



Firefighters' Pension Scheme Circular

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Summary:	This circular advises FRAs on the Pensions Increase for 2011.
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1.0 Pensions Increase 2011

- 1.1 Public service pensions are increased under the provisions of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 and Section 59 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975. The latter provides for public service pensions to be up-rated at the same time and by the same percentage as the increase in the additional pension provided under the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (SERPs), which is based on the September-to-September increase in prices. This will be based on the CPI measure from the April 2011. The underlying purpose of this legislation is to maintain the purchasing power of state retirement and public service pensions.
- 1.2 Public service pensions which have been in payment for a year will be increased by **3.1 per cent** from 11th April 2011 in line with the September-to-September increase in prices. Any pension which has been in payment for less than a year will be increased by a proportionate amount depending upon the number of months it has been in payment.
- 1.3 Links to the 2011 multiplier tables and associated covering note from HM Treasury can be accessed at: [Pensions increase 2011](#)

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