

Death grant and balance of guaranteed pension nomination - notes

Death in service

If you die in service whilst contributing to the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority will pay a death grant, normally equivalent to three times your pensionable pay at date of death. For part-time firefighters actual pay is used, not the whole-time equivalent.

Death in retirement

If you die within five years of your pension first being paid, the balance of the five years will be paid as a lump sum. No lump sum will be paid if you die before receiving your pension.

Making a nomination

You can nominate one or more people to receive the death grant or balance of pension. If you nominate more than one person, indicate the percentage of the payment that you wish each nominee to receive.

We will acknowledge your nomination unless you ask us not to. This nomination will be considered for all your pension records unless you fill in separate forms for each record.

Keeping your nomination up to date

You can change your nomination at any time by completing a new form. You can cancel it by writing to Pensions Services. Your nomination will remain valid unless the nominee has died or you have cancelled it in writing.

You must update your nomination if your circumstances or wishes change otherwise any payment may not be made as you would have wanted. Please also update your nomination if any nominees change their addresses.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority's discretion

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority has absolute discretion as to the payment of the death grant or balance of pension. It will decide on the most appropriate recipient or recipients, and can take into account your wishes.

This means that under current tax rules the payment would be exempt from inheritance tax, even if the authority makes the payment to the legal personal representatives of the firefighter responsible for the administration of his or her estate.

Please send your completed form to:	Contact pensions Services if you have difficulty completing this form or for more information.
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