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Summary
<p>This circular is in relation to the factors and example calculations for converting Standard Membership Transferred in Service Credits, Added Years and Additional Pension Benefit to Special Membership in respect of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) 2007 issued by the Government Actuary's Department.</p> <p>The factors and associated calculations should be applied from 12 February 2015.</p>

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Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) 2007 – Factors and example calculations

1. On 31 December 2014, the Retained Duty System (RDS) Modified Pension Scheme was introduced to make provision for access to a pension scheme for RDS firefighters employed by a Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) in Wales between 1 July 2000 and 5 April 2006 inclusive. The Welsh Government circular, W-FRSC (2014) 14, refers.
2. This circular now provides guidance on the factors and example calculations for converting standard membership transferred in service credits, added years and additional pension benefit to Special Membership transferred-in service credits, added years and additional pension benefit as issued by Government Actuary's Department.
3. This note relates to the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Wales) 2007 and it sets out the general method for:
 - converting standard membership transferred-in service credits to special membership transferred-in service credits for members who are entitled to treat such service as special pensionable service;
 - converting standard membership added years to special membership added years for members who are entitled to treat such service as special pensionable service, and for
 - converting standard membership additional pension benefits (APBs) to special membership APBs for members who are entitled to treat such benefits as special firefighter member benefits
4. The factors and associated calculations should be applied from 12 February 2015.
5. The guidance note is attached at Annex 1.

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