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Secretaries of DEB, PHLSB, PPA and WHCSA	
Administrators & Superannuation Officers of FPCs	Our reference
Other Authorities employing persons subject to the National Health Service (Superannuation) Regulations	SD106/87/1
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Dear Sir

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE SUPERANNUATION SCHEME

1. ESTIMATES OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS
2. CHILD'S ALLOWANCE – APPLICATION FORM AW158
3. NOTIFICATION OF AMENDED DETAILS FOR AWARDING PURPOSES – SUBMISSION OF FORM AW171

1. ESTIMATES OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS

SD Letter (84)2 introduced changes, on an experimental basis, in the Branch's arrangements for dealing with requests for estimates of retirement benefits.

The Branch is providing detailed estimates of benefits only where the member is expected to retire within 18 months OR where the calculation is not straight forward, for example, in the case of practitioner benefits. In other cases, provided the calculation is based on service and average salary, members are given a statement of service and a general explanation of the method of calculating benefits, as outlined in the specimen letter attached to SD Letter (84)2. This enables members to make and update their own forecast.

After further consultation with members of the Standing Committee on Superannuation it has been agreed that the new method of providing estimates will continue on a permanent basis. This follows an evaluation of the response from Employing Authorities and scheme members which indicates that the new arrangements are working satisfactorily.

The new procedures are not intended to interfere with the practice of those Employing Authorities who wish to supply estimates themselves. A tabulation of officer benefits payable in straightforward cases is given in Part 16 of the Employing Authority Guide.

In cases where the service is not recorded on form SD55(ADP) (eg where part-time service is involved) the Branch will continue to supply details of the reckonable service on request.

2. CHILD'S ALLOWANCE – APPLICATION FORM AW158

Employing Authorities are reminded that when issuing Child Allowance application forms AW158, the latest print dated 7/83 should be used. The form was amended in 1983 to allow for the raising of the normal age limit for Child Allowance from 16 to 17. Old stocks of form AW158 must be destroyed.

3. NOTIFICATION OF AMENDED DETAILS FOR AWARDING PURPOSES – SUBMISSION OF FORM AW171

In cases of multiple employments, the Branch is experiencing difficulties in matching forms AW171 against the relevant form SD55(ADP).

In an effort to ease this problem, and eliminate the need for further enquiries, Employing Authorities are reminded of the importance of entering the EA Code on ALL forms submitted to the Branch.

4. ENQUIRIES

Any enquiries concerning the SD Letter should be made to ext 269.

Yours faithfully

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