

FROM 1ST APRIL 2009, IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (NI) WILL CHANGE.

Main improvements to the scheme are

- An increased rate of pension based on your final pay.
- An increase in 'Death in Service' grant from two to three times annual pay for active members.
- The introduction of survivor pensions for eligible cohabiting partners
- A new system for ill-health retirement benefits, where benefits are linked to the severity of the illness.
- An increase in death grant from three to five times pension for those who have deferred benefits.
- An increase in pensioner death grant from five to ten times annual pension (less any pension already paid).

And the scheme will still have the valuable benefits it always had, including

- Survivor's pensions
- Children's pensions
- Full inflation-proofing
- An option to give up part of the pension for a lump-sum
- Flexible retirement
- Voluntary retirement from age 60
- Increased benefits with additional contributions

If you were a member before 1st April 2009 and continue to contribute, you will automatically transfer to the new scheme and your benefits before this date will be banked.

If you were a member before 1st April 2009 and have deferred your benefits or are already receiving your pension, the information above does not apply.

Visit our website at www.nilgosc.org.uk for a more detailed overview of the scheme, including a comprehensive summary and a Frequently Asked Questions section.

What it will cost you ?

New contribution rates from April 2009

If your whole time rate of pay is	You pay
Up to £12,600	5.5%
£12,601 - £14,700	5.8%
£14,701 - £18,900	5.9%
£18,901 - £31,500	6.5%
£31,501 - £42,000	6.8%
£42,001 - £78,700	7.2%
Over £78,700	7.5%



If you have a protected contribution rate of 5%, this rate will be brought into line with all other members over the next three years.

Year Starting	Contribution Rate
1 April 2009	5.25%
1 April 2010	5.5%
1 April 2011	6.5% or the contribution rate applicable to your pay range, whichever is the lower.
1 April 2012	Contribution rate applicable to your pay range.