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CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR MEMBERS  
OF THE NI TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME  
(NITPS)**

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- Principals and Boards of Governors of all Grant-aided schools
- Education Authority
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools
- Institutes of Further Education
- Other interested bodies
- Members of NITPS
- Comhairle na Gaelscolaoichta
- Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education
- Governing Bodies Association
- Teachers Unions

**SUMMARY OF CONTENTS:**

This Circular updates information about contribution rates for members of NITPS.

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## **CHANGES FROM 1 APRIL 2015 TO CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR MEMBERS OF THE NI TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME (NITPS)**

This circular sets out changes to member contribution rates from 1 April 2015:

- On 1 April 2015, the salary bands applicable to member contributions for the NITPS will change; and
- The method of determining which salary band a member falls into will change, the appropriate contribution rates to be applied will be based on a members' annual salary rate (actual earnings) as opposed to their full-time equivalent (FTE) salary;

These arrangements apply to **all** members i.e. both those who remain in final salary arrangements and those who move on 1 April 2015 to career average arrangements;

Member tiered contribution rates for the NITPS from 1 April 2015 are shown below:

<b>Actual annual pensionable earnings</b>	<b>Member Contribution Rate</b>
Up to £25,999.99	7.4%
£26,000 to £34,999.99	8.6%
£35,000 to £41,499.99	9.6%
£41,500 to £54,999.99	10.2%
£55,000 to £74,999.99	11.3%
£75,000 and above	11.7%

Further guidance on how to determine which band a member falls into is available on the DE website – Employer Payroll Guide.

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