

## **Important notice – PCSPS Amendment of Service Limits**

### **Government Actuary's Department: Withdrawal of some GAD Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme Passports**

On 30 July 2007 we issued a note explaining that it had become necessary to withdraw some GAD Certificates of Broad Comparability for the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (PCSPS), where members of the Nuvos section of the PCSPS were not specifically excluded. Since then we have been working with contractors to agree changes to their schemes to allow reissue of a valid certificate.

In our note we gave advance warning that similar action was expected in the next few months because of forthcoming changes to the service limits in the Classic and Premium sections of the PCSPS. Contractors have therefore been able to start addressing this issue. The purpose of this note is to announce the withdrawal of any remaining GAD PCSPS passports for schemes which still limit service in line with former PCSPS provisions.

### **Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme – Notice of withdrawal of some GAD Passports**

A number of the changes agreed for the PCSPS have been confirmed by the laying of scheme amendments for Parliamentary approval. The changes announced are threefold:

- The limit on reckonable service in the premium section of the scheme will increase from 40 years to 45 years from 1 March 2008. However, only service accrued on and after 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008, which exceeds 40 years will count towards the new limit.
- The limit on reckonable service in the Classic Section will change from 40 years by the pension age and 45 years in total to a single limit of 45 years. Where a member has already completed 40 years' service before pension age, only service accrued on and after 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008 will reckon towards the new 45 year limit.
- A partial retirement option is introduced

Further details can be found on the Civil Service Pensions website [www.civilservice-pensions.gov.uk](http://www.civilservice-pensions.gov.uk).

The introduction of less restrictive service limits in PCSPS makes it necessary to withdraw the small number of PCSPS GAD passports for schemes which still limit service in line with former PCSPS provisions.

### **Contracting authorities should contact GAD to determine whether a particular PCSPS passport remains valid.**

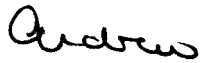
We will be writing separately to affected contractors and are also notifying consultants, trade bodies and other stakeholders of the passport withdrawal. Queries should be addressed to your normal GAD actuary or to [enquiries@gad.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@gad.gov.uk).

## **Notes for contractors seeking to obtain a revised certificate**

Contractors seeking to replace withdrawn certificates should liaise with their normal GAD actuary. General enquiries should be addressed to [enquiries@gad.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@gad.gov.uk).

### **National Health Service Pension Scheme**

The National Health Service Pension Scheme is also currently under review and we expect similar action will be necessary in respect of passports for this scheme as soon as the regulations are laid before parliament.



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