

New Firefighter's Pension Scheme (NFPS) and 2015 Scheme

Transfers from pension schemes outside the NFPS and 2015 Scheme

Transferring benefits into Fire pension schemes

If you are an active member and have previous pension benefits, you may wish to transfer them into the Fire pension schemes. Transfers must usually be made within your first year of membership in your current employment. To investigate transferring previous benefits from outside the *Club please follow these instructions.

1. Read this booklet and complete the transfer form that is at the back. Send Part A and Part B to your **previous** pension provider.



2. Your previous pension provider will send details directly to you. Send **all** of them including any discharge forms to Pensions Services – the address is on page 3.



3. Pensions Services will send an estimate of the extra service or pension amount your transfer will buy.



4. If you wish to go ahead with the transfer, send all the documents we have ticked on the estimate checklist to your previous pension provider.



5. When we receive payment from your previous provider we will send you a notice of the service or pension amount awarded.

What must I do?

Ask your previous pension provider for information. You can use the form in this booklet; complete **Part A** and send it with **Part B** to your previous pension provider. You should do this for each scheme you wish to transfer benefits from.

What happens next?

Your previous provider will give you a transfer value, details of your benefits and discharge forms.

What do I do with the transfer details?

Send everything to Pensions Services as soon as you receive it. Include the discharge forms; we will not use them to transfer benefits without your permission.

Some transfer values have a 3 month guarantee and personal pension values change daily, so you must send us a **recent** transfer value (less than 1 month old). If the transfer value has expired, or is not recent, we may ask you for a new value. Your previous provider may charge you for repeat quotes. Do not send us an annual benefits statement – it does not include sufficient transfer details,

Our address is: Pension Services Section
Hampshire County Council
The Castle
Winchester
SO23 8UB

What happens next?

We will send you an estimate of the extra service or pension amount your transfer will provide in the Fire pension schemes.

You must then decide whether or not to go ahead. We cannot advise you so you may wish to consult an independent financial adviser.

What if I want the transfer to go ahead?

Read the checklist we sent with your estimate. Complete the relevant forms and send them and other documents requested to your previous pension provider.

You must send the forms and other documents to your previous pension provider within any guarantee period, if there is one, to take advantage of the guaranteed value.

When the transfer is complete

We will write to you when we receive payment from your previous scheme, confirming completion of the transfer and include a formal notice of the service or pension amount credited to your police pension account.

Can previous pension rights always be transferred?

In most cases a transfer can be made. The Firefighter schemes cannot accept transfers that would not cover the benefits it is required to provide. We will let you know if this applies to you. The firefighter scheme regulations do not allow us to accept transfers containing pension credits awarded under pension sharing orders.

What if I do not have my previous provider's address?

Write to the Pensions Tracing Service at:

Pension Tracing Service

The Pension Service 9

Mail Handling Site A

Wolverhampton

WV98 1LU

Find online at:

www.gov.uk/find-lost-pension

Telephone: 0345 6002 537

From outside the UK: +44 (0)191 215 4491

Textphone: 0345 3000 169

Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

and tell them as much as you can about your previous scheme or provider.



Transfer form - Part A


Please send this to your previous pension provider with Part B

Dear Pension Provider

I am considering transferring my pension rights with you into the Firefighter pension schemes.

I have given my details below. Please provide the information requested overleaf, and enclose the discharge forms I will need if I wish the transfer to proceed. Send these to my address with a copy of this form so I can pass them to my new scheme.

I. Personal details											
Title _____	First Name _____ Surname _____										
Previous surname (if any) _____											
Address _____											
Postcode _____											
National Insurance number	<table border="1"> <tr> <td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td> </tr> </table>										
Date of birth	____ / ____ / ____										

Previous pension scheme	
Name of previous scheme	_____
Name of scheme administrators	_____
Address	_____
	Postcode _____
Membership/policy number	_____
Dates of membership	From _____ To _____
<p>I consent to the disclosure of any additional information about my pension to Pension Services. Please process this estimate request quickly, but do not send payment. I will contact you again if I want the transfer to proceed.</p>	
Signature _____	Date _____
<p> Data protection: Pensions Services will only use your data to process your pension rights</p>	



**Transfer form - Part B
To the Pension Provider**

If you can offer a transfer value, please send the information requested below to the member with any discharge forms. Please include the date of the estimate. If the transfer value includes pre 1997 protected rights, you must include GMP details.

If you are an occupational scheme:

- Service dates on which benefit entitlement is based
- Contracted out employment dates, if different
- Weekly GMP to the leaving date and type of revaluation used, split pre and post 88
- Your PSTR number
- Your ECON and SCON if applicable
- Transfer value, excluding any AVC fund
- Post 1997 protected rights
- Current benefits value
- Details of any pension sharing or earmarking orders

If you are a personal pension arrangement:

- Dates of membership of the arrangement
- Basis of your HMRC approval
- Your PSTR number
- Your ASCON number
- Transfer value
- Details of any pension sharing or earmarking orders

About the New Firefighter’s Pension Scheme (NFPS) and the 2015

Firefighter’s scheme (2015 Scheme)

The NFPS and 2015 scheme are statutory schemes and became registered pension schemes on 6 April 2006 in accordance with paragraph (1) of Schedule 36 to the Finance Act 2004.

	New Firefighters Pension Scheme	2015 Firefighters Pension Scheme
PSTR number	00677944RB	00677944RB
	Sub scheme 00680146RV	Sub scheme
ECON	E3900002R	E3900002R
SCON	S2734123Y	S2734123Y
GMP revaluation	Section 148 orders	Section 148 orders

Administrator	
Pension Services, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester; SO23 8UB	Phone: 01962 845588
Please regard this as authority to contact HMRC for confirmation of scheme status or related issues.	