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**CHANGES FROM 01 APRIL 2023 TO SALARY BANDS FOR CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR MEMBERS OF THE NI TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME (NITPS)**

<p><b>AUDIENCE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principals and Boards of Governors of all Grant-aided schools</li><li>• Education Authority</li><li>• Council for Catholic Maintained Schools</li><li>• Institutes of Further Education</li><li>• Other interested bodies</li><li>• Members of NITPS</li><li>• Comhairle na Gaelscolaoichta</li><li>• Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education</li><li>• Governing Bodies Association</li><li>• Teachers Unions</li></ul> <p><b>SUMMARY OF CONTENTS:</b></p> <p>This Circular updates information about the salary bands for contribution rates for members of the NITPS.</p> <p><b>ENQUIRIES:</b></p> <p>Any enquiries about the contents of this circular should be addressed to:</p> <p>Pensions' Policy Teachers' Pay &amp; Pensions Team Department of Education Waterside House 75 Duke Street Gobnascale Londonderry BT47 6FP</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:pensionspolicy@education-ni.gov.uk">pensionspolicy@education-ni.gov.uk</a></p>	<p><b>STATUS OF CONTENTS</b></p> <p>Advice</p> <p><b>RELATED DOCUMENTS</b></p> <p>n/a</p> <p><b>SUPERSEDED DOCUMENTS:</b></p> <p>2022/04</p> <p><b>EXPIRY DATE</b></p> <p>Not applicable</p> <p><b>DE WEBSITE:</b></p> <p>This circular is available on <a href="https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/">https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/</a></p> <p><b>TEL: 028 7131 9000</b></p>
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This circular sets out changes from 01 April 2023 to salary bands for contribution rates for members.

- On 01 April 2023, the salary bands applicable to member contributions for the NITPS will change in line with an increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- The appropriate percentage increase to salary bands from 01 April 2023 is the same percentage as the percentage increase in CPI in the year to September 2022.
- CPI rose by 10.1% in the year to September 2022, therefore, the salary bands for contribution rates for members will increase by 10.1% with effect from 01 April 2023.

These arrangements apply to **all** members.

Member tiered contribution rates for the NITPS from 01 April 2023 are shown below with the previous rates for comparison:

<b>Actual annual pensionable earnings* 01 April 2022- 31 March 2023</b>	<b>Actual annual pensionable earnings* 01 April 2023- 31 March 2024</b>	<b>Member Contribution Rate</b>
Up to £29,187.99	Up to £32,135.99	7.4%
£29,188 to £39,290.99	£32,136 to £43,259.99	8.6%
£39,291 to £46,586.99	£43,260 to £51,292.99	9.6%
£46,587 to £61,742.99	£51,293 to £67,979.99	10.2%
£61,743 to £84,193.99	£67,980 to £92,697.99	11.3%
£84,194 and above	£92,698 and above	11.7%

**\*contributions are based on a member's annual salary rate (actual earnings)**