

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (SCOTLAND)
CIRCULAR SPN/LG No. 2/2010**

WHO SHOULD READ: The Secretary General, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
The Chief Executive, Scottish Local Authorities
The Chief Executive, Water Authorities
The Principal Reporter, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
The Chief Executive, Scottish Environment Protection Agency
The Director General, Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive
The Clerk, Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority
The Chief Executive/Director, Area Tourist Boards

ACTION: This circular should be brought to the attention of Pension Managers, Superannuation Sections and LGPS Employer Payroll Departments. You may also wish to draw it to the attention of the Directors of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT: TIERED CONTRIBUTION RATE SYSTEM
Local Government Pension Scheme in Scotland – Guidance for the Assessment of Member Contribution Rates. Version 3 – issued 16 March 2010

DATE: 16 March 2010

About Circular SPN/LG No. 2/2010

The purpose of this circular is to notify all interested parties of the changes made to the guidance issued on the tiered contribution rate system for the Local Government Pension Scheme in Scotland.

Please find attached version 3 of the guidance on the operation of the tiered contribution rate system for the Local Government Pension Scheme in Scotland. This version replaces version 2 which was issued in February 2009.

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Changes to the guidance are as follows:

- Changes have been made to allow employers the choice of the pay period to revise rates at the start of each tax year.
- Under para 5 (e) employers can determine the period in each new tax year, as not all employers have the same pay frequencies and pay dates.
- The guidance now contains more clarity about “31 March” and “tax years”.
- References to “2009” have been removed to avoid further annual updates.
- The guidance clarifies that the rates have not changed in 2010.
- The references to “old protection” for ex-manual workers paying 5% have been removed.

Administering Authorities are asked to ensure that version 3 of the guidance is forwarded to LGPS employers.

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