

2013 No. 129

FIRE SERVICES

PENSIONS

**The Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Order
2013**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>18th April 2013</i>
<i>Laid before the Scottish Parliament</i>	<i>22nd April 2013</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st May 2013</i>

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 34 and 60 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004(a) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 34(5) of that Act, they have consulted with such persons as they considered appropriate.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Order 2013.

(2) This Order comes into force on 1st May 2013.

Amendment of the Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Order 2007

2. Schedule 1 to the Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Order 2007(b) (in which the New Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) is set out) is amended in accordance with article 3.

3. For the Table in Annex A1 (pensions contributions), substitute—

<i>“Pensionable pay</i>	<i>Contribution rate from 1st May 2013</i>
Up to and including £15,000	8.5% of pensionable pay
More than £15,000 and up to and including £21,000	9.1% of pensionable pay
More than £21,000 and up to and including £30,000	9.6% of pensionable pay

(a) 2004 c.21; section 34 is amended (with effect from 1st April 2013) by paragraph 66(2) of schedule 7 to the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 8); the functions of the Secretary of State as regards Scotland were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/849).

(b) S.S.I. 2007/199; amended by S.S.I. 2008/160, 2010/65 and 333, and 2012/107.

More than £30,000 and up to and including £40,000	9.9% of pensionable pay
More than £40,000 and up to and including £50,000	10.1% of pensionable pay
More than £50,000 and up to and including £60,000	10.2% of pensionable pay
More than £60,000 and up to and including £100,000	10.5% of pensionable pay
More than £100,000 and up to and including £120,000	10.8% of pensionable pay
More than £120,000	11.1% of pensionable pay”

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18th April 2013

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order changes as from 1st May 2013 the pension contribution rates of firefighters in Scotland who are members of the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland).

In addition, a new band of pensionable pay has been created so that those firefighters who earn more than £15,000 and up to and including £21,000 will pay a lower rate than those earning more than £21,000 and up to and including £30,000.