletin 2](#)
- National Insurance rebates for Special Members of FPS 2006 (Modified): [Bulletin 2](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation timeline: [Bulletin 3](#)
- National Insurance rebates for Special Members of FPS 2006 (Modified) – further clarification: [Bulletin 3](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation – Local Pension Board Chairs should ensure exercise is underway: [Bulletin 4](#)
- Rebate of NI for retained modified members: [Bulletin 4](#)
- Indexation of GMP in public service pension schemes – consultation outcome: [Bulletin 5](#), and [Bulletin 5 Appendix 4](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation – Pensions Administration Standards Association (PASA) has produced a GMP trustee checklist, steps to be taken after reconciliation has taken place: [Bulletin 5](#), and [Bulletin 5 Appendix 5](#)
- HMRC Pensions Online Digital Service – user research: [Bulletin 5](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation update: [Bulletin 6](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation update: [Bulletin 7](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation update: [Bulletin 8](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation update – reminder to Local Pension Boards to submit status information, as requested by HM Treasury, to Bluelight Team: [Bulletin 9](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation update: [Bulletin 10](#)
- Countdown Bulletin 36: [Bulletin 11](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation statistics: [Bulletin 12](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation update – deadline of 31 October 2018 for submitting data: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Home Office agreement regarding action in respect of confirmed overpayments and underpayments: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Countdown Bulletin 37 and HMRC addendum: [Bulletin 13](#)
- PASA Guidance – GMP Stalemate cases: [Bulletin 13](#), and [Bulletin 13 Appendix 2](#)
- High Court ruling on GMP equalisation: [Bulletin 14](#)
- Contracting-out reconciliation update – Bluelight team request for administrators to provide return setting out number of cases reconciled and number outstanding: [Bulletin 14](#)
- Countdown Bulletins 38 and 39: [Bulletin 14](#)
- Further clarification from HMRC regarding addendum to Countdown Bulletin 37: [Bulletin 14](#)
- Countdown Bulletin 40: [Bulletin 15](#)
- Countdown Bulletin 41: [Bulletin 16](#)
- DWP guidance explaining rights of UK nationals in EU, and EU citizens in UK, in the event of a “no deal” Brexit: [Bulletin 17](#)
- Countdown Bulletin 42: [Bulletin 17](#)
- Countdown Bulletins 43 and 44: [Bulletin 18](#)
- Countdown Bulletin 45: [Bulletin 20](#)
- House of Commons briefing paper – GMP-related overpayments: [Bulletin 22](#)
- Countdown Bulletin 46: [Bulletin 22](#)
- Countdown Bulletin 47: [Bulletin 23](#)

Survivor Benefits

- Brewster case – nomination forms: [Bulletin 1](#)
- Walker v Innospec – membership dates used in assessment of pension for surviving civil partner: [Bulletin 1](#)
- Survivor benefits – LGA quick guide: [Bulletin 3](#), and [Bulletin 3 Appendix 1](#)
- Spouse’s pension on early retirement from FPS 2006 and FPS 2015: [Bulletin 7](#)
- Implications of Walker v Innospec Ltd – equality for survivors of civil partnerships and same-sex marriages – HO currently considering recommendations to ministers regarding FPS: [Bulletin 7](#)
- Civil partnership to be extended to opposite sex couples: [Bulletin 14](#)
- Consultation on changes to survivor benefits in FPS 1992 and FCS 2006, plus correction to FPS 1992 Rule B5A: [Bulletin 15](#)
- Consultation on changes to survivor benefits in FPS 1992 and FCS 2006, plus correction to FPS 1992 Rule B5A – LGA response: [Bulletin 16](#)
- Legal Update. Langford v Secretary of State for Defence: [Bulletin 22](#), and [Bulletin 22 Appendix 3](#)
- Written Ministerial Statement: Walker v Innospec Supreme Court Judgement and response to the Survivor Benefits Review: [Bulletin 22](#)
- Technical Note on SI 2019/378 explaining changes following Walker v Innospec Supreme Court judgement: [Bulletin 22](#)

Tax

- Unauthorised payments (contributions holiday) – the procedure for each FRA to report and pay tax due: [Bulletin 1](#), and [Bulletin 1 Appendix 7](#) and [Bulletin 1 Appendix 8](#)
- Voluntary Scheme Pays: [Bulletin 1](#)
- Voluntary Scheme Pays in the Firefighters’ Pension Schemes: [Bulletin 1](#), and [Bulletin 1 Appendix 5](#)
- Outstanding queries July/August 2017: [Bulletin 1](#), and [Bulletin 1 Appendix 6](#)
- Bulk procedure to report and pay tax due on unauthorised payments (contributions holiday) – FRA’s individual and SAFE reference numbers: [Bulletin 2](#)
- Outstanding queries September/October 2017: [Bulletin 2](#), and [Bulletin 2 Appendix 5](#)
- Technical note on correct tax treatment of ill-health pensions paid from the Compensation Scheme to retained firefighters employed before 6 April 2006: [Bulletin 2](#), and [Bulletin 2 Appendix 6](#)
- Reminder re tax charge for Voluntary Scheme pays – payment to HMRC by 31 January 2018 for tax charge relating to 2016/2017, and reminder that FRAs should have a VSP policy in place: [Bulletin 3](#)
- Lifetime Allowance 2018/2019 to increase in line with CPI by 3% to £1,030,000: [Bulletin 3](#)
- Unauthorised payments (contributions holiday) – some FRAs have not yet reported and paid tax to HMRC – deadline reminder: [Bulletin 3](#)
- Voluntary Scheme Pays – LGA notes and guidance: [Bulletin 4](#), and [Bulletin 4 Appendix 4](#), [Bulletin 4 Appendix 5](#), [Bulletin 4 Appendix 6](#), [Bulletin 4 Appendix 7](#)
- Unauthorised payments (contributions holiday) – deadline reminder: [Bulletin 4](#)
- Annual Allowance pensions saving statements – data and format: [Bulletin 4](#)
- Lifetime Allowance – event reporting: [Bulletin 4](#)
- Abatement and re-employment (including Protected Pension Age): [Bulletin 5](#), and [Bulletin 5 Appendix 1](#)
- Lifetime Allowance 2018-19: [Bulletin 5](#)
- Relief at source – Scotland: [Bulletin 5](#), and [Bulletin 5 Appendix 6](#)
- HMRC research into scheme administrators with multiple scheme administrator IDs: [Bulletin 6](#)
- Annual Allowance Calculator – temporarily unavailable: [Bulletin 7](#)
- Tax awareness seminars – next steps: [Bulletin 8 Appendix 1](#)
- HMRC launch of Manage and Register Pension Schemes service: [Bulletin 9](#)
- FPS 2006 special member tax relief claims: [Bulletin 10](#)
- Annual Allowance Calculator – back on line (link given): [Bulletin 10](#)
- Tax relief claims – LGA FAQ factsheet to assist FRAs with response to HMRC request: [Bulletin 11](#)
- Method of submission of scheme data re pension savings statements for 2017/2018: [Bulletin 11](#)
- Event Report and Lifetime Allowance protections: [Bulletin 11](#)
- Reporting non-taxable pension lump sum death benefit payments: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Lifetime Allowance 2019/20 – Budget announcement that will increase in line with CPI to £1,055,000: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Payment of Mandatory Scheme Pays tax charge within Voluntary Scheme Pays timescales where charge can be settled using a combination of MSP and VSP – guidance on best practice to be issued: [Bulletin 17](#)
- Slides from HMRC workshops “Manage and Register Pension Schemes”: [Bulletin 18](#), and [Bulletin 18 Appendix 4](#)
- Factsheet “Pensions Taxation – Annual Allowance”: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Factsheet “Pensions Taxation – Lifetime Allowance”: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Factsheet “Pensions Taxation – Lifetime Allowance” updated: [Bulletin 20](#)
- House of Commons briefing paper – pensions tax relief. (Includes references to call for reform in response to concerns about filling senior posts in public sector): [Bulletin 20](#)

Tax (continued)

- HMRC Pension Tax restrictions and how they may affect firefighters' pensions: [Bulletin 22](#), and [Bulletin 22 Appendix 1](#)
- FPS contacts for HMRC: [Bulletin 23](#)
- Reminder that Annual Allowance pension savings statements for 2018-19 tax year must be issued by 6 October 2019: [Bulletin 23](#)
- 2018-19 Event reporting – submission of pension savings statement data: [Bulletin 23](#)
- Submission of Lifetime Allowance - Event Reporting: [Bulletin 23](#)

The Pensions Ombudsman

- Pensions Ombudsman Newsletter Issue 2 – 2.9.2017: [Bulletin 3 Appendix 2](#)
- Pensions Ombudsman Newsletter Issue 3 – January 2018: [Bulletin 4 Appendix 9](#)
- TPAS dispute function moves to The Pensions Ombudsman – expected to be completed by 1 March 2018: [Bulletin 5](#)
- TPO determination (PO-155584) on pensionable pay for a retained firefighter with various allowances – Scheme Advisory Board working with legal advisers to provide guidance on case: [Bulletin 6](#)
- Summary of statistics collated by Pensions Ombudsman concerning enquiries and investigations undertaken on behalf of Local Govt., Police, Firefighters and Teachers Pension Schemes: [Bulletin 6](#), and [Bulletin 6 Appendix 5](#)
- The Pensions Ombudsman signposting – TPO have launched a signposting template for organisations: [Bulletin 7](#), and [Bulletin 7 Appendix 1](#)
- Pensions Ombudsman Newsletter Issue 4 – July 2018: [Bulletin 10 Appendix 1](#)
- Link to earlier communications from The Pensions Ombudsman and a full history of determinations in relation to FPS: [Bulletin 10](#)
- TPO determination (PO-12763) on transfer out of Police Pension Scheme – authority failed to conduct adequate checks and enquiries: [Bulletin 11](#)
- TPO signposting provisions for referring to TPO and The Pensions Advisory Service (TPAS): [Bulletin 12](#)
- TPO determination relating to the roles of the Authority and the IQMP: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Update on FPS cases currently under consideration by TPO: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Summary of items of pensionable pay considered in PO-14863: [Bulletin 14](#)
- PO determination mentioned in Bulletin 13 – the roles of the Authority and the IQMP – further confirmed by 3 further determinations: [Bulletin 14](#)
- Consultation seeking views on proposals regarding new TPO function for earlier resolution of disputes prior to a determination, and for employers to make complaints or refer disputes to TPO on behalf of themselves: [Bulletin 15](#)
- Pensions Ombudsman Newsletter Issue 5 – November 2018: [Bulletin 15 Appendix 5](#)
- Pensions Ombudsman Newsletter Issue 6 – June 2019: [Bulletin 21](#), and [Bulletin 21 Appendix 8](#)
- An overview of the process following a complaint being referred to the Pensions Ombudsman: [Bulletin 22](#)
- Pensions Ombudsman Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 and a message from the Ombudsman: [Bulletin 22](#), and [Bulletin 22 Appendix 5](#)
- TPO dispute resolution consultation, 19 December 2018 to 18 January 2019 – response: [Bulletin 23](#)

The Pensions Regulator

- TPR governance and admin survey: [Bulletin 1](#)
- Presentation – Firefighters’ pension schemes. Full set of survey results 2016: [Bulletin 1](#), and [Bulletin 1 Appendix 3](#)
- Presentation – Firefighters’ pension schemes: [Bulletin 1](#), and [Bulletin 1 Appendix 4](#)
- The Pension Regulator’s presentation – “Data challenges in the pensions landscape and GDPR”: [Bulletin 2](#), and [Bulletin 2 Appendix 3](#)
- TPR Quick Guides to record keeping, measuring data, improving data: [Bulletin 3](#)
- TPR governance and admin survey: [Bulletin 3](#)
- TPR statement summarising guidance around the management of outsourced service providers: [Bulletin 6](#), and [Bulletin 6 Appendix 4](#)
- TPR Scheme return 2017/18 to be issued in July 2018 – Scheme Advisory Board are working to develop standard set of scheme specific data for use in completing return, in order to ensure consistency across all Firefighters’ Pension Schemes: [Bulletin 7](#)
- TPR data score requirements: [Bulletin 8](#)
- TPR Governance and Administration 2017 survey results: [Bulletin 8](#)
- TPR press release concerning fraudsters who may be trying to steal from the savings of workers by falsely claiming to be from TPR: [Bulletin 10](#)
- TPR request that in 2017/2018 scheme return, schemes should measure the data held about members and report this. TPR checklist for completing return. LGA informal guide to measuring data: [Bulletin 11](#), and [Bulletin 11 Appendix 1](#).
- TPR scheme return 2018/2019 issued to scheme managers: [Bulletin 12](#)
- TPR new approach to workplace pensions regulation: [Bulletin 12](#)
- TPR annual Governance and Administration survey: [Bulletin 13](#)
- TPR scheme return 2018 – reminder that completion/submission is mandatory: [Bulletin 14](#)
- TPR annual Governance and Administration survey 2018 – reminder to complete/return: [Bulletin 14](#)
- TPR’s new website launched 12.11.2018. Includes ScamSmart campaign (“Scorpion” leaflet replaced), updated guidance on Annual Benefit Statements, and other resources: [Bulletin 14](#)
- New TPR Chief Executive: [Bulletin 15](#)
- TPR statement on the UK’s exit from the European Union: [Bulletin 17](#)
- TPR Governance and Administration survey 2018 – a view from the Regulator regarding Fire Schemes: [Bulletin 22](#), and [Bulletin 22 Appendix 4](#)
- TPR secondment opportunity: [Bulletin 22](#)
- All breaches of law must be recorded and those considered material reported to TPR. (Link to new [Breach Assessment Template](#).): [Bulletin 23](#)
- TPR Public Service Pension Scheme return (2019) scheduled for late September: [Bulletin 23](#)

Transfers

- Transfer calculations to be put on hold pending new GAD factors: [Bulletin 13](#)
- Replacement factor table for Club Transfers effective from 1 April 2019. Process for applying new factors: [Bulletin 17](#), and [Bulletin 17 Appendix 2](#)
- Club Memorandum updated: [Bulletin 19](#)
- Updated list of Club Transfer members: [Bulletin 20](#)
- GAD replacement factor table for Non-Club Transfer-In (FPS 2006 standard members). Suspension of any outstanding cases can be lifted: [Bulletin 21](#), and [Bulletin 21 Appendix 3](#)

Valuation

- Exclusion of valuation data: [Bulletin 8](#)
- Home Office not in a position to comment on 2016 valuation until September 2018: [Bulletin 11](#)
- HMT draft directions for 2016 Valuation: [Bulletin 12](#)
- 2016 Valuation – Home Office/SAB consultation to run up to 5 December 2018. Final decision regarding accrual rate and employer contribution rate to be made at end of consultation: [Bulletin 13](#)
- 2016 Valuation update – discussions about rectifying the breach to cost cap floor: [Bulletin 14](#)
- 2016 Valuation update – proposals for rectifying the breach to cost cap floor, indicative scheme specific contribution rates, and link to GAD’s Public Service Scheme December newsletter: [Bulletin 15](#)
- 2016 Valuation – HM Treasury written ministerial statement regarding the effect on the Valuation of the McCloud and Sargeant cases: [Bulletin 16](#) and [Bulletin 17](#)
- Employer contribution rates from 1 April 2019 to be issued imminently: [Bulletin 17](#)
- No change to member contribution rates or accrual rate: [Bulletin 17](#)
- 2016 Valuation – employer contributions and additional funding approved by HM Treasury: [Bulletin 19](#)