



Freedom of Information Request FOI 24 88

Pension information from 1975

The responses to your queries are in bold.

1) Number of completed Expression of Interest forms received for each month from December 2023 to date, broken down by category of:

Current Firefighters

Firefighters who have left the service

Firefighters who have left the service and are in receipt of a pension Firefighters who have left the service and in receipt of ill health benefits Others.

We have received 393 expressions of interest broken down by month and category as follows

	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	
Current	5	14	7	9	10	6	2	53
Leaver Non Pension or Deferred	41	47	35	23	16	17	7	186
Pension Member	41	53	19	29	9	2	1	154
Totals	87	114	61	61	35	25	10	393

2) Historic pay scales for rank/role of Firefighter, LFF - Crew Manager, SubO - Watch Manager for each year from 1975 to 2008.

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case we are claiming the following exemption: Section 21 – Information accessible by other means. This information can be found using the link below.

<https://www.fpsregs.org/index.php/modified-2006-scheme-resources/firefighter-pay-scales>

3) Numbers and categories of completed calculations sent to applicants to date, broken down by applicant category and month.

We have received 393 requests. Zero calculations have been sent out.

4) Cost of purchasing historic service per £1000 of salary earned for each year from 1975 to 2008 inclusive of tax relief adjustment.

Please see the attached spreadsheet.



5) Interest rate to be applied for each year of payable pension arrears from 2006 to 2024.

The calculator provided by the Government Actuary shows limited information on the interest rates applicable to each period.

Regulation 1A of Part 3 of the The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (England) (Amendment) Order 2014, states the following:

“(8) Where a person joins this Scheme as a special pensioner member and is entitled to a pension under this rule, the authority shall pay to him a lump sum equal to the value, together with interest, of the pension payments (“the past pension payments”) he would have received up to the date of payment of the lump sum if at the date of his retirement he had been a member of this Scheme who had made contributions equivalent to his contributions under rules 6A and 6B of Part 11 and shall thereafter pay him a special member’s ordinary pension.

(9) The interest payable in accordance with paragraph (8) is payable as follows— (a)for the purposes of calculating interest under this paragraph it shall be assumed that the past pension payments were payable from the date that the member reached normal retirement age; (b)interest starts to accrue from the date that the first past pension payment would have been made in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) and ceases to accrue on the date of payment of the lump sum in accordance with paragraph (8) of this rule; (c)interest shall be calculated by applying the past interest rate to the past pension payment compounded monthly between the month each past pension payment would have been made in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) until the date of payment of the lump sum, and for the purposes of this rule “past interest rate” is a rate equivalent to the interest available on the most recent issue of five year fixed interest savings certificates from National Savings and Investments available on the 15th day of each month which would have been applicable to the period when the past pension payment in question would have been made in accordance with sub-paragraph (a)”

6) Number of Expressions of Interest received requesting costs of converting FPS2006 membership to the Modified Pension Arrangements and how many have been completed and sent out.

These are included in Q3 and have not been identified. Zero calculations have been sent out.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 16, August 2024