

Government Employees Pension Law, 1996¹

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RATIONALISATION OF PENSION FUND AND BENEFITS: REPEAL, AMENDMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF CERTAIN PENSION LAWS

Under the powers vested in me by section 237 (3) of the Constitution of South Africa, 1993 (Act 200 of 1993), I hereby repeal and amend the pension laws and replace it with the Law as set out in Annexure 1.

I further determine that the transitional provisions as set out in Annexure 2 be applied as regards the continuation of the pension fund management and administration and human resources arrangements.

I also determine **1 May 1996** as the date on which the said Law and transitional provisions shall commence.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Eleventh day of April, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety-six.

N. R. MANDELA

President

By Order of the President-in-Cabinet:

Z. S. T. SKWEYIYA

Minister of the Cabinet

¹ This Act has been updated to include all available historical commencement details

ANNEXURE 1

LAW

To make provision for the payment of pensions and certain other benefits to persons in the employment of the Government, certain bodies and institutions, and to the dependants or nominees of such persons; to repeal certain laws, and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

1 Definitions

In this Law, unless the context otherwise indicates-

'annuity' means an amount which is paid annually;

'approved retirement fund' means a fund other than a related fund, which has been registered as a pension fund organisation in terms of the Pension Funds Act, 1956 ([Act 24 of 1956](#)) and which has been approved as a pension fund, retirement annuity fund or provident fund in terms of the Income Tax Act, 1962 ([Act 58 of 1962](#));

'Associated Institutions Pension Fund' means the fund referred to in [section 2 \(1\) \(b\)](#) of the Associated Institutions Pension Fund Act, 1963 ([Act 41 of 1963](#));

[Definition of 'Associated Institutions Pension Fund' inserted by [s. 11](#) of [Act 9 of 2023](#) (wef 14 July 2023).]

'beneficiary' means the dependant or nominee of a member or pensioner, as the case may be;

'benefit' means an annuity or gratuity, or both an annuity and a gratuity, as the case may be;

'Board' means the Board of Trustees established by section 6;

'Commission' means the Public Service Commission established by section 209 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993 ([Act 200 of 1993](#));

'dependant', in relation to a member or a pensioner, means-

- (a) any person in respect of whom the member or pensioner is legally liable for maintenance;
- (b) any person in respect of whom the member or pensioner is not legally liable for maintenance, if such a person-
 - (i) was, in the opinion of the Board at the time of the death of the member or pensioner in fact dependent upon such member or pensioner for maintenance;
[Sub-para. (i) amended by s. 1 (a) of [Act 21 of 2004](#) (wef 11 November 2004).]
 - (ii) is the spouse of the member or pensioner, including a party to a customary union according to indigenous law and custom, or to a union recognised as a marriage under the tenets of any religion; or
- (c) a posthumous child of the member or pensioner; and
- (d) a person in respect of whom the member or pensioner would have been legally liable for maintenance had that person been a minor;

'Divorce Act' means the Divorce Act, 1979 ([Act 70 of 1979](#));

[Definition of 'Divorce Act' inserted by s. 21 (a) of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

'dormant member' means any person declared as a dormant member in terms of section 27, any person who in terms of [section 15](#) of the General Pensions Act, 1979 ([Act 29 of 1979](#)), was declared a dormant member of the Government Service Pension Fund and who immediately before the fixed date was still such a member, and any person who in terms of any law mentioned in section 14 (5) was declared as a dormant member of a previous fund and who immediately before the date determined in terms of section 14 (1) in respect of that previous fund, was still such a member;

'employer' means-

- (a) for purposes of the collection and payment to the Fund of the contributions referred to in section 17 (1) and other amounts owing by members to the Fund, the payment to the Fund of the contributions referred to in section 17 (2), the administration of membership matters and the payment of benefits to members and their beneficiaries-
 - (i) a department or administration referred to in Schedule 1 or 2 of the Public Service Act, 1994 ([Proclamation 103 of 1994](#)), or a government component referred to in Schedule 3 of that Act, or any other body or institution which employs persons referred to in section 8 of that Act;
 - (ii) the Public Service Commission established by section 196 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996;
 - (iii) a Provincial Service Commission established by a provincial legislature in terms of section 213 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993 ([Act 200 of 1993](#)), except where the legislation establishing such a commission specifically excludes its members from membership of the Fund;
 - (iv) the Auditor-General referred to in sections 181 and 188 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996;
 - (v) the Office of the Auditor-General contemplated in the Public Audit Act, 2004 ([Act 25 of 2004](#)); or
 - (vi) any other institution or body, determined by the Board as an employer for the purposes of this Law; and
- (b) for all other purposes of this Law in relation to members in the service of the departments, administrations, government components, bodies and institutions referred to in paragraph (a), the Government;

[Definition of 'employer' substituted by s. 1 (a) of [Act 19 of 2011](#) (wef 14 December 2011).]

'fixed date' means the date of commencement of this Law;

'former member of a non-statutory force or service' means-

- (a) any former member of Umkhonto we Sizwe or the Azanian People's Liberation Army-
 - (i) who entered into an agreement for appointment with the Department of Defence or the South African Police Service on or before 31 March 2002; and
 - (ii) whose name, in the case where a person entered into an agreement for appointment with the Department of Defence, appears in the certified personnel register or personnel list contemplated in section 224 (2) (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993 ([Act 200 of 1993](#));
- (b) any former member of Umkhonto we Sizwe or the Azanian People's Liberation Army or of the former Department of Intelligence and Security of the African National Congress or of the former Pan Africanist Security Services of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania-
 - (i) who entered into an agreement for appointment with the National Intelligence Agency or the South African Secret Service between 1 January 1995 and 31 March 2004; and
 - (ii) whose name appears on the certified personnel register or personnel list contemplated in section 224 (2) (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993 ([Act 200 of 1993](#)), or the personnel list defined in [section 1](#) of the Intelligence Services Act, 2002 ([Act 65 of 2002](#));
- (c) any former member of Umkhonto we Sizwe or the Azanian People's Liberation Army or of the former Department of Intelligence and Security of the African National Congress or of the former Pan Africanist Security Services of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania who entered into an agreement for appointment with any component of the employer other than those referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) on or before 31 March 2002;
- (d) notwithstanding section 5, any former member of Umkhonto we Sizwe or the Azanian People's Liberation Army or of

the former Department of Intelligence and Security of the African National Congress or of the former Pan Africanist Security Services of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania who was never admitted as a member of the Fund by virtue of the fact that that person concluded a short-term employment contract with the employer; and

- (e) any person contemplated in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) who has been paid the benefits owing to that person by the Fund upon cessation of his or her membership, but who would have been entitled to an additional or greater benefit had his or her service as a member of a non-statutory force or service been taken into account.

[Definition of 'former member of a non-statutory force or service' inserted by s. 1 of [Act 35 of 2003](#) (wef 31 March 2004).]

'Fund' means the Government Employees Pension Fund referred to in section 2;

'Government' means the Government of the Republic of South Africa and includes the State;

'gratuity' means a single amount benefit payable in terms of this Law;

'Income Tax Act' means the Income Tax Act, 1962 ([Act 58 of 1962](#));

[Definition of 'Income Tax Act' inserted by s. 21 (b) of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

'matters of mutual interest' means matters of mutual interest contemplated in the Labour Relations Act, 1995 ([Act 66 of 1995](#)), and specifically excludes non-benefit matters;

[Definition of 'matters of mutual interest' substituted by s. 1 (b) of [Act 21 of 2004](#) (wef 11 November 2004).]

'member', in relation to the Fund, means any person who in terms of section 4 is a member of the Fund, and includes any member who is absent with or without leave of absence or who has been suspended from duty and who immediately before such absence or suspension was contributing to the Fund, and any dormant member;

'member's interest in the retirement component' has the meaning as defined in section 1 (1) of the Income Tax Act;

[Definition of 'member's interest in the retirement component' inserted by s. 21 (b) of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

'member's interest in the savings component' has the meaning as defined in section 1 (1) of the Income Tax Act;

[Definition of 'member's interest in the savings component' inserted by s. 21 (b) of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

'member's interest in the vested component' has the meaning as defined in section 1 (1) of the Income Tax Act;

[Definition of 'member's interest in the vested component' inserted by s. 21 (b) of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

'Minister' means the Minister of Finance;

'National Intelligence Agency' means the Agency established by section 3 of the Intelligence Services Act, 1994 ([Act 38 of 1994](#));

'negotiations' means negotiations between employer and employee organisations in terms of any law or in accordance with processes regarding matters of mutual interest for the purpose of reaching binding agreements in relation to matters of mutual interest;

'pension interest', in relation to a court order granted under section 7 (8) (a) of the Divorce Act or a court order granted in respect of the division of assets of a marriage according to the tenets of a religion, means, in relation to a party who is a member of a fund, that member's individual account or minimum individual reserve, as the case may be, determined in terms of the rules of that fund, on the date of the court order;

[Definition of 'pension interest' inserted by s. 1 (b) of [Act 19 of 2011](#) (wef 14 December 2011) and substituted by s. 21 (c) of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

'pensionable service', in relation to a member, means any period of pensionable service as provided in the rules;

'pensioner' means any person who is entitled to receive an annuity in terms of this Law;

'prescribe' means prescribe by rule;

'previous fund' means a fund mentioned in section 14 (5);

'related fund' means any fund established in terms of any law which provides exclusively for retirement benefits, to which the Government contributes financially;

'retirement component' has the meaning as defined in section 1 (1) of the Income Tax Act subject to the applicable *provisos* to paragraph 6B of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act;

[Definition of 'retirement component' inserted by s. 21 (d) of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

'rule' means a rule made in terms of section 29;

'savings component' has the meaning as defined in section 1 (1) of the Income Tax Act subject to the applicable *provisos* to paragraph 6B of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act;

[Definition of 'savings component' inserted by s. 21 (e) of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

'savings withdrawal benefit' has the meaning as defined in section 1 (1) of the Income Tax Act;

[Definition of 'savings withdrawal benefit' inserted by s. 21 (e) of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

'South African National Defence Force' means the Permanent Force referred to in section 9 of the Defence Act, 1957 ([Act 44 of 1957](#));

'South African Police Service' means the service established by the South African Police Service Act, 1995 ([Act 68 of 1995](#));

'South African Secret Service' means the service established by section 3 of the Intelligence Services Act, 1994 ([Act 38 of 1994](#));

'State Security Agency' means the State Security Agency referred to in [section 3](#) of the Intelligence Services Act, 2002 ([Act 65 of 2002](#));

[Definition of 'State Security Agency' inserted by s. 53 of [Act 11 of 2013](#) (wef 29 July 2013).]

'Temporary Employees Pension Fund' means the fund established by [section 3](#) of the Temporary Employees Pension Fund Act, 1979 ([Act 75 of 1979](#));

'this Law' includes the rules; and

[Definition of 'this Law' substituted by s. 21 (f) of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

'vested component' has the meaning as defined in section 1 (1) of the Income Tax Act subject to the applicable *provisos* to paragraph 6B of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act.

[Definition of 'vested component' added by s. 21 (g) of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

1A Application of Act

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Act and the Divorce Act, the provisions of this Act prevail.

[S. 1A inserted by s. 22 of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

2 Continued existence, change of name and legal personality of certain fund

(1) The fund established by section 3 of the Government Service Pension Act, 1973 (Act 57 of 1973), shall notwithstanding the repeal of that Act by section 34, continue to exist, subject to the provisions of this Law, but shall with effect from the fixed date be known as the Government Employees Pension Fund and shall consist of-

- (a) all amounts standing to the credit of or due to the Fund immediately before the fixed date;
- (b) all money and assets vested in the Fund in terms of section 14 (2);
- (c) all money and assets vested in the Fund in terms of section 15 (2);
- (d) all contributions paid to the Fund by members in terms of section 17 (1);
- (e) all contributions and amounts paid to the Fund by the employer in terms of section 17 (2) or (4), 20 (2) or 25 (2) or by the Government in terms of section 17 (4);
- (f) all other amounts which are from time to time credited to the Fund;

(2) The Fund shall be a juristic person.

3 Object of the Fund

The object of the Fund shall be to provide the pensions and certain other related benefits as determined in this Law to members and pensioners and their beneficiaries.

4 Members of Fund

(1) Any person who immediately before the fixed date is a member or pensioner of the Fund, shall remain such a member or pensioner.

(2) Any person who on or after the fixed date is appointed in the service of the employer shall subject to section 5 be a member of the Fund with effect from the date of such appointment.

(3) Any person who immediately before the date determined in terms of section 14 (1) (a) in respect of a previous fund, is a member or pensioner of that fund, shall with effect from that date be a member or pensioner of the Fund.

(4) Every person who on a date determined by the Minister in terms of section 15 (1) is employed in the service of the employer and who immediately before that date was a member of the Temporary Employees Pension Fund or the Associated Institutions Pension Fund, and every person who on that date is a pensioner at that fund who at the time of his or her retirement was employed in the service of the employer, shall with effect from that date be a member or pensioner, as the case may be, of the Fund.

[Sub-s. (4) substituted by [s. 12](#) of [Act 9 of 2023](#) (wef 14 July 2023).]

(5) Any member of an approved retirement fund who is transferred to the Fund in accordance with the rules made in terms of section 29 (2) (d) (ii), shall with effect from the date of such transfer be a member of the Fund.

(6) Any person who on the fixed date is employed in the service of the employer and who is not a member of the Fund or a previous fund, but who, in terms of the law regulating his or her employment, may become a member if he or she so elects, and who so elects, shall, subject to the rules, with effect from the date stipulated in or determined by virtue of his election, be a member of the Fund.

5 Persons excluded from membership of Fund

Any person who is employed in the service of the employer, but-

- (a) whose remuneration consists solely of fees and allowances, as determined in the rules;
- (b) who is employed for a predetermined period, not exceeding the period specified in the rules;
- (c) who is employed under a contract providing for payment of a pension or similar benefit from a source other than the Fund or a previous fund or the Temporary Employees Pension Fund or the Associated Institutions Pension Fund;

[Para. (c) substituted by [s. 13](#) of [Act 9 of 2023](#) (wef 14 July 2023).]

- (d) is employed under a contract of service which excludes him or her from membership of the Fund,

shall not be eligible for membership of the Fund.

6 Management of Fund by Board of Trustees

(1) There is hereby established a board which shall be known as the Board of Trustees and which shall be constituted as prescribed.

(2) The Board shall manage the Fund and shall in respect thereof exercise the powers, perform the functions and carry out the duties conferred upon, assigned to or imposed upon it in terms of this Law.

(3) Members and pensioners of the Fund shall be entitled to representation on the Board, which representation shall collectively be equal in number to the representation by the employer as prescribed.

(4) The first meeting of the Board shall take place at a time and place to be determined by the Minister, and any subsequent meeting of the Board shall take place at a time and place determined in terms of the rules.

(5) The procedure to be followed at a meeting of the Board, the quorum for such a meeting, and the majority of votes required for a decision of the Board, shall be as prescribed.

(6) The Board may delegate any of its powers, functions or duties to a management committee, committee or person to be exercised, performed or carried out, subject to such conditions as may be determined by the Board.

(7) The Board, acting in consultation with the Minister, shall determine the investment policy of the Fund.

6A Interim management of the Fund

(1) All powers of the Board are vested in the Minister until the Board is appointed.

(2) There shall be no undue delay in the appointment of the Board.

[S. 6A inserted by Proc 57 of 1996 (wef 27 September 1996).]

7 Administration of Fund

(1) The Board shall take such steps as may be required in order to ensure the effective and efficient administration of the Fund.

(2) The Minister may at the request of the Board make available to the Board the services of officers of his Department and may place at the disposal of the Fund all such facilities under control of that Department as may be necessary for a proper discharge of the activities of the Fund.

(3) The Board may, with a view to the effective and efficient administration of the Fund, determine the nature, form, manner in which and time-limit within which the employer shall in respect of members in its employment, perform any act pertaining to the pension interests of members, the collection of, and paying over to, the Fund of contributions and the paying over of benefits to pensioners who are former employees of the employer.

8 Board to keep financial and related records

The Board shall in accordance with the rules keep such financial and related records as may be necessary to reflect accurately all acts and transactions of the Board, and to give a true reflection of the state of affairs of the Fund, its financial position and business.

9 Annual financial statements

(1) The Board shall in respect of each financial year draw up annual financial statements and shall submit copies of such statements, audited in terms of section 13, to the Minister.

(2) The statements mentioned in subsection (1) shall consist of-

- (a) a statement of funds and net assets;
- (b) a revenue account;
- (c) a cash flow statement;
- (d) notes to explain such statements;
- (e) a report of the Board referred to in section 10; and
- (f) such other statements as may be prescribed.

(3) The statements mentioned in subsection (1) shall be in the prescribed form and shall be accompanied by a report of the auditors referred to in section 13.

(4) The annual financial statements referred to in subsection (1) shall, in conformity with generally accepted accounting practice, fairly present the state of affairs of the Fund and its business and financial position as at the end of the financial year in question.

(5) The annual financial statements referred to in subsection (1) shall by figures, a descriptive report and information explain any other matter relevant to the affairs of the Fund.

(6) The Minister shall, within 30 days of the receipt thereof, submit the financial statements, report and information referred to in this section, to Parliament together with such comments as the Minister may wish to make.

10 Report by Board on state of affairs, business and financial position of Fund

(1) The Board of Trustees shall together with its annual financial statements submit to the Minister a report with regard to the state of affairs, the business and the financial position of the Fund and the degree in which the objects of the Fund have been furthered.

(2) Such a report shall in addition-

- (a) set out the functions and objects of the Fund;
- (b) set out the extent to which the objectives of the Fund for the financial year in question have been achieved;
- (c) contain relevant performance information with regard to the economical, efficient and effective application of the resources of the Fund; and
- (d) indicate the total amount of all money received from the Government in respect of the financial year in question and contain information of all financial commitments by the Government in favour of the Fund.

11 Auditors of Fund: Appointment and discharge of auditors

(1) The Board shall annually appoint the auditors of the Fund.

(2) Auditors appointed in terms of subsection (1) shall be persons who are registered in terms of section 15 of the Public Accountants' and Auditors' Act, 1991 ([Act 80 of 1991](#)), as accountants and auditors, and who are engaged in public practice as such.

(3) An auditor appointed in terms of subsection (1) shall not be discharged by the Board before the expiry of his or her term of appointment except in accordance with subsection (4).

(4) If it appears to the Board that grounds may exist for terminating the appointment of any auditor appointed in terms of subsection (1) it shall in writing inform that auditor of that fact and of the grounds upon which that opinion is based. The Board shall afford the auditor in question an opportunity to submit within a specified period, which shall not be less than 20 days as from the date of the notice, written representations in connection with the intended discharge and may thereupon, if it is still of the opinion that there are grounds for doing so, terminate the appointment of that auditor. The Board shall inform the Minister of the action taken by it and of the grounds upon which that action is based and the auditor shall inform the Minister in writing if in the opinion of the auditor any matter should in the public interest be brought to the attention of the Minister.

12 Powers and duties of auditors of Fund

(1) An auditor appointed in terms of section 11 (1) shall exercise his or her powers, perform his or her functions and carry out his or her duties in accordance with section 20 of the Public Accountants' and Auditors' Act, 1991 ([Act 80 of 1991](#)).

(2) Such an auditor shall for the purpose of exercising his or her powers, performing his or her functions and carrying out his or her duties have-

- (a) the right of access at all reasonable times to the accounting records and all books, vouchers, documents and other property of the Fund, and may require from the Board such information and explanations as he or she thinks necessary;
- (b) the right to investigate whether there are adequate measures and procedures for the proper application of sound

economical, efficient and effective management of the Fund and for the utilisation of all the resources under the control of the Board; and

- (c) the right to investigate any matter, including the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal control of the Fund, relating to expenditure by and the revenue of the Fund.

(3) Subsection (2) (b) shall not be construed as entitling the auditor to question the merits of the policy objectives of the Fund.

13 Reports of auditors

(1) The auditors appointed under section 11 shall within a period of six months after the end of the financial year in question prepare a report on the annual financial statements of the Fund.

(2) (a) A report in terms of subsection (1) shall be submitted to the Board not later than six months after the end of the financial year concerned, and shall state separately in respect of each of the following matters whether in the auditor's opinion-

- (i) the annual financial statements fairly present the financial position and the results obtained by the Fund in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year;
- (ii) the information furnished in terms of sections 9 and 10 is fair in all material respects and, if applicable, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year;
- (iii) the transactions of the Fund that had come to the auditor's notice in the course of his or her examination were executed in accordance with the applicable laws and instructions; and
- (iv) the transactions which had come to his or her attention during auditing were in all material respects in accordance with the mandatory functions of the Fund determined by law or otherwise.

(b) The Board shall submit such report together with its comments thereon to the Minister within 30 days of receipt thereof.

(3) The auditor shall report to the Board and the Minister the results of any investigation carried out under section 12 (2) (b) or (c).

(4) The auditor shall draw attention to any other matter falling within the scope of the auditor's examination which, in his or her opinion, should in the public interest be brought to the notice of Parliament.

14 Discontinuance of previous funds: transfer of assets and liabilities

(1) (a) A previous fund shall be discontinued with effect from a date determined in respect of that fund by the Minister.

(b) Different dates may be so determined in respect of the different previous funds.

(2) All assets, including any right to claim any amount, and all liabilities, including any obligation to pay any pension, related benefit or any other amount in terms of any law, of a previous fund in respect of which a date is determined under subsection (1), shall with effect from that date pass to and vest in the Fund.

(3) The Minister shall as soon as possible after the determination of a date under subsection (1) in respect of a previous fund, take the necessary steps to indicate on the relevant title deeds or other documents pertaining to the assets which passed to the Fund in terms of subsection (2), the change of ownership or the vesting of any other right.

(4) Any person who has in his possession any financial instrument issued in respect of the investment of money of the Fund, or any document in the form of any stock, debenture, security, equity, insurance policy representing the investment, loan or insurance of any money or interest of the Fund, shall for the purposes of subsection (2) submit such instrument or document to the Minister.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (1) (a) '**previous fund**' means-

- (a) the Government Employees Pension Fund of the Transkei, established in terms of the Government Employees Pensions Act, 1978 ([Act 15 of 1978](#)), of the former Transkei;
- (b) the Transkeian Government Service Pension Fund, referred to in section 2 of the Transkeian Government Service Pension Fund Act, 1970 (Act 4 of 1970);
- (c) the Ciskeian Civil Servants Pension Fund, referred to in the Government Service Pensions Act, 1989 (Act 4 of 1989), of the former Ciskei, as amended by the Government Service Pensions Amendment Decree, 1993, of the former Ciskei;
- (d) the Government Pension Fund of Bophuthatswana, established by section 2 (1) of the Bophuthatswana Government Service Pensions Act, 1977 (Act 14 of 1977), of the former Bophuthatswana;
- (e) the Government Pension Fund of Venda, established by section 2 (1) of the Venda Government Service Pensions Act, 1979 (Act 4 of 1979), of the former Venda;
- (f) the Government Superannuation Fund of Venda, established by section 2 (1) of the Venda Government Service Pensions Act, 1979, of the former Venda;
- (g) the Authorities' Service Superannuation Fund, established by section 2 (2) of the Black Authorities' Service Pensions Act, 1971 (Act 6 of 1971);
- (h) the Authorities' Service Pension Fund, established by section 2 (1) of the Black Authorities' Service Pensions Act, 1971 (Act 6 of 1971).

15 Transfer to Fund of members and pensioners of Temporary Employees Pension Fund and Associated Institutions Pension Fund

(1) All members and pensioners of the Temporary Employees Pension Fund and the Associated Institutions Pension Fund who are employed in the service of the employer and all pensioners of that Fund who at the time of their retirement were employed in such service shall with effect from a date determined by the Minister become members or pensioners of the Fund.

(2) The Temporary Employees Pension Fund and the Associated Institutions Pension Fund shall, in respect of members and pensioners of that Fund who in terms of subsection (1) become members and pensioners of the Fund, pay to the Fund an amount, whether in cash or in specie, equal to the funding percentage of that fund multiplied by the actuarial obligation of that fund in respect of such members or pensioners on the date determined in terms of subsection (1) in respect of them, plus interest thereon calculated at the bank rate from that date until the date on which the amount is paid to the fund.

(3) For purposes of this section-

- (a) **'actuarial obligation'** means the obligation of the Temporary Employees Pension Fund and the Associated Institutions Pension Fund in respect of the members or pensioners concerned on the date determined in terms of subsection (1), as calculated by an actuary;
- (b) **'bank rate'** means the rate determined from time to time in terms of [section 10 \(2\)](#) of the South African Reserve Bank Act, 1989 ([Act 90 of 1989](#)); and
- (c) **'funding percentage'** means the market value of the net assets of the Temporary Employees Pension Fund and the Associated Institutions Pension Fund as on the date determined in terms of subsection (1), expressed as a percentage of the calculated aggregate actuarial obligation.

[S. 15 substituted by [s. 14](#) of [Act 9 of 2023](#) (wef 14 July 2023).]

16 Certain persons to be released from, and to forfeit certain obligations, rights and privileges when becoming members of, Fund

In any case where a person who is a member or pensioner of a previous fund, the Temporary Employees Pension Fund, the Associated Institutions Pension Fund or an approved retirement fund, becomes a member of the Fund in terms of section 4 (3) or (4), or 15 or the rules, as the case may be, such person shall forfeit all rights and privileges in respect of, and shall be released from all obligations towards, the fund in question, except an obligation to pay to the fund in question an amount which was due immediately before the date determined by the Minister or relevant authority in terms of section 14 (1) or 15 (1) or the rules, as the case may be, in respect of the previous fund, the employees concerned of the Temporary Employees Pension Fund, the Associated Institutions Pension Fund or that approved retirement fund, as the case may be.

[S. 16 substituted by s. 15 of [Act 9 of 2023](#) (wef 14 July 2023).]

17 Funding of Fund

(1) A person who is or becomes a member of the Fund shall continue to contribute or shall with effect from the date on which he or she becomes a member, as the case may be, contribute to the Fund at the prescribed rate, and shall continue so to contribute for as long as he or she is such a member.

(2) The employer shall in respect of every member employed in its service make contributions to the Fund at the rate referred to in subsection (3).

(3) The rate of contributions referred to in subsection (2) shall be determined with due regard to the valuations of the Fund, which shall be performed at intervals not exceeding three years, by an actuary appointed by the Board.

(4) If any action taken by the employer or if any legislation adopted by Parliament places any additional financial obligation on the Fund, the employer or the Government or the employer and the Government, as the case may be shall pay to the Fund an amount which is required to meet such obligation.

18 Implementation of scheme to restore financial soundness of Fund

(1) If an actuarial valuation of the Fund reveals that the Fund is not in a sound financial position, the Board shall after having considered proposals by the actuary who performed such valuation, implement a scheme or arrangement aimed at restoring the Fund to a sound financial position.

(2) No scheme or arrangement shall be implemented under subsection (1) if it adversely affects the benefits which are or will be received by pensioners or members from the Fund or other matters of mutual interest or if it increases the rate of contributions to the Fund, unless such scheme or arrangements has been agreed to after negotiations in terms of any law applying in respect of labour relations arrangements in the Public Service, including Education and negotiations in accordance with any labour relations arrangements applicable to the South African Police Service, the South African National Defence Force and the State Security Agency with regard to their conditions of service.

[Sub-s. (2) amended by [s. 53](#) of [Act 11 of 2013](#) (wef 29 July 2013).]

19 Age of retirement

Subject to the provisions of this Law, a member shall have the right to retire on pension and shall be so retired on reaching the age determined by the law governing his or her employment: Provided that where such a law does not determine such a retirement age, a member-

- (a) who was a member of the Fund on the fixed date shall have the right to retire on pension and shall be so retired on reaching the retirement age provided for in any other law which applied to him or her on the day preceding the fixed date; or
- (b) who became a member of the Fund after the fixed date shall have the right to retire and shall be so retired on reaching the retirement age determined in the rules.

20 Benefits may not be granted or varied except in accordance with an Act of Parliament

(1) Save as is otherwise provided in this Law, no award of a benefit or any increase thereof and no alteration of any condition or condonation of a breach of any condition upon which such benefit is by law earned or to be earned in respect of a pensioner of the Fund, the Temporary Employees Pension Fund, the Associated Institutions Pension Fund or a previous fund, shall be lawful unless the award, increase, alteration or condonation is authorised by an Act of Parliament.

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by [s. 16](#) of [Act 9 of 2023](#) (wef 14 July 2023).]

(2) If an award contemplated in subsection (1) is granted, the employer shall immediately compensate the Fund in full for the liability incurred by the Fund as calculated by an actuary.

21 Withdrawals and deductions from member's pension benefits

(1) (a) No benefit or right in respect of a benefit payable under this Act shall be capable of being assigned or transferred or otherwise ceded or of being pledged or hypothecated, except for in terms of a court order in terms of section 26 or 40 of the Maintenance Act, 1998 ([Act 99 of 1998](#)), section 7 (8) of the Divorce Act or a court order granted in respect of the division of assets of a marriage according to the tenets of a religion.

(b) In the event of the beneficiary attempting to cede, pledge or hypothecate a benefit or right thereto, payment of the benefit may be withheld, be liable to be attached or subjected to any form of execution under a judgment or order of a court of law.

(2) If any member, pensioner or beneficiary attempts to assign or transfer or otherwise cede or to pledge or hypothecate

any benefit to which he or she is entitled under this law or any right in respect of such benefit, payment of such benefit to such member, pensioner or beneficiary may be withheld, suspended or discontinued if the Board so directs: Provided that the Board may direct that such benefit or part thereof shall be paid to one or more of the dependants of such member or pensioner or to a trustee for such member or pensioner or his or her dependants during such period as the Board may determine.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) or of any other law, the Fund may-

- (a) permit a member to take a savings withdrawal benefit where there is a judgment contemplated in paragraph (c) (iii) (bb) or a written admission of liability in favour of the employer that has not yet been executed: Provided that the withdrawal will not result in there being insufficient remaining funds to repay the loan or guarantee or to comply with the judgment;
- (b) suspend a savings withdrawal benefit where the employer has not obtained a judgment contemplated in paragraph (c) (iii) (bb), and the withdrawal will result in there being insufficient remaining value to comply with the pending order, if granted, for a period of 12 months pending the judgment by any court including a magistrate's court;
- (c) deduct any amount due by the member to the member's employer on the date of retirement or the date on which the member ceases to be a member of the Fund, in accordance with the Income Tax Act and the Tax Administration Act, 2011 ([Act 28 of 2011](#)) in respect of-
 - (i) any amount which is payable to the employer or the Fund by any member in the employment of such employer on the date of his or her retirement or discharge, or which the employer is liable to pay in respect of such member;
 - (ii) any amount which has been paid to any member, pensioner or beneficiary in accordance with the provisions of this law and to which such member, pensioner or beneficiary was not entitled;
 - (iii) the amount of any loss which has been sustained by the employer through theft, dishonesty, fraud, negligence or any misconduct on the part of any member, pensioner or beneficiary which has been admitted by such member or pensioner in writing or has been proved in a court of law in respect of which-
 - (aa) the member has in writing admitted liability to the employer; or
 - (bb) judgment has been obtained against the member in any court, including a magistrate's court, and includes a compensation order granted in terms of [section 300](#) of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 ([Act 51 of 1977](#));
 - (iv) any amount, plus interest at the rate determined by the Board after any other written agreement between the member and the employer in respect of a study bursary from any benefit payable to the member or a beneficiary in terms of the rules of the Fund, and pay such amount to the employer concerned; or
 - (v) any amount, plus interest at the rate determined by the Board after consultation with the actuary, due to the Fund in respect of an amount for which the Fund becomes liable under a guarantee furnished in respect of a member for a loan granted by some other person to that member in terms of the rules of the Fund from-
 - (aa) the amount of the benefit to which a member becomes in terms of the rules of the fund;
 - (bb) in the case of a transfer of the member to another fund, the amount of the benefit which the fund is so entitled to transfer, if the board of the transferor fund is satisfied that it is not otherwise reasonably possible to negotiate the repayment or to transfer the loan or guarantee; or
 - (cc) in the case of default on the repayment of any such loan by the member concerned in circumstances where his or her membership of the fund is not terminated, the amount of the benefit which the member would have received on termination of the membership on the date of default, if the deduction is only effected as a last resort after the board of the fund is satisfied that no other arrangement for the required repayment can be made;
- (d) deduct any amount payable in terms of a maintenance order as defined in [section 1](#) of the Maintenance Act, 1998 ([Act 99 of 1998](#)); or
- (e) deduct any amount payable as maintenance in terms of an interim maintenance order granted by the court in terms of rule 43 of the High Court rules or rule 58 of the Magistrates' Court rules, made under [section 6](#) of the Rules Board for Courts of Law Act, 1985 ([Act 107 of 1985](#)).

(4) In respect of a deduction referred to in subsection (3) (d), the Fund must pay the maintenance, as directed by the maintenance order as a lump sum in respect of arrear maintenance or future maintenance from the benefit to which the member becomes entitled upon termination of his or her membership of the Fund or on retirement from the Fund.

(5) The Fund may not permit a member to take a savings withdrawal benefit where there is a maintenance order or a written notification from the maintenance investigating officer against the Fund in place, unless it is satisfied that the withdrawal will not result in there being insufficient remaining value to comply with the order or the written notification.

(6) For the purposes of paragraph (c) (iv) (bb) and (cc) of subsection (3), the amounts so deducted shall be deemed to be a benefit to which the member becomes entitled upon termination of his or her membership of the Fund for reasons other than as a result of retirement or death arising at the date of the transfer or the default.

(7) Where a member dies before the last day of a period in respect of which any salary or allowance was paid to him or her prior to his or her death, a *pro rata* part of the amount so paid may be recovered in respect of the unexpired portion of that period by deducting it in a lump sum, or in such instalments as the Board may determine, from the benefit payable to the estate or to a beneficiary of the deceased member, as provided in the rules of the Fund.

[S. 21 amended by [s. 45 \(1\)](#) of [Act 99 of 1998](#) (wef 26 November 1999), by [s. 2](#) of [Act 21 of 2004](#) (wef 11 November 2004) and by [s. 2](#) of [Act 19 of 2011](#) (wef 14 December 2011) and substituted by [s. 23](#) of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

22 Payment of gratuity to beneficiaries designated by member

(1) If a gratuity is payable on the death of any member to the dependants of such a member or to his or her estate, that member may, on the applicable form of the Fund and subject to the prescribed conditions, notify the Board of his or her wish that the said gratuity be paid on his or her death to the beneficiaries mentioned in that form and be divided among such beneficiaries in the proportion mentioned in that form.

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by [s. 3](#) of [Act 21 of 2004](#) (wef 11 November 2004).]

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law contained, the Board may on the death of a member who so notified the Board pay at its discretion the gratuity concerned in accordance with the member's wish.

23 Benefit not asset in insolvent estate

Any benefit under this Law payable to or received by any member, pensioner or beneficiary whose estate is sequestrated shall not form part of the assets in his or her insolvent estate.

[S. 23 substituted by s. 4 of Act 21 of 2004 (wef 11 November 2004).]

24 Application of benefits for payment of certain debts of pensioner

(1) If the Board is satisfied that any judgement or order for the payment of money given or made by a court of law against a pensioner in any judicial proceedings for the dissolution of the marriage between such pensioner and his or her spouse, has not been satisfied in full, the Board may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law contained, in its discretion direct that so much of any benefit payable to such pensioner under this Law as does not exceed the amount of the judgement or order which has not been satisfied, be paid to such spouse, in such instalments or otherwise and at such times, in such circumstances and on such conditions as the Board, may from time to time determine.

(2) The payment of any benefit or any part thereof in terms of a direction under subsection (1), shall be a complete discharge of any liability to pay such benefit or part to the pensioner concerned.

(3) For the purposes of this section '**pensioner**' means any person to whom any benefit is payable, but does not include a person to whom any benefit is payable as the widow, widower or dependent of any person.

24A Payment of pension interest upon divorce or dissolution of marriage according to tenets of religion

(1) The Fund must reduce a member's pension interest by any amount assigned from the member's pension interest to the member's former spouse in terms of a decree of divorce granted under section 7 (8) (a) of the Divorce Act or a court order granted in respect of the division of assets of a marriage according to the tenets of a religion.

(2) A fund may not, without the consent of the non-member spouse, grant a loan or guarantee or permit a savings withdrawal benefit to be taken by a member if the fund received written notification from the member or non-member spouse with proof that-

- (a) a divorce has been instituted, as defined in the Divorce Act;
- (b) an application has been made for a court order in respect of the division of assets of a marriage in accordance with the tenets of any religion.

(3) The prohibition in terms of subsection (2) applies until finalisation of the divorce or until a court order is issued.

(4) (a) Subject to paragraph (k), for purposes of section 7 (8) (a) of the Divorce Act or in terms of or a court order granted in respect of the division of assets of a marriage according to the tenets of a religion, the portion of a member's pension interest assigned to the member's former spouse is deemed to accrue to the member on the date on which the decree of divorce or court order is granted.

(b) The amount of the member's pension interest in the Fund must be determined and the amount of the member's pension interest that is assigned to the former spouse must be calculated by the Fund in accordance with the rules as at the date of the decree of divorce or the date of the court order granted in respect of the division of assets of a marriage according to the tenets of a religion.

(c) Prior to determining the amount of the member's pension interest that is assigned to the former spouse, the amount of the member's pension interest referred to in paragraph (b) must first be reduced in accordance with the rules by any amount of the member's pension interest which, in a previous divorce or a previous court order granted in respect of the division of assets of a marriage according to the tenets of a religion, was paid over or awarded to another party.

(d)(i) The benefit that is subsequently payable to the member shall, as provided in the rules, be decreased by reducing the member's years of pensionable service to take into account the pension interest of the member which was assigned to any former spouse of the member.

(ii) The rules referred to in subparagraph (i) shall be made on the advice of an actuary.

(e) The Fund must, within 45 days of the submission of the court order by the former spouse of a member, request the former spouse to elect whether the amount to be deducted must be-

- (i) paid directly to the former spouse; or
- (ii) transferred to an approved retirement fund on behalf of the former spouse.

(f) The former spouse must, within 120 days of being requested to make a choice-

- (i) inform the Fund of the manner in which the amount referred to in paragraph (e) must be dealt with; and
- (ii) if the former spouse chooses that the amount must be-

(aa) paid to the former spouse directly, provide the Fund with the details that are necessary to effect the payment; or

(bb) if the former spouse chooses that the amount must be transferred to an approved pension fund on his or her behalf, provide the Fund with the details of that approved retirement fund.

(g) The Fund must pay or transfer the amount in the circumstances contemplated in-

- (i) paragraph (f) (ii) (aa), within 30 days; or
- (ii) paragraph (f) (ii) (bb), within 60 days,

in accordance with the former spouse's choice, failing which interest becomes payable on such amount at a rate determined in the rules.

(h) In the event that the former spouse fails to make a choice or identify the approved retirement fund to which the amount must be transferred within the period referred to in paragraph (f), the Fund must pay the amount directly to the former spouse within 30 days of the expiry of that period, failing which interest becomes payable on such amount at a rate determined in the rules.

(i) Despite paragraph (h), in the event that the Fund cannot reasonably ascertain the manner in which the payment to the former spouse must be effected, the Fund must retain the amount plus interest as determined in the rules of the Fund, until such time as details of the manner in which that payment must be effected is made available to the Fund by the member, the former spouse or any other person whom the Fund is satisfied has the necessary authority and capacity to instruct the Fund in that respect.

(j) A former spouse-

- (i) is not a member or beneficiary in relation to the fund; and
- (ii) is entitled to the accrual of fund return from the date of deduction until payment or transfer of the deduction contemplated in this subsection.

(k) Any portion of a member's pension interest assigned to a former spouse in terms of a decree of divorce or a court order granted prior to the enactment of this subsection must, for purposes of any law other than the Income Tax Act including, but not limited to, section 7 (8) (a) of the Divorce Act or a court order granted in respect of the division of assets of a marriage according to the tenets of a religion, be deemed to have accrued to the member on the date of enactment of this subsection, and must be paid or transferred in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (j).

[S. 24A inserted by [s. 3 of Act 19 of 2011](#) (wef 14 December 2011), amended by [s. 12 of Act 18 of 2019](#) (wef 23 May 2019) and substituted by s. 24 of [Act 31 of 2024](#) (wef 1 September 2024).]

25 Increase of certain annuities and payment of allowances and bonuses

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law contained but subject to the provisions of this section, the Board shall within the financial constraints of the Fund, and acting on the advice of the actuary, regularly-

- (a) authorize the increase of any annuity payable under this Law in order to ensure that the value of annuities is maintained by means of fair adjustments; and
- (b) authorize the payment of any allowance or bonus to any person who is in receipt of an annuity referred to in paragraph (a),

in accordance with such rates or scales, in such circumstances, on such conditions and with effect from such date, which may be a date in the past, as the Board may determine, in terms of its pension increase policy.

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by [s. 5 of Act 21 of 2004](#) (wef 11 November 2004).]

(2) Different rates, scales, circumstances and conditions may be determined in terms of subsection (1) in respect of different classes or categories of members, pensioners and beneficiaries.

(3) Any increase of any annuity and any allowance or bonus payable under subsection (1) shall be funded by the Fund.

(4) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (2) and (3), the Minister may supplement any benefit payable to a member or pensioner, or grant increases additional to such increases contemplated in subsection (1) (a) in order to protect such benefit from the effects of inflation: Provided that such supplements or increases shall only be effected after consultation with the Board.

(b) If an annuity is supplemented or an increase of an annuity is granted as contemplated in paragraph (4) (a), the employer shall immediately compensate the Fund in full in respect of the liability as calculated by the actuary referred to in section 17 (3) incurred by the Fund as a result of the granting of such supplement or increase.

26 Period within which payment of benefits shall commence

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law contained, a benefit payable in terms of this Law shall be paid to the member, pensioner or beneficiary entitled to such benefit within a period of 60 days from the benefit becoming payable to the member, pensioner or beneficiary, which 60 days shall be calculated from the day following the date on which the benefit becomes payable: Provided that a benefit shall become payable to a member, pensioner or beneficiary on the last day of service at the employer of that member or pensioner or the death of that pensioner.

[Sub-s. (1) substituted by s. 6 (a) of [Act 21 of 2004](#) (wef 11 November 2004).]

(2) Interest shall be paid by the Fund to the member, pensioner or beneficiary on any part of the amount of the benefit not paid within a period of 60 days referred to in subsection (1) from the date on which the benefit became payable, at the rate prescribed, which interest shall be calculated from the day following the date on which the benefit became payable.

[Sub-s. (2) substituted by s. 6 (b) of [Act 21 of 2004](#) (wef 11 November 2004).]

(3) For the purpose of [section 12 \(1\)](#) of the Prescription Act, 1969 ([Act 68 of 1969](#)), a benefit payable to a member, pensioner or beneficiary in terms of this Law shall be deemed to be due on the date following the date on which a member's benefit becomes payable in terms of subsection (1) for the period after expiry of 60 days.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), interest is not payable on funeral benefits.

[Sub-s. (4) added by s. 6 (c) of [Act 21 of 2004](#) (wef 11 November 2004).]

27 Declaration of certain former members as dormant members of the Fund

If the membership of a member is for any reason terminated before he or she attains the age at which he or she would have had the right to retire on pension, the Board may at the request or with the consent of the member, if the Board deems it expedient that his or her accrued pension interest in the Fund be retained for him or her, declare him or her to be a dormant member of the Fund with effect from the date on which his or her membership was so terminated: Provided that his or her membership has been terminated on or before 1 April 2003.

[S. 27 substituted by [s. 7 of Act 21 of 2004](#) (wef 11 November 2004).]

28 Benefits not property for purposes of estate duty

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law contained, any benefit or any right to a benefit, due and payable in terms of this Law to the beneficiary of a member, on or as a result of or after the death of that member shall for the purposes of the Estate Duty Act, 1955 ([Act 45 of 1955](#)), be deemed not to be property as defined in section 3 (2) of that Act.

29 Duty and power of Board to make rules

(1) (a) Subject to the provisions relating to negotiations regarding the terms and conditions of employment contained in any law applying in respect of labour relations arrangements in the Public Service, including Education, and subject to negotiations in accordance with any labour relations legislation or arrangements applicable to the South African Police Service, the South African National Defence Force and the State Security Agency regarding their terms and conditions of employment, the Board shall make rules with regard to-

- (i) the constitution of the Board and the management and administration of the Fund;
- (ii) the payment of contributions to the Fund and the payment of benefits from the Fund to or in respect of members on their retirement, discharge, resignation or death;
- (iii) any matter in respect of dormant members of the Fund;
- (iv) any matter required or permitted to be prescribed under this Law,

and, generally, for the better achievement of the objects and purposes of this Law.

[Para. (a) amended by [s. 53 of Act 11 of 2013](#) (wef 29 July 2013).]

(b) The rules contained in Schedule 1 shall be deemed to have been made as required by subparagraph (a) and any such rule shall continue to apply until amended, substituted or repealed by rules made by the Board in terms of subparagraph (a).

(2) The rules referred to in subsection (1), may-

- (a) prescribe the classes or categories of persons who shall become members of the Fund and shall contribute to the Fund;
- (b) from time to time prescribe the conditions subject to which and the rate at which members shall contribute to the Fund, and the times at which and the manner in which such contributions or any amounts which are payable to the Fund in terms of this Law, shall be deducted from the pensionable emoluments of members and paid over to the Fund;
- (c) from time to time prescribe the circumstances in which and the basis and conditions subject to which any period which is not a period of pensionable service as defined in the rules, may be recognised as pensionable service and the amount, including interest, which shall be paid to the Fund in respect of such period by the member concerned or any other person or the employer or any other employer, and the times at which and the manner in which such amount shall be so paid;
- (d) prescribe the circumstances in which and the basis and conditions on which the accrued benefits of:
 - (i) a member of the Fund may be transferred to an approved retirement fund; or
 - (ii) a member of an approved retirement fund may be transferred to the Fund and the amount, including interest, which shall be paid to the Fund by the member concerned, the approved retirement fund, or the present or previous employer of the member in respect of such transfer, and the manner in which such amounts shall be calculated and paid;
- (e) from time to time prescribe the contributions, interest or other amounts which shall or may from time to time be paid to the Fund by the employer or any other employer in respect of employees who are members of the Fund and the circumstances in which and the basis and conditions on which and the manner in which the said contributions, interest or other amounts shall be calculated and shall or may be paid to the Fund;
- (f) from time to time prescribe the benefits payable to a member whose service is terminated as a result of injury or ill-health, not occasioned by his or her own fault, arising out of and in the course of his or her employment;
- (g) from time to time prescribe the benefits or other amounts payable from the Fund to members, their former spouses or their beneficiaries determined in the rules in cases or classes or categories of cases specified by the rules, and the manner in which such benefits or other amounts shall be calculated and the times at which and the manner in which such benefits or other amounts shall be paid;

[Para. (g) substituted by s. 4 of [Act 19 of 2011](#) (wef 14 December 2011).]

- (h) provide for the investment of amounts standing to the credit of the Fund and for the periodic valuation by an actuary of the assets and liabilities of the Fund;
- (i) provide for the conditions on which a member of the Fund who is seconded to employment in respect of which he or she is not liable to contribute to the Fund, may continue to contribute to the Fund and receive benefits from the Fund;
- (j) from time to time prescribe formulae for the calculation of benefits payable from the Fund;
- (k) provide that any change to the rules shall satisfy the condition that the real value of the accrued benefits of every member of the Fund, as represented by the Fund's actuarial liability towards the member and his or her beneficiaries, shall be maintained in such change, and provide for the manner in which such value is to be determined.

(3) Different rules may be made under this section in respect of members belonging to different classes or categories.

(4) Any rule, except a rule which increases the rate at which members shall contribute to the Fund or reduces the amount of the benefit payable from the Fund, may be made with retrospective effect.

(5) The Rules shall be binding on the Government, the Fund, its members and pensioners and their beneficiaries or any other person who has a claim against the Fund.

30 Protection of rights of members of previous funds, Temporary Employees Pension Fund and Associated Institutions Pension Fund

[Heading substituted by s. 17 (a) of [Act 9 of 2023](#) (wef 14 July 2023).]

(1) (a) Where a member of a previous fund becomes a member of the Fund, the member's benefits in the Fund on the date determined in terms of section 14 (1) in respect of that previous fund shall satisfy the condition that the real value of the accrued benefits of such member on that date as represented by the Fund's actuarial liability towards the member and his or her beneficiaries, shall not be less than the real value of the accrued benefits of such member in that previous fund immediately before that date, as represented by the actuarial liability of that previous fund towards the member and his or her beneficiaries, in accordance with a certificate from an actuary appointed by the Board.

(b) Consistent actuarial bases shall be applied in the calculation of the actuarial liability values referred to in subparagraph (a).

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to a member of the Temporary Employees Pension Fund or the Associated Institutions Pension Fund who becomes a member of the Fund in terms of section 15, and any such application references in subsection (1) to a previous fund and date determined by the Minister in terms of section 14 (1) shall be construed as references to the Temporary Employees Pension Fund or the Associated Institutions Pension Fund, as the case may be, and the date determined in terms of section 15 (1) respectively.

[Sub-s. (2) substituted by s. 17 (b) of [Act 9 of 2023](#) (wef 14 July 2023).]

30A Recognition of pensionable service of former members of non-statutory forces or services

(1) Any former member of a non-statutory force or service may in accordance with the rules apply to the Fund to have any service as a member of a non-statutory force or service recognised as pensionable service.

(2) If a person contemplated in subsection (1) receives or has received any benefit in terms of the Special Pensions Act, 1996 ([Act 69 of 1996](#)), or the Demobilisation Act, 1996 ([Act 99 of 1996](#)), other than a benefit received as a dependant-

- (a) the benefit payable by the Fund shall not be reduced by the amount of any benefit that has been received in terms of the Special Pension Act, 1996 ([Act 69 of 1996](#)), or the Demobilisation Act, 1996 ([Act 99 of 1996](#)); and
- (b) that person's eligibility to receive any benefit in terms of the Special Pensions Act, 1996 ([Act 69 of 1996](#)) shall cease on exit from the Fund.

[Sub-s. (2) substituted by s. 8 (1) of [Act 21 of 2004](#) (wef 31 March 2004) and by s. 5 of [Act 19 of 2011](#) (wef 1 April 2011).]

[S. 30A inserted by s. 2 of [Act 35 of 2003](#) (wef 31 March 2004).]

31 Binding of the State

This Law shall bind the State and the Government shall be responsible for meeting the obligations of the Fund, whether properly funded or not, in favour of its members, pensioners and beneficiaries: Provided that any change in the investment policy of the Fund referred to in section 6 (7) or the benefit structure of the Fund, as provided for in the rules which may have an effect on the Government's financial obligation towards the Fund, shall be subject to the approval of the Minister: Provided further that the Minister's approval shall not be required in the event of changes to the benefit structures brought about by agreements reached in the bargaining structures for the Public Service.

32 Withdrawal from the Fund

(1) This Act shall not preclude the establishment by an Act of Parliament of a separate fund for a sector or part of a sector of the Public Service as contemplated in section 8 (1) (a) of the Public Service Act, 1994 ([Proclamation 103 of 1994](#)).

(2) Subject to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993 (Act 200 of 1993) the creation of such a separate fund shall be subject to agreement between the employer and the employee organisations representing such a sector or part of a sector of the Public Service after negotiations in accordance with the labour relations laws or other arrangements applying to such a sector.

(3) Appropriate financial arrangements regarding the transfer of liabilities and assets from the Fund to such a separate fund referred to in subsection (2) shall be approved by the Minister with the concurrence of the Board: Provided that such arrangements shall not have a detrimental effect on the financial position of the Fund.

(4) This Law shall not prohibit the South African Police Service from providing for pensions for its former members by an Act of Parliament in accordance with section 214 (2) (b) (iv) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993 (Act 200 of 1993).

33 Dissolution of the Fund

(1) The Fund may be dissolved-

- (a) by the Board acting with the concurrence of the Minister: Provided that the Fund shall not be dissolved unless the dissolution has been agreed to after negotiations as contemplated in section 18 (2) have taken place; or
- (b) in terms of a court order.

(2) If the Fund is dissolved in terms of subsection (1), the Board shall appoint a liquidator.

(3) Sections 28 or 29, as the case may be, of the Pension Funds Act, 1956 ([Act 24 of 1956](#)) shall apply to the dissolution of the Fund and the appointment of the liquidator in terms of subsection (2) shall be subject to the approval of the Registrar of Pension Funds.

33A Transitional provision

(1) Any claims, applications, or other matters to be dealt with, and any actions or decisions to be taken in terms of this Law, that were not finalised prior to the commencement of an amendment to this Law, shall be finalised in terms of this Law, as amended.

(2) Any claims or applications that may have been previously rejected and finalised in terms of this Law prior to the commencement of an amendment of this Law, may be resubmitted for consideration in terms of this Law, as amended.

[S. 33A inserted by [s. 6 of Act 19 of 2011](#) (wef 14 December 2011).]

34 Repeal and amendment of laws

(1) (a) The laws mentioned in Schedule 2 to this Law are hereby repealed to the extent indicated in the third column of that Schedule.

(b) This section shall, in respect of a particular previous fund, come into operation on the date determined in terms of section 14 (1) in respect of that previous fund.

(2) The laws specified in Schedule 3 to this Law are hereby amended to the extent indicated in the third column of that Schedule.

35 Short title and commencement

(1) This Law shall be called the Government Employees Pension Law, 1996, and shall subject to section 34 come into operation on a date fixed by the President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.

(2) Different dates may be fixed under subsection (1) in respect of different provisions of this Law.

Schedule 1

RULES OF THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND

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1 Definitions

In the rules words that are defined in the Law, but not defined in this rule, shall have the meaning assigned to them by the

Law, and, unless the context otherwise indicates, words indicating the singular include the plural and conversely and also, unless the context otherwise indicates, the words hereunder shall have the following meaning-

'Law', the Government Employees Pension Law, 1996;

'actuarial interest' means an amount representing the value of a member's benefits in the Fund based on his or her total pensionable service, or if the context so requires, either of his or her vested service, savings service or retirement service calculated in rule 14.4.2.

Provided further that if the context so requires, actuarial interest may be determined and apportioned to mean the following:

- (a) Vested actuarial interest is an amount representing the value of a member's benefits in the Fund based on his or her vested service;
- (b) Savings actuarial interest is an amount representing the value of a member's benefits in the Fund based on his or her savings service; and
- (c) Retirement actuarial interest is an amount representing the value of a member's benefits in the Fund based on his or her retirement service.

With effect from the vested date, a member's total actuarial interest in the Fund is the sum of his or her vested, savings and retirement actuarial interests.

[Definition of 'actuarial interest' inserted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997 and amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'actuary', any Fellow of an institute, faculty, society or chapter of actuaries approved by the Minister, appointed as the actuary of the Fund in terms of rule 4.8;

'agreement', an appropriate written agreement concluded in negotiations between the employer and employee organisations;

'certified personnel register', a register referred to in [section 16 \(3\)](#) of the Transitional Executive Council Act, 1993 ([Act 151 of 1993](#));

[Definition of 'certified personnel register' inserted by GN 423 of 31 March 2004.]

'child's pension' means a pension payable to an eligible child pensioner on the death of a member in terms of rule 14.5 or on the death of a pensioner, who was a member of the Fund, in terms of rule 14.6.1 and which pension is only payable whilst the child remains an eligible child pensioner;

[Definition of 'child's pension' inserted by GenN 314 of 1 June 2018.]

'Correctional Services', the Department of Correctional Services established in terms of section 2 of the Correctional Services Act, 1959 ([Act 8 of 1959](#));

'D factor', D, a factor less than 1, determined by subtracting a number calculated in accordance with the undermentioned table from 10 000 and dividing the result by 10 000:

TABLE

Completed months of pensionable service	Calculation of number
0 to 36	0
37 to 120	0 plus 26 for each completed month of such service in excess of 36 months;
121 to 240	2 184 plus 17 for each completed month of such service in excess of 120 months;
241 to 360	4 224 plus 11 for each completed month of such service in excess of 240 months;
361 to 480	5 544 plus 7 for each completed month of such service in excess of 360 months;
481 and over	6 384 plus 5 for each completed month of such service in excess of 480 months;

[Definition of 'D-Factor' inserted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]

'deferred annuity' means an annuity which is not payable immediately upon the date of exit but becomes payable at a future date, which may be the pension retirement date or an earlier date as specified in the rules;

[Definition of 'deferred annuity' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'deferred pensioner' means a member who has left the service of an employer for any reason other than ill health, retirement, death or an exit as per rule 14.8, and has made an irrevocable election in writing in terms of rule 16.5.1, on exit, to receive the entire vested component and savings component balances due as a lump-sum benefit and to preserve the retirement component in the Fund for payment at a future date subject to the member reaching retirement age, where retirement age is between the ages of fifty-five and sixty years.

Provided that no further contributions shall be made by a deferred pensioner to the Fund;

[Definition of 'deferred pensioner' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'de minimis amount' means the amount determined by legislation, below which a member's pension benefits from both the vested and retirement components may be commuted into a lump-sum payment as opposed to the payment of an annuity;

[Definition of 'de minimis amount' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'disabled', in relation to the definition of 'eligible child' means any permanent physical or permanent mental impairment that in the opinion of the Board renders a person unable or unfit to provide for his or her maintenance;

[Definition of 'disabled' inserted by GenN 454 of 31 March 2006.]

'divorce' means the termination of a marriage or the dissolution of a customary marriage or civil union between a member of the Fund and another person by order of court;

[Definition of 'divorce' inserted by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

'divorce debt' in relation to a member means, in respect of a member who divorced prior to 1 August 2019 and whose former spouse was paid a portion of the member's pension interest and which member notified the Fund in the prescribed period that he or she still wishes the divorce debt approach to be applied to him or her, an amount equivalent to the amount of the pension interest assigned to the member's former spouse in terms of a divorce order or decree of dissolution of marriage accumulated from the date of payment to the former spouse to the date on which a benefit is paid to the member in terms of the rules together with the interest from the date of payment to the former spouse at the rate or rates determined from time to time by the Board as the rate or rates of interest payable in respect of monies owed to the Fund, adjusted by any amounts repaid to the Fund by the member to reduce this divorce debt;

[Definition of 'divorce debt' inserted by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012) and substituted by GenN 399 of 31 July 2019 (wef 1 August 2019).]

'divorce order' means an order for the divorce of a member in terms of which a share of a member's pension interest in this Fund is assigned to the member's former spouse;

[Definition of 'divorce order' inserted by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

'education service', the teachers or other persons as defined in the Educators' Employment Act performing education functions at a state educational institution, which is an institution (including an office controlling such institution), other than a university or technikon, that is wholly or partially funded by the State and in regard to which the remuneration and service conditions of such teachers or other persons performing education functions are determined by or in terms of a law;

'eligible child' means the natural or adopted (as meant in the Child Care Act, 74 of 1983 as amended) child of a member or pensioner or a deceased member or pensioner who:

- is alive and under the age of 18; or
- is under the age of 22 and is in the opinion of the Board a full-time student; or
- is a child over the age of 18 and who, in the opinion of the Board, is disabled and was factually dependent on the member or pensioner immediately before the death of such member or pensioner.

[Definition of 'eligible child' inserted by GN R1073 of 8 August 2003.]

'eligible child pensioner' means the natural child, or adopted child (as ascribed to the term 'adopted child' in the Children's Act, 38 of 2005 as amended) of a deceased member or deceased pensioner who is alive as at the date of death of the member or pensioner, and who:

- is under the age of 22; or
- is a child over the age of 22 and who, in the opinion of the Board, is disabled and was factually or legally dependent on the member or pensioner immediately before the death of such member or pensioner;

[Definition of 'eligible child pensioner' inserted by GenN 314 of 1 June 2018.]

'employee organisation'

an admitted employee organisation referred to in section 1 of the Public Service Labour Relations Act, 1994;

an admitted employee organisation referred to in section 1 of the Education Labour Relations Act, 1993;

an employee organisation or other employee structure formed by personnel appointed in terms of the Intelligence Services Act, 1994 (Act 38 of 1994) the Defence Act, 1957 ([Act 44 of 1957](#)) and the South African Police Service Act, 1995 ([Act 68 of 1995](#)) and which has for negotiation purposes been accepted by the employer;

'final salary' means a member's average pensionable emoluments during last 24 months of his/her total pensionable service, or during the whole period of such service, whichever period is shorter;

[Definition of 'final salary' substituted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997 and amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'former spouse' means the person from whom a member is divorced in terms of a divorce order;

[Definition of 'former spouse' inserted by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

'former spouse election date' means the date contemplated in rule 14.10.3;

[Definition of 'former spouse election date' inserted by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

'former spouse's share' means an amount equal to the share of a member's 'pension interest' assigned to his or her former spouse in terms of a divorce order, accumulated with interest at a rate or rates determined from time to time by the Board from the former spouse election date to the date of payment or transfer, as the case may be;

[Definition of 'former spouse's share' inserted by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

'fund year', the first day of April of a year up to the last day of March of the ensuing year;

'immediate annuity' means an annuity that becomes payable from the first month following the date of exit from the Fund;

[Definition of 'immediate annuity' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'interest', compounded interest at a rate as determined from time to time by the Board after consultation with the Actuary: Provided that different rates may be determined in respect of different rules;

'NSF Service', the period between the date on which a former member of a non-statutory force or service joined his or her respective former forces or services (as reflected on his or her service certificate) and the date of their taking up employment, or entering into an agreement with or their attestation into the employer, provided that such service will only be recognised for the period after the former member of a non-statutory force or service attained the age of sixteen years, so that service prior to the age of sixteen years will not be regarded as NSF Service. In the case of a beneficiary of a former member of a non-statutory force or service, NSF Service means the period of NSF Service of the former member of a non-statutory force or service through whom the beneficiary is entitled to a benefit in terms of the rules of the Fund;

[Definition of 'NSF service' inserted by GN 423 of 31 March 2004.]

'orphan' means an eligible child of whom both parents, natural or adopted are deceased;

[Definition of 'orphan' inserted by GN R1073 of 8 August 2003.]

'paid-up member' means a member who has left the service of an employer for any reason other than ill health, retirement, death or an exit as per rule 14.8, and

- (a) has not chosen to transfer his/her benefits, on exit, to an approved retirement fund; and
- (b) has, in the same year of his or her exit, taken out a savings withdrawal benefit and is not eligible for a second payment from the savings component in that tax year, due to the remaining savings component balance being higher than R2 000 and retains the remaining balance from the savings component in the Fund;

provided that no further contributions shall be paid to the Fund by or in respect of a paid-up member;

[Definition of 'paid-up member' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'pension interest' in relation to a court order granted under section 7 (8) (a) of the Divorce Act, or a court order granted in respect of the division of assets of a marriage according to the tenets of a religion, means, in relation to a member, that member's total actuarial interest, as the case may be determined in terms of the Law and rules, on the date of divorce;

[Definition of 'pension interest' inserted by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012) and amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'pension-retirement date', the earliest date on which a member is entitled to retire in terms of section 19 of the Law with normal retirement benefits, i.e. without the application of an early retirement adjustment factor as envisaged in rule 14.3.3 (b): Provided that for the purpose of section 19 (b) of the Law, it shall be the date when such member attains the age of 60 years;

[Definition of 'pension-retirement date' substituted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]

'pensionable emoluments', the basic annual salary of a member and any other emoluments to be recognised as pensionable emoluments, after an agreement has been reached between the employer and employee organisations taking into account the actuary's report on the financial implications regarding the inclusion thereof as pensionable emoluments;

'pensionable service' means either the pensionable service before the vested date, pensionable service on the vested date, or the pensionable service after the vested date as the context requires;

[Definition of 'pensionable service' amended by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003 and substituted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'pensionable service after the vested date' means any period of service:

- (a) of a member after the vested date, in respect of which such a member contributes or contributed to the Fund or was liable to contribute to the Fund, and in respect of which no benefit has been paid out of the Fund under the rules; and
- (b) any other period which is recognised or allowed in terms of the rules as pensionable service after the vested date of a member:

Provided that any period of pensionable service from the vested date shall be calculated by the year and any portion of a year shall be determined according to the proportion which the number of days in that portion of a year bears to 365 days;

[Definition of 'pensionable service after vested date' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'pensionable service before vested date' means any period of service, subject to the provisions of rules 9 to 12-

- (a) In respect of a member who was a member of the Government Service Pension Fund or the Temporary Employees Pension Fund immediately prior to the fixed date, the period of time which was recognised as pensionable service of the member under the Government Service Pension Act or the Temporary Employees Pension Act in respect of which no benefit was paid out of the Fund;
- (b) continuous service of a member from the fixed date up to the vested date, in respect of which such a member contributed to the Fund or was liable to contribute to the Fund, and in respect of which no benefit has been paid to the member as contemplated in the rules; and
- (c) any other period which is recognised or allowed in terms of the rules as pensionable service before the vested date of a member:

Provided that any period of pensionable service before vested date shall be calculated by the year and any portion of a year shall be determined according to the proportion which the number of days in that portion of a year bears to 365 days;

[Definition of 'pensionable service before vested date' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'personnel list' means a list referred to in the proviso to section 224 (2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993 (Act 200 of 1993) as amended by item 3 of Annexure D of Schedule 6 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 ([Act 108 of 1996](#));

[Definition of 'personnel list' inserted by GN 423 of 31 March 2004.]

'principal', the Minister or the relevant employee organisations, as the case may be, who designate the trustees;

'Public Service Act', the Public Service Act, 1994;

'responsible Minister' the Minister: Provided that for the purposes of rules 4.2.2 and 4.2.3, it shall mean the Minister in consultation with the Ministers responsible for public service and Administration, Education, the South African National Defence Force, the South African Police Service and the State Security Agency;

[Definition of 'responsible Minister' amended by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003 and by [s. 53 of Act 11 of 2013](#) (wef 29 July 2013) and substituted by GenN 1434 of 18 November 2022.]

'retirement component' refers to a notional account where a member's accrued benefits based on their retirement service will be allocated after the vested date. The retirement component will be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) any amounts transferred on or after the vested date from a retirement component in another approved retirement fund are to be allocated to this component of the Fund;
- (b) any amounts transferred from the vested and/or savings component of the Fund or from another approved retirement fund, are to be allocated to this component of the Fund;
- (c) the total value of the member's benefits in the retirement component is to be paid in the form of an annuity unless otherwise permitted by legislation; and
- (d) the exceptions to paying an annuity are where the member is deceased or where the member elects to transfer the retirement component to an approved fund or where the *de minimis* threshold as specified in the Income Tax Act applies to the member's pension benefits from the vested and retirement components;

[Definition of 'retirement component' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'retirement service' means:

- (a) to (d) inclusive

[Paras. (a) to (d) inclusive omitted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

- (e) two-thirds of pensionable service from the vested date, in respect of which such a member contributes or contributed to the Fund or was liable to contribute to the Fund, and in respect of which no benefit has been paid to the member as contemplated in the rules;
- (f) increased by any pensionable service as determined by the actuary, arising from transfers, after the vested date, into the retirement component from the vested component or savings component, or both, from the member's records, as allowed by legislation;
- (g) increased by any pensionable service as determined by the actuary, arising from transfers, after the vested date, into the retirement component from a vested component, savings component or retirement component or any combination of the components of another retirement fund as allowed by legislation;
- (h) increased by two-thirds of any additional pensionable service purchased after the vested date;
- (i) reduced by the pensionable service, as calculated by the actuary, in respect of any transfers out, after the vested date, of the retirement component to the retirement component of another retirement fund as permitted by legislation; and
- (j) reduced by pensionable service, as calculated by the actuary, to be necessary to give effect to a deduction or

reduction as permitted in the Law or the rules.

[Definition of 'retirement service' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'savings component' refers to a notional account where a member's accrued benefits based on their savings service will be allocated from the vested date. The savings component will be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) a once-off amount, being seed capital, is to be allocated to this component on or after the vested date, with the allocation backdated to the vested date;
- (b) any amounts transferred on or after the vested date from a savings component in another fund may be allocated to this component if the member's remaining total benefits in that fund are transferred in terms of the rules of the Fund;
- (c) a member may elect to transfer the value of the member's actuarial interest in this component, or a part thereof, into the member's retirement component of the Fund;
- (d) a member may make a savings withdrawal benefit from this component; and
- (e) the savings component not paid as a lump sum on retirement, will be dealt with in accordance with the Income Tax Act;

[Definition of 'savings component' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'savings service' means:

- (a) one-third of pensionable service from vested date, in respect of which such a member contributes or contributed to the Fund or was liable to contribute to the Fund, and in respect of which no benefit has been paid out of the Fund under the rules;
- (b) increased by seeding service, if any;
- (c) increased by any pensionable service, as determined by the actuary, arising from transfers, after the vested date, into the savings component from another retirement fund, as allowed by legislation;
- (d) increased by one-third of any additional pensionable service purchased after the vested date;
- (e) reduced by the pensionable service as calculated by the actuary, in respect of the savings withdrawal benefits paid to the member;
- (f) reduced by the pensionable service, as calculated by the actuary, in respect of any transfers after the vested date, to the retirement component of the Fund or another retirement fund, as is permissible by the Income Tax Act read with the Law;
- (g) reduced by the pensionable service, as calculated by the actuary, to be necessary to give effect to a deduction or reduction as permitted in the Law or the rules;

[Definition of 'savings service' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'seed capital' means the once-off amount, equivalent to the lower of 10 percent of the actuarial interest of a member as at 31 August 2024 and R30 000, that will be transferred from the vested component to the savings component on the vested date;

[Definition of 'seed capital' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'seeding service' means the pensionable service period, as determined by the actuary, that will equate to the value of the seed capital;

[Definition of 'seeding service' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'service certificate' is the official document issued by the relevant non-statutory force or service which contains sufficient information, in the opinion of the Board, as proof of the member's period of service in such force or service;

[Definition of 'service certificate' inserted by GN 423 of 31 March 2004.]

'Services', the South African National Defence Force, South African Police Service and State Security Agency as described in section 1 of the Law;

[Definition of 'Services' substituted by [s. 53](#) of [Act 11 of 2013](#) (wef 29 July 2013).]

'spouse', shall mean the following for the purpose of eligibility to benefits:

A person who is-

- a lawful husband or wife; or
- a life partner (including same sex life partner); or
- a husband or wife in terms of the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, 1998 or the tenets of any religion, of the member or pensioner at the date of the member's or pensioner's death: Provided that a member or pensioner-
 - (a) should register with the Fund his or her spouse;
 - (b) should register with the Fund all spouses in terms of the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, 1998 or the tenets of any religion;
 - (c) who has (a) spouse(s) in terms of the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, 1998 or the Marriages Act, 1961, or the tenets of any religion may not register a life partner with the Fund:

Provided further that registration of a person as a spouse will be *prima facie* proof of being a spouse:

Provided further that a person who is not registered as a spouse may provide proof to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she is a spouse.

[Definition of 'spouse' substituted by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

'stillborn', in relation to funeral benefits means a stillborn as defined in the Births and Deaths Registration [Act 51 of 1992](#);

[Definition of 'stillborn' inserted by GenN 454 of 31 March 2006.]

'the Board', the Board of Trustees;

'total pensionable service' means the sum of the pensionable service before the vested date and the pensionable service after the vested date;

[Definition of 'total pensionable service' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'transfer benefit' for purposes of the Annexure to the rules shall mean a transfer benefit to an approved retirement fund payable in terms of the provisions of the Annexure equal to the aggregate of-

- (i) a gratuity calculated at 7,5% of the member's final salary multiplied with the period of his or her pensionable service, and increased by ten percentage points for each full year of pensionable service between 5 and 15 years of pensionable service, which amount shall become an entitlement of the member on the condition that he or she deposits the amount into the approved retirement fund immediately upon becoming entitled thereto; and
- (ii) the difference between the member's actuarial interest in the Fund and the amount referred to in paragraph (i), if any;

subject to such transfer being subject to the rules of the approved retirement fund specifying that, with reference to the transfer benefit, any subsequent lump sum benefit payable by that fund or any successor fund to the member and/or his beneficiaries shall be limited to one third of the said transfer benefit, with interest. The balance of the member's transfer benefit with interest, after deduction of any lump sum payment referred to above, shall be applied for the purchase of an annuity, albeit immediately or upon the member's ultimate retirement.

[Definition of 'transfer benefit' inserted by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

'trustee', a person designated in terms of rule 4.1.2 and 4.1.4;

'unexpired period of service', the period between the date on which a member ceases or would cease to be a member of the Fund and the date he or she would have attained the age of 60 years, or 65 years in the case of a member who holds an office referred to in rule 14.2.3 (b) (iii) (BB) at the commencement date and who vacates such office at the end of such term of office;

[Definition of 'unexpired period of service' substituted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]

'vested component' means a notional account where a member's accrued benefits in the Fund as at the vested date will be allocated and is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the member's actuarial interest in this component, after taking into account the deduction and allocation of the seed capital to the savings component, is subject to and must be paid in accordance with the rules of the Fund that existed immediately prior to the vested date;
- (b) no additional benefits may be allocated to this component on or after the vested date, save for benefits relating to arrear contributions relating to the period before the vested date as well as the exceptions recorded in the rules;
- (c) any amounts transferred from a vested component in another fund on or after the vested date must be allocated to this component if the member's retirement benefits in that fund is transferred in terms of the rules of the Fund;
- (d) a member may elect to transfer the value of this component, or a part thereof, into the member's retirement component of the Fund;

[Definition of 'vested component' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'vested date' means 1 September 2024;

[Definition of 'vested date' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

'vested service' means any period of service, subject to the provisions of rules 9 to 12-

- (a) to (d) inclusive

[Paras. (a) to (d) inclusive omitted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

- (e) in respect of a member who was a member of the Government Service Pension Fund or the Temporary Employees Pension Fund immediately prior to the fixed date, the period of time which was recognised as pensionable service of the member under the Government Service Pension Act or the Temporary Employees Pension Act in respect of which no benefit was paid out of the Fund;
- (f) continuous service of a member from the fixed date up to the vested date, in respect of which such a member contributed to the Fund or was liable to contribute to the Fund, and in respect of which no benefit was paid to the member under the rules;
- (g) reduced by any pensionable service ceded due to a transfer on exit from the Fund as permitted by the Income Tax Act to an approved fund or to the retirement component;
- (h) reduced by any pensionable service ceded, as determined by the actuary, to be necessary to give effect to a deduction as permitted in the Law or the rules;
- (i) reduced by any seeding service; and
- (j) adjusted for any other pensionable service that may be ceded or allocated to the vested component in terms of the Income Tax Act:

Provided that a period of vested service shall be calculated by the year and any portion of a year shall be determined according to the proportion which the number of days in that portion of a year bears to 365;

[Definition of 'vested service' inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

2 Nature of the Fund

The Fund is entitled to sue and be sued as a juristic person, to acquire, possess and alienate movable and immovable property and to acquire rights and incur liabilities and to function separately from its members, pensioners and beneficiaries.

3 Registered office

The registered office of the Fund is situated at 34 Hamilton Street, Pretoria or such address as the Board of Trustees may determine from time to time.

4 Management of the Fund

4.1 General

- 4.1.1 The Board is responsible for the proper and efficient management of the Fund. The Board shall comply with all the obligations imposed upon it by the rules as well as the Law and do everything necessary to ensure the proper functioning of the Fund.
- 4.1.2 The Board shall consist of sixteen Board members, eight of whom will be appointed by the responsible Minister in terms of rule 4.2 and eight of whom will be elected and/or appointed in terms of rule 4.3 and rule 4.5.
- 4.1.3 The trustees and substitute Trustees will be compensated for their services and expenses on the basis determined by the Board.

4.2 Employer trustees

- 4.2.1 The responsible Minister shall appoint eight persons to act as employer trustees on the Board. An employer trustee may be reappointed at the end of his office subject to rule 4.4.
- 4.2.2 The responsible Minister shall ensure that at least one of the eight appointed employer trustees have expertise (in the opinion of the Minister) in the following:
 - (a) financial management and investments; and/or
 - (b) the management and organisation of pension funds in general.
- 4.2.3 The responsible Minister shall provide the Fund with the details of the employer trustees they wish to appoint to the Board at least one month prior to the term of office of the Board ending or as soon as reasonably possible after a

vacancy, in respect of an employer trustee, has arisen while a Board is in office.

4.3 Employee trustees

- 4.3.1 In addition to the employer trustees, the Board shall consist of eight persons referred to in the rules as 'employee trustees' who take office in terms of rule 4.1.2 read with rule 4.4.
- 4.3.2 The employee trustees shall consist of:
- (a) one pensioner representative elected by pensioners;
 - (b) one person elected jointly by members employed by the South African National Defence Force and the State Security Agency; and
 - (c) six representatives elected and/or appointed by the labour representatives in the Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council, in terms of the processes adopted by the Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council, with the candidates being communicated to the Fund, to depict proportionate union membership in the Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council.
- 4.3.3 The Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council shall provide the Fund with the details of the employee trustees that have been elected and/or appointed, in terms of their internal processes, to the Board at least one month prior to the term of office of the Board ending or as soon as reasonably possible after a vacancy has arisen while a Board is in office.

4.4 Eligibility requirements to act as a trustee of the Board

- 4.4.1 No person in any of the categories listed below shall be eligible for appointment or election as a trustee:
- (a) a person who has been or is found guilty of fraud, theft, forgery or producing a forged document, perjury, any offence involving dishonesty, any offence in connection with any company or public office or with the promotion, formation or management of a company or any other criminal offence by a court of law or properly constituted inquiry;
 - (b) a person who has been or is declared insolvent, sequestered or placed under curatorship and has not been rehabilitated;
 - (c) a person who has been or is declared unfit to hold office as a public official, director of companies or any other position of trust due to mental incapacity or any other reason;
 - (d) a person who becomes physically unfit and due to such unfitness, he or she is not, in the opinion of the Board in consultation with the necessary experts, capable of properly performing his or her duties should they be so elected;
 - (e) a person who is declared to be mentally unfit by a competent court, or is so declared incapable to handle his/her own affairs, or if he/she is detained in terms of any act as a patient in an institution, or if he/she is detained as a state patient in terms of the Mental Health [Act 17 of 2002](#);
 - (f) a person who has been or is dismissed from the service of any employer or removed from any office on account of misconduct relating to dishonesty and/or incapacity;
 - (g) a person who is disqualified from being a director in terms of legislation;
 - (h) a person who has previously been removed from office or debarred by any regulatory body; and
 - (i) a minor or person who is legally incapable.
- 4.4.2 the Board is empowered during an election to withdraw a candidate from consideration for office in the event that it is determined that he or she is ineligible as set out in the criteria recorded in rule 4.4.1.

4.5 Election of employee trustees

- 4.5.1 Appointment of Independent Electoral Agency
- (a) The Board shall appoint an independent electoral agency that shall oversee the nomination and election process and shall ensure that the elections are free and fair.
 - (b) The independent electoral agency shall comply with its duties as set out in the Election Policy, the rules and applicable legislation.
- 4.5.2 Nomination, Voting and Election Procedure
- Nomination
- (a) The nomination process for submission of nominations shall be determined in accordance with the Election Policy.
 - (b) Each Member employed by South African National Defence Force and the State Security Agency may jointly nominate at least one candidate to stand for election to the Board as an employee trustee which candidate must be a member employed by either the South African National Defence Force or the State Security Agency. Such nomination must be seconded by another active member of the Fund employed by the South African National Defence Force and the State Security Agency.
 - (c) Each pensioner shall be entitled to nominate one candidate to stand for election to the Board as an employee trustee which candidate must be a pensioner member of the Fund. Such nomination must be seconded by another pensioner member of the Fund.
- Voting
- (d) All duly nominated candidates shall, subject to eligibility requirements set out in the rules and the Election Policy, be placed on the ballot for election to office.
 - (e) The election shall occur by way of postal ballot, electronic or any other means determined by the Board as being reasonable in the circumstances.
- Election
- (f) The election of employee nominees, as contemplated in rule 4.3.2 (a) and rule 4.3.2 (b), shall be conducted by postal ballot and such elections shall be held every four years and shall be determined by the Election Policy.
 - (g) The persons elected shall be ranked according to the number of votes received for each category of candidates.
 - (h) The pensioner candidate with the highest number of votes shall be the pensioner elected employee trustee.
 - (i) The South African National Defence Force and the State Security Agency candidate with the highest number of votes shall become an employee trustee.
- 4.5.3 Substitute Trustees
- (a) A substitute acts in the place of the trustee on behalf of whom he or she was designated as a substitute in such a trustee's absence or cessation of office, and he or she at such instance has all the competencies and obligations of a trustee.
 - (b) The responsible Minister shall appoint a substitute trustee for each employer appointed trustee.

- (c) The pensioner candidate with the second highest votes after the candidate referred to in rule 4.5.2 (h) above, shall be the elected substitute trustee to the pensioner elected representative trustee.
- (d) The South African National Defence Force and State Security Agency candidate with the second highest votes after the candidate referred to in rule 4.5.2 (i) above, shall be the elected substitute trustee to the South African National Defence Force and State Security Agency elected trustee.
- (e) The Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council shall provide the Fund with a list of substitute trustees relevant to the elected Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council trustees, to depict the proportionate union membership in the Public Service Coordinating Bargaining Council.
- (f) If for any reason the elected trustee or substitute are unable to take office or to continue in office then the person with the next highest votes, within a specific category being either pensioner or South African National Defence Force and State Security Agency elected trustee, will be approached to take office as trustee and/or substitute, and remain in office subject to the rules. This process shall be followed, by way of the highest number of votes next received taking office, until such time as there are no candidates available, in which case an election will be held for purposes of the elected incumbent holding office for the remaining term of the initially elected trustee.

4.6 Term of Office of the Board of Trustees

- 4.6.1 Subject to the provisions of rule 4.8, the term of office of the Board shall be four years, commencing from the date of the first inaugural meeting of the Board. In the event that a new trustee or substitute trustee has not been appointed at the expiration of such term of the office, the term of office of the existing trustee or substitute trustee will be automatically extended until the day before the date of the appointment of the new trustee or substitute trustee.

4.7 Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board

- 4.7.1 The chairperson of the Board is elected by the Board, from its own ranks at the first meeting of such Board by voting in terms of rules 4.9.2 (a) and 4.9.2 (b) Provided that in the event of an equality of votes, a new round of voting will take place and if such new round of voting also results in an equality of votes the name of each candidate shall in the presence of the meeting be written on a piece of paper and such papers shall be placed in a suitable container and one of these papers shall be drawn from the container. The candidate whose name is so drawn shall be deemed to have been duly elected.
- 4.7.2 Should the duly elected chairperson/vice-chairperson vacate the position for any reason whatsoever, then a new chairperson/vice-chairperson will be elected from among the ranks of the trustees at the next duly called meeting of the Board of Trustees following upon the vacancy arising.
- 4.7.3 The Board elects a vice-chairperson from its ranks and in this regard the provisions contained in rule 4.7.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. In the absence of the chairperson as well as the vice-chairperson at any meeting of the Board, the trustees present at such a meeting, elect a chairperson from their ranks in which case the arrangement set out in rule 4.7.1 *mutatis mutandis* applies.

4.8 Termination of office

- 4.8.1 A trustee or his or her substitute ceases to be a trustee or a substitute, as the case may be, when:
 - (a) his or her term of office expires;
 - (b) he or she dies;
 - (c) he or she resigns from his or her office as trustee or substitute by way of a notice in writing addressed to the chairperson of the Board;
 - (d) he or she becomes physically unfit and, due to such unfitness, he or she is not, in the opinion of the Board in consultation with his or her principal, capable of properly performing his or her duties as trustee or substitute;
 - (e) his or her estate is sequestrated or renounced on behalf of his or her creditors;
 - (f) he or she is convicted in the Republic or elsewhere of theft, fraud, forgery or the uttering of a forged document, or perjury, or he or she is sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine;
 - (g) he or she is discharged by a court of law from any position of trust on account of misconduct;
 - (h) he or she becomes incompetent to be a director of a company in terms of the Companies [Act 71 of 2008](#);
 - (i) he or she contravenes rule 4.9.2 (f) or neglects to conform thereto, should the Board in consultation with his or her principal so decide;
 - (j) he or she is replaced by another person by his or her principal, which replacement must be conveyed in writing to the chairperson of the Board;
 - (k) the trustees resolve that he or she is to be removed from office because of a breach of his or her fiduciary duty towards the Fund or its members and pensioners and/or because of a breach of the Code of Conduct, in compliance with the disciplinary policy of the Board;
 - (l) he or she is declared to be mentally unfit by a competent court, or is so declared incapable to handle his/her own affairs, or if he/she is detained in terms of any act as a patient in an institution, or if he/she is detained as a state patient in terms of the Mental Health Act of 2000;
 - (m) the trustees resolve that he or she is to be removed from office because s/he is ineligible as set out in 4.4.1.
- 4.8.2 If another person is appointed in the place of a trustee or substitute who ceases to be a trustee or substitute in terms of this rule, such other person, acts in the place of such trustee or substitute for the duration of the term of office of the person in whose place he or she was appointed.

4.9 Meetings of the Board

- 4.9.1 Authority to call a meeting
 - (a) The Chairperson or if he or she is not available the vice-chairperson shall convene a meeting of the board on a quarterly basis to attend to the affairs of the Fund.
 - (b) Notwithstanding rule 4.9.1 (a) above, any trustee may with the written support of two other trustees request the chairperson, or if he or she is not available the vice-chairperson, in writing, to convene a meeting of the Board to deal with the business set out in such a request.
 - (c) The chairperson, or if he or she is not available the vice-chairperson, shall convene such a meeting of the Board within 21 days of receiving the request.
 - (d) Two-thirds of the trustees is a quorum. If a quorum is not present the chairperson postpones the meeting for seven days and informs the trustees of such meeting and trustees present at that meeting, then form a quorum.

4.9.2 Voting rights and minutes

- (a) Every trustee including the chairperson, has one vote at all meetings of the Board and subject to rule 4.9.1 (d), the decision of the majority of trustees present at a meeting shall constitute a decision of the Board.
- (b) During a meeting of the Board votes are cast by the raising of hands unless the majority of trustees present at the meeting request that voting takes place by way of secret ballot.
- (c) The Board may adopt any arrangement in its discretion to regulate its proceedings or to delegate the performance of any of its duties to a subcommittee of the Board, subject thereto that such an arrangement must not be inconsistent with any provision contained in the Law.
- (d) Minutes are kept of every meeting of the Board. During each meeting of the Board the minutes of the previous meeting are signed by the chairperson of that meeting after approval thereof by the meeting.
- (e) A trustee who, directly or indirectly, has a pecuniary interest in any investment or contemplated investment of the Fund, or an interest in any other matter before the Board, shall disclose such interest and may not be present at that meeting when the particular matter is discussed.
- (f) The Board may determine the requirements in connection with the attendances of its meetings by trustees and substitutes, and remove from office any trustee or substitute who does not comply therewith in consultation with his or her principal.

4.10 Duties of the Board

4.10.1 Each trustee or a substitute shall, notwithstanding the duties as may be determined by the Board:

- (a) take all reasonable steps to ensure that the interests of its members in terms of the rules of the Fund and the provisions of the Law are protected at all times, especially in the event of an amalgamation or splitting of the Fund, termination or reduction of contributions by the employer, increase of contributions by members and withdrawal of an employer;
- (b) act at all times with due care and diligence and in good faith;
- (c) avoid conflicts of interest;
- (d) act with impartiality in respect of all members and beneficiaries;
- (e) ensure that proper registers, books and records are kept, inclusive of proper minutes of all resolutions passed by the Board;
- (f) ensure that proper control systems are employed by or on behalf of the Board;
- (g) take all reasonable steps to ensure that the rules of the Fund comply with the Law, and all other applicable laws;
- (h) ensure that adequate and appropriate information is communicated to the members informing them of their rights, benefits and duties in terms of the rules of the Fund;
- (i) take all reasonable steps to ensure that contributions are paid timeously to the Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Law;
- (j) obtain expert advice on matters where board members may lack expertise;
- (k) ensure that the operation and administration of the Fund comply with the Law, and all other applicable laws;
- (l) adhere to the principles of privileged information and confidentiality; and
- (m) adhere to its duties as set out in the Law.

4.11 Powers of the Board

Save for the appropriate provisions of the Law, the Board shall in the exercise of its powers and duties be entitled to:

- 4.11.1 raise money for the purposes of the Fund or borrow money as bridging facilities for a temporary cash deficit or to complete an investment, or to loan money;
- 4.11.2 invest, loan, advance on interest and place on deposit moneys not needed immediately for the current expenditure of the Fund or to deal therewith any in another way against such securities and in such a way as the Board may determine and to convert into money, adjust such securities, reinvest the proceeds thereof or to deal therewith in any other way as determined by the Board;
- 4.11.3 purchase, erect, sell, let or alienate movable or immovable property for purposes of the Fund;
- 4.11.4 prescribe in which way claims must be lodged against and handled by the Fund;
- 4.11.5 appoint any person, committee or body to perform such investigation, research or any other duty as instructed by the Board, subject to such conditions as the Board may determine and pay such person, committee or body from the Fund;
- 4.11.6 employ personnel or make any other suitable arrangement to administer the Fund and to manage the investments of the Fund;
- 4.11.7 determine the remuneration and other conditions of service of the personnel referred to in rules 4.11.5 and 4.11.6 and make such rules as in its discretion are necessary to regulate personnel matters;
- 4.11.8 pay from the Fund the expenditure connected with the management of the Fund's business;
- 4.11.9 in general take any steps necessary or perform any actions which are advantageous for the achievement of the Fund's objectives;
- 4.11.10 develop policies concerning the registration of spouses; and
- 4.11.11 develop policies concerning the payment of benefits in exceptional or extenuating circumstances.

4.12 Signing authority

The Board may authorise persons from time to time to sign any contract or other document which binds the Fund or any other document which authorises any action on behalf of the Fund or any cheque or letter on such conditions as it may deem fit.

4.13 Bank account

The Board shall open an account or accounts in the name of the Fund at any registered bank or the South African Reserve Bank. All moneys received by or on behalf of the Fund, shall be paid into such account or accounts.

4.14 Personal liability

The trustees and all employees of the Fund shall be indemnified by the Fund against all proceedings, costs and expenses incurred by reason of any claim in connection with the Fund, not arising from his or her own dishonesty, fraud or gross

negligence.

4.15 Fidelity insurance

The Board may take out insurance for such an amount as is considered sufficient from time to time to provide for losses as a result of negligence, fraud or dishonesty on the part of persons receiving or handling money or assets of the Fund.

4.16 Registration and safe keeping of securities

All title deeds and securities of the Fund are registered in the name of the Fund or in the name of a nominee company or institution approved by the Board and no security is transferred, amended, ceded, or otherwise alienated. All mortgage bonds, title deeds and other securities that belong to the Fund or are held by the Fund, are kept in safe custody in a vault or strongroom at the registered office of the Fund or at any registered financial institution approved by the Board for this purpose, unless they are temporarily held in another place with the approval of the Board.

4.17 Actuary

The Board appoints an actuary who is the valuator of the Fund. Such appointment remains valid until it is terminated by the Board.

4.18 Actuarial valuations

4.18.1 The Fund is valued at least every three years by the actuary and the actuary reports thereon to the Board.

4.18.2 A copy of the actuary's report, which contains recommendations in respect of any surplus or deficit existing in the Fund on the valuation date, must be submitted to the Board within such period as prescribed by the Board. The actuary's report must comply with the provisions of [section 16](#) of the Pension Funds Act, 1956 ([Act 24 of 1956](#)).

4.18.3 The Board submits a copy of the actuary's report referred to in rule 4.18.2 to the Minister within 21 days of the receipt of such report.

4.19 Report to or by the Board

4.19.1 Within eight months after the end of each fund year, subject to section 10 of the Law, the Board shall cause to be published in the *Government Gazette* a report on the activities of the Fund, which includes the annual financial statements of the Fund.

4.19.2 Remuneration paid to trustees, during a particular period under review, must be reflected in the financial statements.

4.19.3 On request of a member or any other person who has an interest in the Fund, a copy of the report of the Board is furnished on payment of such fee as determined by the Board provided that such fee shall relate to the cost of producing the report.

4.19.4 The Report, together with the annual financial statements of the Fund shall be submitted to the Minister in accordance with section 10 of the Law.

[Rule 4 amended by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003, by GenN 454 of 31 March 2006, by [s. 53](#) of [Act 11 of 2013](#) (wef 29 July 2013), by GenN 919 of 5 September 2013 (wef 30 August 2013) and by GenN 775 of 29 September 2017 (wef 1 October 2017) and substituted by GenN 1434 of 18 November 2022.]

5 Membership

5.1 A person becomes a member of the Fund in terms of section 4 of the Law.

5.2 Subject to the provisions of section 4 of the Law and the rules, a member ceases to be a member of the Fund if-

5.2.1 he or she is retired or discharged in terms of an act which determines his or her conditions of service;

5.2.2 he or she resigns from his or her employer's service;

5.2.3 he or she dies;

5.2.4 he or she is obliged to join an approved retirement fund or a related fund as a result of a change in his or her conditions of service, whether in terms of legislation or for another reason; or

5.2.5 his or her employment circumstances change to the effect envisaged in section 5 of the Law unless his or her and the employers' contributions in terms of rule 7 are continued to be paid to the Fund, whichever occurs first.

6 Furnishing of proof by member, pensioner or beneficiary

The Board is entitled to require satisfactory proof of the right of any member, pensioner or his or her beneficiaries to any benefit and the Fund is not obliged to pay benefits to a member, pensioner or their beneficiaries until such proof has been submitted to the Board.

7 Contributions

7.1 Every member contributes to the Fund at a rate of 7,5% of his or her pensionable emoluments.

7.2 The employer shall contribute to the Fund at the rate that is required to ensure that the Fund is able to meet its obligations at all times, subject to a minimum funding level of 90%. This rate shall be determined by the employer in consultation with the Board and with the Minister, with due regard to the recommendations of the most recent actuarial valuation of the Fund.

[Rule 7.2 substituted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997, by GN 405 of 1 April 1999 and by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

7.3

[Rule 7.3 deleted by GN R1149 of 10 November 2000.]

8 Collection of contributions

8.1 Subject to the provisions of the Law-

8.1.1 the amount which a member contributes to the Fund in terms of rule 7.1 shall be deducted from his or her pensionable emoluments monthly and from his or her annual service bonus when it is paid to the member as the case may be, or at such times as the Board may, from time to time, determine;

8.1.2 any amount which the employer contributes to the Fund in terms of rule 7.2 shall be determined simultaneously with the contributions of the members in the employer's service; and

8.1.3 any amount which a member or an employer is obliged to pay to the Fund in terms of rules 11 or 12 shall be recovered from the member's pensionable emoluments or from the employer as the case may be, monthly or in such manner and at such times and in such instalments as the Board may determine;

and immediately paid to the Fund: Provided that if any employer does not pay the contributions to the Fund within seven days after it becomes due, interest shall be paid by the employer to the Fund at the rate prescribed as from such due dates.

8.2 A member shall continue to contribute to the Fund-

- 8.2.1 while he or she is absent on sick- or other leave with full or less than full pay calculated on his or her full pensionable emoluments; or
- 8.2.2 while he or she is absent on leave without pay for a continuous period of 120 days or less calculated on his or her full pensionable emoluments on the day immediately prior to the day on which such leave of absence commenced;

8.3 With due consideration of the contents of rule 10.1 (a), if a member is absent on leave without pay for a continuous period of more than 120 days, he or she remains a member of the Fund after the expiry of the first 120 days of such period, and no contributions are payable to the Fund by or in respect of the member after expiry of the period of 120 days.

9 Non-recognition of previous and other periods of services as pensionable service

9.1

[Rule 9.1 deleted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]

9.1 No period during which a member is-

- 9.1.1 absent on leave without pay;
 - 9.1.2 suspended from his or her employer's duty; or
 - 9.1.3 seconded to the service of any other Government or to a board, institution or body established by or under any act or to any other body or person,
- shall be taken into account in the calculation of a benefit which is payable to him or her in terms of the rules, unless his or her and the employers' contributions in terms of rule 7 are paid to the Fund for the said period or such period is recognised or allowed as pensionable service of such a member in terms of rule 10.

[Rule 9.1, previously rule 9.2, renumbered by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]

10 Recognition of previous and other periods of service as pensionable service

Subject to the provisions of the rules any part or the whole of any of the undermentioned periods may at the written request of a member and with the approval of the Board be recognised as pensionable service-

10.1 a period during which a member was-

- (a) absent on leave without pay for a period in excess of 120 days;
- (b) suspended from his or her employer's duty; or
- (c) seconded to the service of any other Government or to a board, institution, establishment or body established by or under an act or to any other body or person approved by the Board, and in respect of which he or she did not contribute to the Fund;

10.2 in the case of a member who was re-admitted to the Fund, and who at an earlier stage received a benefit (excluding a benefit payable for a reason referred to in rules 14.1.1 and 14.3.1) from the Fund, the Temporary Employees Pension Fund or a previous fund, such earlier period of pensionable service in respect of which a benefit as aforesaid was paid to him or her: Provided that-

- (a) the recognition of such earlier period of pensionable service shall be subject to the provisions of rule 17, *mutatis mutandis*;
- (b) if such a person was a member of the Government Service Pension Fund immediately prior to the fixed date, his or her written request was received by the Fund within the twelve month period immediately following the fixed date;
- (c) if such a person was a member of the Temporary Employees Pension Fund or a previous fund, as the case may be, immediately prior to the date determined in terms of section 14 (1) or 15 (1) of the Law, his or her written request was received by the Fund within the twelve month period immediately following that date: Provided that the regulations pertaining to the Temporary Employees Pension Fund or the previous fund provided for the recognition of such period of service as pensionable service;
- (d) if such a member was so re-admitted to the Fund after the fixed date or the date determined in terms of section 14 (1) or 15 (1) of the Law, as the case may be, the re-admittance took place within a period of thirty-six months after the member had terminated his or her membership of the Fund, the Temporary Employees Pension Fund or a previous fund: Provided, further, that such written request by the member was received by the Fund within the twelve month period immediately following his or her re-admittance to the Fund;
- (e) the member referred to in (b), (c) or (d) above submits proof to the satisfaction of the Board of such previous pensionable service and offers payment of the amount of such benefit to the Board;

[Rule 10.2 amended by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]

10.3 a period intended in rule 10.2 during which the member was a member of the Associated Institutions Pension Fund, established under [section 2](#) of the Associated Institutions Pension Fund Act, 1963 ([Act 41 of 1963](#)), in which case the provisions of rule 10.2 will *mutatis mutandis* apply; or

10.4 a period which is not pensionable service and which follows on the date on which a member attained the age of eighteen years, as well as a period of previous pensionable service to be recognised in respect of a member in terms of rule 10.2, other than a member referred to in rule 10.2 (b), (c) or (d);

10.5 a period during which a member was not eligible for membership of a previous fund or the Temporary Employees Pension Fund, where such period was, in the opinion of the Board, discriminatory to members;

[Rule 10.5 added by GenN 2252 of 23 June 2000 and substituted by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

10.6 a period of NSF Service, provided that a period of NSF Service may only be recognised on the following conditions:

- (a) the former member of a non-statutory force or service, or beneficiary of a former member of a non-statutory force or service where the former member of a non-statutory force or service is deceased, who has not applied for the recognition of NSF service before the commencement of this rule, or who applied before the commencement of this rule and is requested by the Board to complete a new application after the commencement of this rule, completes an application form as prescribed by the Fund;
- (b) returns the completed form to the Fund within a period of eighteen months after the date of commencement of this rule: Provided that the Board may, on good cause shown, consider an application submitted after the eighteen months period referred to in this paragraph: Provided further that when the application form, submitted by a beneficiary of a former member of a non-statutory force or service, is considered by the Board, the Board may in the

case of a dispute between beneficiaries regarding the application decide in its sole discretion whether to and to what extent to recognise the NSF service applied for;

- (c) for purposes of computation of benefits under rule 14, 100% of NSF Service will be recognised as pensionable service;
- (d) NSF service of the former member of a non-statutory force or service that is recognised as pensionable service in terms of this rule will be recognised as such as from the date stipulated by the Board in a notification to the former member of a non-statutory force or service or to his or her beneficiary.

[Rule 10.6 added by GN 423 of 31 March 2004 and substituted by GenN 441 of 8 July 2011.]

- 10.7 any period of pensionable service accruing as a result of the application of rule 10 for recognition of a period after the vested date, will be proportioned between the saving service and retirement service in a one to two ratio, or such proportions as may be determined from time to time by legislation;

[Rule 10.7 added by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

- 10.8 any period of pensionable service accruing as a result of the application of rule 10 for recognition of a period prior to the vested date, will be allocated to the vested service, and such allocation shall have no retrospective impact on the determination of the value of seed capital.

[Rule 10.8 added by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

11 Payments in respect of pensionable service

- 11.1 In respect of service recognised as pensionable service in terms of rule 10.1 the following amounts shall be paid to the Fund-

- 11.1.1 by the member concerned, an amount calculated as:

$$R \times N \times S \times D,$$

where:

R is the rate of seven and a half per cent;

N is the period of service recognised as pensionable;

S is the member's pensionable emoluments, on the day on which he or she became a member of the Fund or the date on which the period of his or her leave or suspension expires, or on the day on which he or she resumes duty after a period of secondment, whichever is applicable; and

D has the meaning as in rule 1; and

[Rule 11.1.1 amended by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]

- 11.1.2 by the Government or the employer or the Government and the employer, an amount equal to the residue (if any) of the costs incidental to the recognition of such service as pensionable service, as determined by the Board after consultation with the actuary, in excess of the amount calculated in terms of rule 11.1.1.
- 11.2 In respect of previous service recognised as pensionable service in terms of rule 10.2, the member shall pay back to the Fund the benefit previously paid to him or her in terms of the said rule, with interest from the date on which the benefit was paid to him or her up to the date on which it is repaid to the Fund.
- 11.3 In respect of previous service recognised as pensionable service in terms of rule 10.3, the provisions of rule 11.2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.
- 11.4 In respect of service recognised as pensionable service in terms of rule 10.4, the member shall pay an amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$A - B$$

where:

A is the member's actuarial interest in the Fund after the recognition of additional service; and

B is the member's actuarial interest in the Fund before recognition of additional service.

[Rule 11.4 substituted by GenN 425 of 1 July 2011.]

- 11.5 The following further provisions apply with regard to payment in respect of the recognition of pensionable service in terms of rules 11.1 to 11.4 [and] 11.9:
- 11.5.1 The member may, with the approval of the Board, redeem the amount that he or she must pay in respect of such a service recognition, in instalments as determined by the Board in which case interest shall be added to the outstanding amount of debt.
- 11.5.2 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the rules-
- (a) any amount still owing by a member in respect of additional pensionable service that has been recognised as pensionable service in terms of rule 10, shall, unless other arrangements are made with the Board, on the termination of his or her membership be deducted from any benefit payable to him or her; and
- [Para. (a) amended by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]
- (b) if a member referred to in subparagraph (a), redeem the costs of such additional pensionable service in instalments such pensionable service vests at any time only to the degree to which the costs thereof were redeemed on the date of termination of such member's service: Provided further that such pensionable service is vested in full if arrangements were made by the member to the satisfaction of the Board for the settlement of the outstanding amount of debt.
- [Rule 11.5 amended by GN 423 of 31 March 2004.]
- 11.6 If additional pensionable service was recognised in respect of a member before the fixed date or the date determined in terms of section 14 (1) or 15 (1) of the Law, as the case may be, in terms of similar provisions as contained in rule 10, and the member has not redeemed the full costs thereof on the fixed date or date determined in terms of section 14 (1) or 15 (1) of the Law, as the case may be, the terms on which such an outstanding amount of debt would have been redeemed, are, notwithstanding the provisions of rule 11.5, taken over by the Board, without change except if such terms are changed with the consent of such member.
- 11.7 If additional pensionable service is recognised in terms of rule 10.5, no amount shall be payable to the Fund if the additional financial obligation on the Fund due to such recognition of service, is not in excess of a specific amount as calculated by the actuary. Such amount shall be an amount agreed upon after negotiations and agreement within the relevant bargaining structures of the Public Service.
- [Rule 11.7 added by GenN 2252 of 23 June 2000.]
- 11.8 The amount of any financial obligation on the Fund which exceeds the specific amount referred to in rule 11.7 shall be paid by the employer to the Fund.
- [Rule 11.8 added by GenN 2252 of 23 June 2000.]
- 11.9 In respect of NSF service recognised as pensionable service in terms of rule 10.6-

- 11.9.1 The employer shall pay the total contribution for the recognition of pensionable service under rule 10.6 and as per section 17 (4) of the Law.
- 11.9.2 The total contribution payable, together with interest, shall be determined by the Board after consultation with the actuary.
- 11.9.3 The Fund may, in respect of the amount payable by the employer in terms of rule 11.9.2, enter into a funding plan with the employer on such terms and conditions as determined by the Board from time to time after consultation with the actuary.

[Rule 11.9 added by GN 423 of 31 March 2004 and substituted by GenN 441 of 8 July 2011.]

11A Refund of contributions, Special Pension and Demobilisation benefits paid to the Fund for recognition of NSF service

- 1.1 Any payment of contributions, Special Pension and Demobilisation Benefits required for the recognition of NSF service prior to the commencement of this rule, and that have been paid to the Fund by such former member of a non-statutory force or service, or the beneficiary of such member, shall be refunded by the Fund to such former member of a non-statutory force or service or the beneficiary of such member on or after 31 March 2011, on such conditions as determined by the Board after consultation with the actuary, notwithstanding that such member's membership has terminated for whatsoever reason prior to the commencement of this rule.
- 1.2 The contribution, Special Pension and Demobilisation Benefit refunded in terms of rule 11A 1.1 to the former member of a non-statutory force or service, or the beneficiary of such member, shall carry interest on the amount so refunded as determined by the Board from time to time after consultation with the actuary.
- 1.3 A refund made by the Fund in terms of rule 11A 1.1 shall only accrue to such former member of a non-statutory force or service, or the beneficiary of such member, after the Fund has calculated the pensionable service and benefit in terms of rule 11B 1.1 and 11B 1.2, and is satisfied that such refund is due, owing and payable to such former member of a non-statutory force or service or the beneficiary of such member in terms of these rules and any other applicable law.
- 1.4 In the determination of the amount payable in terms of this rule the Board may determine the mode of payment in respect of former members or beneficiaries of former members, whether payment or recompense be made as a benefit. Such payment shall be subject to such terms and conditions as determined by the Board from time to time after consultation with the actuary.
- 1.5 If a former member of a non-statutory force or service or a beneficiary who paid contributions as referred to in rule 11A1.1 died prior to 8 July 2011, being the effective date of the implementation of rule 11A, the amount payable in terms of rule 11A1.3 will be payable to his or her dependents; provided that the amount payable in terms of rule 11A will be paid to such dependent and in such proportions as the Board may determine. Further provided that if no dependents are identified by the Board within 12 months from date of approval of this subrule, no payment provided for in this rule will be payable.

[Subrule 1.5 added by GenN 924 of 30 December 2011.]

[Rule 11A inserted by GenN 441 of 8 July 2011.]

11B Calculation of revised pensionable service and an additional gratuity or annuity in respect of the former member of a non-statutory force or service or the beneficiary of such member as at 31 March 2011

- 1.1 The pensionable service of the former member of a non-statutory force or service whose NSF service was recognised before the commencement of this rule, and who is a member of the Fund on [the] date of commencement of this rule, shall be recalculated.
- 1.2 The former member of a non-statutory force or service, or the beneficiary of such member, whose service terminated prior to the commencement of this rule, shall be paid an additional benefit, in the form of a gratuity, on such terms and conditions as determined by the Board from time to time after consultation with the actuary, calculated in respect of any difference in benefit arising in respect of the period from date of exit until 31 March 2011, as if rules 10.6 (c) and 11.9.1 were in force on date of termination of service by the former member of a non-statutory force or service and as if interest were payable on the additional benefits resulting therefrom.
- 1.3 The pensionable service of a former member of a non-statutory force or service whose service terminated prior to the commencement of this rule, shall be recalculated as if rules 10.6 (c) and 11.9.1 were in force on date of termination of service of the former member of a non-statutory force or service and the annuity of the member or beneficiary will be adjusted or, where applicable, instituted, from 1 April 2011, according the pensionable service so calculated.
- 1.4 The gratuity payable by the Fund in terms of rule 11B 1.2 shall only accrue to such former member of a non-statutory force or service or the beneficiary of such member after the Fund has calculated such benefit and is satisfied that such benefit is due, owing and payable to such former member of a non-statutory force or service or the beneficiary of such member.
- 1.5 Any amounts owing to the Fund by the former member of a non-statutory force or service or beneficiary of such member following the calculation of the benefit of such member in terms of rule 11B 1.2 shall be paid by such member or beneficiary of such member to the Fund with interest, subject to the conditions as determined by the Board from time to time after consultation with the actuary. The Board may, on the request of the former member of a non-statutory force or service, or the beneficiary of such member, in lieu of such payment by the member or beneficiary, reduce the member's benefits such that the present value of benefits foregone, as determined by the actuary, equals the amount owed by the member or beneficiaries.

[Rule 11B inserted by GenN 441 of 8 July 2011.]

12 Transfers between funds

- 12.1 The following provisions are applicable upon the transfer of members of the Fund to a related fund, or conversely:
 - 12.1.1 If a person who was a member of a related fund, excluding a fund referred to in rule 12.1.2, becomes a member of the Fund immediately after the termination of his or her membership of the related fund, or after such an interruption in his or her service as the Board in its discretion may condone, the following provisions are applicable:
 - (a) The period of pensionable service of such a person in the related fund, is recognised to be pensionable service for the purposes of the Fund: Provided that if the pensionable emoluments of such person on admission to the Fund are higher than his or her pensionable emoluments on his or her termination of membership of the related fund, except if his or her employer requests otherwise, the period of pensionable service in the related fund of such a person is reduced in proportion to his or her pensionable emoluments at his or her termination of membership of the related fund to his or her pensionable emoluments on his or her admission to the Fund: Provided further that no such a proportional reduction shall take place if such a person's employer or such a person pays to the Fund the additional costs for the Fund as determined by the Board,

resulting from the non-application of the reduction referred to in the proviso above.

- (b) The related fund shall pay, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (c), to the Fund the amount that the related fund had at its disposal in respect of the person at his or her withdrawal from the related fund together with interest as from the date on which the person ceased to be a member of the related fund up to and including the date on which the said amount is paid.
- (c) If a member referred to in this rule 12.1.1 owes an amount to the related fund, the amount is deducted by the related fund from the amount referred to in subparagraph (b), and all rights of the related fund in respect of the amount owing pass on to the Fund and the member in question shall pay the amount due to the Fund in such a manner as determined by the Board and in such a case the provisions of rule 11.5 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

12.1.2 If a person who was a member of the Associated Institutions Provident Fund, established under [section 3](#) of the Associated Institutions Provident Fund Act, 1971 ([Act 11 of 1971](#)), or a related fund of which the benefits are determined on a similar basis as that in respect of the aforesaid fund, becomes a member of the Fund immediately after the termination of his or her membership of the funds referred to above, or after such an interruption in his or her service as the Board in its discretion may condone the following provisions apply:

- (a) The Associated Institutions Provident Fund or related fund concerned pays to the Fund the amount standing to the credit of the member in such a fund.
- (b) If the amount referred to in subparagraph (a) is less than the amount required by the Fund as determined by the Board in consultation with the actuary for the full recognition of his or her period of pensionable service in the Associated Institutions Provident Fund or related fund as pensionable service in the Fund, the member's pensionable service is reduced in the ratio which the amount referred to in subparagraph (a) bears to the amount that the Fund requires for the full recognition of such period as pensionable service.
- (c) The member may request in writing that his or her period of pensionable service in the Associated Institutions Provident Fund or related fund be recognised as pensionable service in the Fund on condition that the difference between the amount mentioned in subparagraph (a) and the amount required for the full recognition of his or her pensionable service period in the Associated Institutions Provident Fund or related fund as pensionable service in the Fund, be paid by him or her to the Fund in which case the provisions of rule 11.5 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

12.1.3 If a member of the Fund becomes a member of a related fund within six months of him or her terminating his or her membership of the Fund, the following provisions apply:

- (a) No benefit is paid to the member on his or her termination of membership of the Fund.
[Para. (a) amended by GenN 399 of 31 July 2019 (wef 1 August 2019).]
- (b) The Fund pays, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (c), to the related fund the amount that the Fund has at its disposal in respect of the member upon his or her termination of membership of the Fund, as determined by the Board after consultation with the actuary less the amount or reduced pensionable service as contemplated in rule 14.10, if any, applicable to the member, together with the interest as from the date on which the person ceased to be a member of the Fund up to and including the date on which the amount is paid.

[Para. (b) substituted by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012) and amended by GenN 399 of 31 July 2019 (wef 1 August 2019).]

- (c) If such member owes an amount to the Fund, the amount due is deducted by the Fund from the amount mentioned in subparagraph (b) and all rights of the Fund in respect of the amount owed pass on to the related fund.

[Rule 12.1.3 amended by GenN 399 of 31 July 2019 (wef 1 August 2019).]

12.2 If a person who was a member of an approved retirement fund becomes a member of the Fund, the Board may, in consultation with the actuary, approve special arrangements for the protection of such a member's accrued pension benefits. Such an arrangement may include the recognition of a previous period of service as pensionable service in terms of the rules, provided that the approved retirement fund pays an amount, as determined by the Board in consultation with the actuary, on behalf of the member to the Fund.

12.3 If a member resigns or retires as contemplated in rules 14.3.2 or 14.4.1, he or she has the right to transfer his or her actuarial interest in the Fund to an approved retirement fund: Provided that such transfer shall be subject to the provisions of rule 14.4.1 (a): Provided that the employer shall for this purpose be deemed to be a participating employer of any approved and registered preservation fund.

[Rule 12.3 added by GN 499 of 11 April 1997 and amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

12.4 With effect from the vested date, notwithstanding the provisions of rule 12, any transfers into or out of the Fund will be effected by way of allocation of pensionable service, as permitted by legislation, amongst vested service, savings service and retirement service as advised by the actuary or such similar components as may exist in the transferor fund in respect of transfers in, and the transferee fund in respect of transfers out.

[Rule 12.4 added by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

12A Transfer of benefits between components within the Fund

12A.1 With effect from the vested date, a member may make an irrevocable request on exit, in writing, to transfer either a portion or the full balance in his or her vested component to his or her retirement component.

12A.2 With effect from the vested date, a member may make an irrevocable request on exit, in writing, to transfer either a portion or the full balance in his or her savings component to his or her retirement component.

[Rule 12A inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

13 Change in working status

13.1 If a member's working status is changed from full-time to part-time employment or *vice versa*, or if the working hours of a member who is employed on a part-time basis are changed (other than due to a general change in working hours) the member's period of pensionable service immediately before the date of such change is adjusted in accordance with the following formula:

$$N = \frac{S \times M}{T}$$

where-

N = member's adjusted period of pensionable service

T = member's working hours per day immediately after the change in working status

S = member's working hours per day immediately prior to the change in working status

M = member's period of pensionable service immediately before the date of change in working status

- 13.2 In the calculation of such a member's average pensionable emoluments for the purposes of the rules, the pensionable emoluments earned by the member prior to such change in working status is adjusted by the ratio of T divided by S, where T and S have the meanings assigned to them in rule 13.1.

14 Benefits payable to members

14.1 Discharge prior to 10 years of total pensionable service

- 14.1.1 Subject to rule 14.10 if a member who has less than 10 years of total pensionable service to his or her credit is discharged-

- (a) on account of ill-health not occasioned by his or her own fault;
- (b) owing to the abolition of his or her post or the reduction or the reorganisation or the restructuring of the activities of his or her employer;
- (c) on the grounds that his or her discharge will promote efficiency or economy or otherwise be in the interest of his or her employer;
- (d) on account of his or her incapability to carry out his or her duties efficiently excluding cases where such incapability and inefficiency result in such a person being discharged on grounds of misconduct;
- (e) on the grounds that the President or the Premier of a province appointed him or her in terms of the provisions of an act to an office and his or her pensionable service cannot be recognised as pensionable service for the purposes of a superannuation, pension, relief or provident fund or scheme established by or under any law for the holders of such office;
- (f) as a result of injury or ill-health, not occasioned by his own fault, arising out of and in the course of his employment; or
- (g) in terms of Act section 17 (4) of the Public Service Act, 1994, or in terms of Act section 17 (7) of the Post Office Service Act, 1974 (Act 66 of 1974),

there shall be paid to him or her

a gratuity which shall be calculated at 15.5 per cent of such a member's final salary, multiplied by the period of his or her vested and savings service, provided that a member's final salary shall for this purpose not be less than his or her pensionable emoluments as on the day immediately before the commencement date;

and

subject to rule 16.5 and the Income Tax Act, an annuity, calculated by the actuary, as either

a deferred annuity payable from his/her pension-retirement date earned by the period of his or her retirement service whose capitalised value, as at the date of discharge, is equivalent to the gratuity that is calculated at 15.5 per cent of such a member's final salary multiplied by the period of his or her retirement service, if a member is discharged for a reason mentioned in rule 14.1.1 (b), (c), (d), (e) or (g),

or

an immediate annuity payable from the date of discharge earned by the period of his or her retirement service whose capitalised value, as at the date of discharge, is equivalent to the gratuity that is calculated at 15.5 per cent of such a member's final salary multiplied by the period of his or her retirement service, if a member is discharged for a reason mentioned in rule 14.1.1 (a) or (f).

- 14.1.2 If a member is discharged for a reason mentioned in rule 14.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (e) or (f), the amount of the gratuity which is payable to him or her in terms of rule 14.1.1, shall be increased by one-third of the said amount.
- 14.1.3 The gratuity payable in terms of rule 14.1.1 or rule 14.1.2 shall be subject to a minimum of the benefit calculated in terms of rule 14.4.1 (a).
- 14.1.4 The gratuity used to determine the annuity payable in rule 14.4.1 shall be subject to a minimum of the capitalised value of the amount of the benefits described in rule 14.4.1 (b).
- 14.1.5 If the capitalised value of the annuity payable in rule 14.4.1 is lower than the *de minimis* amount, then the capitalised value of the said annuity will be payable as a lump sum at the point at which the annuity would have first been paid.
- [Rule 14.1 substituted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997, amended by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012) and substituted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

14.2 Discharge after at least 10 years of total pensionable service

[Heading amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

- 14.2.1 Subject to rule 14.10 if a member who has at least 10 years of total pensionable service to his or her credit is discharged on account of a reason mentioned in rule 14.1.1, there shall be paid to him or her-

a gratuity which is the composite of

- (a) a gratuity calculated at 6.72 percent of his or her final salary multiplied by the period of his or her vested service, provided that the vested service is at least 10 years;
- (b) a gratuity of three times 7.75 percent (or three times 8.45 percent for Services members), of his or her final salary multiplied by the period of his or her savings service;

and an annuity which is the composite of

- (c) an annuity calculated at one fifty-fifth of his or her final salary multiplied by the period of his or her vested service;
- (d) a deferred annuity of 1.5 times 1/58.65 (or 1.5 times 1/60.71 for Services members), of his or her final salary multiplied by the period of his or her retirement service, or an immediate annuity in the case of ill health, death, retirement or an exit in terms of rule 14.8; and
- (e) a supplementary amount of R360, or such other amount as may be payable from time to time, per year:

Provided that a member's final salary shall for this purpose not be less than his or her pensionable emoluments as on the day immediately before the commencement date.

[Rule 14.2.1 substituted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

- 14.2.2 The member may elect, in writing when he or she retires or is discharged, to have either the gratuities in rule 14.2.1 (a) and 14.2.1 (b) or the annuities in rule 14.2.1 (c) and 14.2.1 (d) reduced in favour of the increased spouse's pension entitlement in terms of rule 14.6.2 in respect of the spouse(s) so recognised in terms of the rules of the Fund at the time

of the calculation. In this case either:

- (a) the gratuity in rule 14.2.1 (a) will be substituted for a gratuity rate of a percentage of his or her final salary multiplied by the period of his or her vested service as calculated by the actuary taking into account all relevant factors, which would include *inter alia* the ages and genders of the member and the spouse(s), any remaining guarantee period, and the valuation assumptions from the most recent approved actuarial valuation of the Fund; or; and [sic]
- (b) the gratuity in rule 14.2.1 (b) will be substituted for a gratuity rate of a percentage of his or her final salary multiplied by the period of his or her savings service as calculated by the actuary taking into account all relevant factors, which would include *inter alia* the ages and genders of the member and the spouse(s), any remaining guarantee period, and the valuation assumptions from the most recent approved actuarial valuation of the Fund; or
- (c) the annuity in rule 14.2.1 (c) will be substituted for an annuity of such percentage of his or her final salary multiplied by the period of his or her vested service calculated by the actuary taking into account all relevant factors, which would include *inter alia* the ages and genders of the member and the spouse(s), any remaining guarantee period, and the valuation assumptions from the most recent approved actuarial valuation of the Fund, and
- (d) the annuity in rule 14.2.1 (d) will be substituted for an annuity of such percentage of his or her final salary multiplied by the period of his or her retirement service calculated by the actuary taking into account all relevant factors, which would include *inter alia* the ages and genders of the member and the spouse(s), any remaining guarantee period, and the valuation assumptions from the most recent approved actuarial valuation of the Fund.

[Rule 14.2.2 inserted by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003, replaced by GenN 596 of 1 November 2019 and substituted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

14.2.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the rules, a gratuity which is payable in terms of rule 14.2.1 (a) and rule 14.2.2 (a) to a member who is a member of the South African National Defence Force and who is discharged in terms of any law before he or she attains the age of 53 years, shall be increased by 12 per cent of such gratuity.

[Rule 14.2.3, previously rule 14.2.2, renumbered and amended by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

14.2.4 For the purposes of the calculation of the gratuities and annuities in terms of rule 14.2.1 and rule 14.2.2, the period of total pensionable service-

- (a) of a member who is a member of the South African Police Service, the Correctional Services, the South African National Defence Force, the National Intelligence Agency or the South African Secret Service, shall be increased by a period which is equal to one quarter of the period by which his or her total pensionable service, ignoring the service reductions due to savings withdrawal benefits, exceeds the period of 10 years with such an enhancement being allocated proportionally across the vested, savings and retirement service;

[Para. (a) substituted by [s. 53 of Act 11 of 2013](#) (wef 29 July 2013) and amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

- (b) of a member-

- (i) who is discharged on account of a reason mentioned in rule 14.1.1 (a), (b), (c), (e) or (f); or
- (ii) who, in terms of [section 16 \(5\)](#) of the Public Service Act, 1994, section 17 (2C) of the Post Office Service Act, 1974, or section 31 (5) of the Audit Arrangements Act, 1992, or section 45 (4) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 ([Act 68 of 1995](#)), is allowed to retire during an extended term of office in any of the sections concerned; or
- (iii) mentioned in section 3 (4) of the Public Service Commission Act, 1984, or sections 211 and 213 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993, who, during a period or extended period contemplated in section 2 (5) of the Public Service Commission Act, 1984, or in terms of similar provisions regulating the conditions of service of a provincial service commission contemplated in section 213 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993-
 - (aa) is allowed to vacate his office in terms of section 4 (2) of the Public Service Commission Act, 1984, or in terms of similar provisions regulating the conditions of service of a provincial service commission contemplated in section 213 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993, in order to promote efficiency; or
 - (bb) is removed from office in terms of sections 211 (1) (e) or 213 (2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993, in order to promote efficiency; or
- (iv) who is allowed to vacate his or her office in terms of section 3 (a) of the Auditor-General Act, 1995, in order to promote efficiency,

shall be increased proportionally across the vested, savings and retirement components by a period equal to-

- (AA) one third of the period of his or her total pensionable service or by his or her unexpired period of service whichever period is the shorter, but not exceeding five years; and
- (BB) one half of the period during which he or she held an office referred to in [section 12 \(1\)](#) of the Public Service Act, 1994, or section 10A of the Post Office Service Act, 1974, or sections 191 (4), 211 or 213 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993, or section 27 (2) of the Audit Arrangements Act, 1992, or [sections 6](#) and [7](#) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 ([Act 68 of 1995](#)):

Provided that the member's total pensionable service, the period whereby it is increased in terms of this rule and the period during which a member held any office referred to in [section 12 \(1\)](#) of the Public Service Act, 1994, or section 10A of the Post Office Service Act, 1974, or sections 191 (4), 211 or 213 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993, or section 27 (2) of the Audit Arrangements Act, 1992, or [sections 6](#) and [7](#) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 ([Act 68 of 1995](#)), shall not exceed 55 years: Provided, further, that the period of 55 years shall be adjusted in accordance with the formula as set out in rule 13.1 if a member's working status is changed from full-time to part-time employment.

[Para. (b) amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

[Rule 14.2.4, previously rule 14.2.3, renumbered and amended by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

14.2.5 For the purpose of rule 14.2.4 (b)-

- (a) 'total pensionable service' shall not include a period during which a member held an office referred to in [section 12 \(1\)](#) of the Public Service Act, 1994, section 10A of the Post Office Service Act, 1974, sections 191 (4), 211 or 213 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993, or section 27 (2) of the Audit Arrangements Act, 1992 or [sections 6](#) and [7](#) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 ([Act 68 of 1995](#)): Provided that a period during which a member held office as referred to above and which can not be regarded as a completed period in accordance with paragraph (b) shall be included as total pensionable service in terms of this rule;

[Para. (a) amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

- (b) 'one half of the period', save as provided for in paragraphs (d) to (i) of this rule, shall mean one half of a completed period and also one half of a completed extended period referred to in [section 12 \(1\)](#) of the Public Service Act, 1994, section 10A of the Post Office Service Act, 1974, section 2 (5) of the Public Service Commission Act, 1984, section

27 (2) of the Audit Arrangements Act, 1992, [sections 6 and 7](#) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 ([Act 68 of 1995](#)), or in terms of similar provisions regulating the conditions of service of a provincial service commission contemplated in section 213 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993;

- (c) the uncompleted portion of the said extended period referred to in subparagraph (b) shall not be taken into account;
- (d) a member mentioned in Proclamation 130, 1994, of the President of the Republic of South Africa shall at the expiry of the term mentioned in the said Proclamation be deemed to have occupied the office of a head of department mentioned in section 12 (1) of the Public Service Act, 1994, until the date on which that term would have expired if such member was not transferred to a post to which the provisions of section 12 (1) of the Public Service Act, 1994, do not apply;
- (e) if the President or a Premier appoints a person who is an officer or employee in the public service as defined in section 8 of the Public Service Act, 1994, in the public interest under any law to an office outside the public service, it shall, subject to the provisions of the Law and these Rules, be regarded that such person has been discharged from the public service for a reason contemplated in rule 14.1.1 (e): Provided that if such a person is appointed as a member of the Public Service Commission referred to in sections 209, 210 and 211 of the Constitution or to a provincial service commission contemplated in section 213 of the Constitution or to the office of Auditor-General referred to in section 191 of the Constitution or as Deputy Auditor-General shall be recognised as a part of and continuous with his employment in the public service for purposes of these Rules and these arrangements shall *mutatis mutandis* continue to apply unless such a member's membership of the Fund terminates;
- (f) a person who is appointed as a member of the Public Service Commission or a provincial service commission or as Auditor-General or as Deputy Auditor-General and who immediately prior to such appointment held an office referred to in [section 12 \(1\)](#) of the Public Service Act, 1994, section 10A of the Post Office Service Act, 1974, section 27 (2) of the Audit Arrangements Act, 1992, or [sections 6 and 7](#) of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 ([Act 68 of 1995](#)), shall with effect from the date of such an appointment be regarded to have completed such term of office and the duration of such completed term of office shall be calculated from the date of commencement thereof up to and including the date preceding the date with effect from which he or she is appointed as a member of the Public Service Commission or a provincial service commission or as Auditor-General or as Deputy Auditor-General;
- (g) if a member of the Public Service Commission is appointed as a member of a provincial service commission or *vice versa* or if a member of the Public Service Commission or a member of a provincial service commission is appointed as Auditor-General or if the Auditor-General is appointed as a member of the Public Service Commission or a provincial service commission or if the Deputy Auditor-General is appointed as a member of the Public Service Commission or a provincial service commission or as Auditor-General the measures set out in rules (e) and (f) above shall *mutatis mutandis* apply;
- (h) subject to section 17 (4) of the Law the measures set out in rules (e), (f) and (g) above shall be subject to any provisions contained in the laws regulating the conditions of service of members of the Public Service Commission, provincial service commission, the Auditor-General and the Deputy Auditor-General including conditions of service determined in terms of such provisions which have a bearing on the pension position of such members of the Public Service Commission, provincial service commissions, Auditor-General or the Deputy Auditor-General; and
- (i) subject to rule (h) the measures set out in rules (e), (f) and (g) shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the determination and calculation of the pension benefits of members of the Fund who were appointed to offices as contemplated in this rule before the fixed date.

[Rule 14.2.5, previously rule 14.2.4, renumbered and amended by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

14.2.6 Annuities are payable in equal monthly instalments before or on the last day of each month. The first annuity-payment to a discharged member is payable at the end of the calendar month which follows the month in which the member is discharged.

[Rule 14.2.6, previously rule 14.2.5, renumbered by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

[Rule 14.2 substituted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997 and amended by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

14.3 Benefits on retirement of members

Subject to rule 14.10-

14.3.1 If a member retires-

- (a) on or after his or her pension-retirement date;
 - (b) before his or her pension-retirement date in terms of the law governing his or her terms and conditions of service;
 - (c) due to the lapse of his or her service contract;
 - (d) before his or her pension-retirement date, but not on a date prior to the member attaining the age of 55 years: Provided that such a member has the right to retire on that date in terms of the provisions of any act which regulates his or her terms and conditions of employment; or
 - (e) whilst in the education service and the member has attained the age of 50 years but not the age of 55 years: Provided that such a member has the right to retire on that date in terms of the provisions of any act which regulates his or her terms and conditions of employment,
- such member shall be entitled to the benefits indicated in rule 14.3.2 or 14.3.3, as the case may be.

14.3.2 Members with less than 10 years of total pensionable service

A member who retires on account of a reason mentioned in rule 14.3.1 and who has less than 10 years of total pensionable service shall receive:

- (a) a gratuity equal to his or her vested actuarial interest; and
- (b) with effect from the vested date, a gratuity that is equal to the savings actuarial interest, subject to rule 14A and any applicable deductions; and
- (c) with effect from the vested date, subject to the *de minimis* amount in the Income Tax Act, an annuity determined as at the date of retirement calculated on the period of his or her retirement service, using the benefits set out in rule 14.2.1 (d)

Provided that, if the capitalised value of the annuity payable in (c) above is lower than the *de minimis* amount, then the capitalised value of that annuity will be payable as gratuity at the date of exit.

[Rule 14.3.2 amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

14.3.3 Members with 10 years and more years of total pensionable service

- (a) a member who retires on account of a reason mentioned in rule 14.3.1 (a), (b) or (c) and who has at least 10 years pensionable service to his or her credit, shall be paid the benefits referred to in rule 14.2.1 or 14.2.2.

Provided that rules 14.2.3 (a) and 14.2.2 shall apply to members referred to in those rules, where applicable.

- (b) a member who retires on account of a reason mentioned in rules 14.3.1 (d) or (e) and who has at least 10 years of total pensionable service to his or her credit, shall be paid benefits referred to in rule (a) above: Provided, that such benefits shall be reduced by one-third of one percent for each complete month between the member's actual date of retirement and his or her pension-retirement date.

[Rule 14.3.3 amended by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003 and by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

- 14.3.4 The provisions of rule 14.2.6 will apply *mutatis mutandis* upon the retirement of a member in terms of rule 14.3.

[Rule 14.3.4 amended by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

[Rule 14.3 substituted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997 and amended by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

14.4 Benefits on resignation or discharge

[Heading corrected by GN 631 of 2 May 1997.]

Subject to rule 14.10-

- 14.4.1 A member who resigns from his or her employer's service or is discharged from his or her employer's service because of misconduct or ill-health occasioned by his or her own doing of [sic] for a reason not specifically mentioned in the rules and who is not entitled to receive benefits provided elsewhere in the rules, is entitled, a benefit calculated as the higher of-

- (a) 7.5 percent of his or her final salary multiplied with the period of his or her vested and savings service and increased by ten percentage points for each full year of total pensionable service between 5 and 15 years: and the member's vested actuarial interest and savings actuarial interest in the Fund.

Interest shall be added to the vested and savings components balances to be transferred to account for any delay in payment thereof to the approved retirement fund.

[Para. (a) amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

- (b) In addition to the benefit payable under rule 14.4.1 (a), the following benefits with effect from the vested date, subject to rule 16.5 and the Income Tax Act, an annuity determined as at date of termination of employment calculated at 1.5 times 1/58.65 of his or her final salary multiplied by the period of his or her retirement service (or 1.5 times 1/60.71 of his or her final salary multiplied by the period of his or her retirement service for Services members).

[Para. (b) omitted by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 and added by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

[Rule 14.4.1 substituted by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012) and amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

- 14.4.2 The actuarial interest, per component, of a member who has-

- (a) not attained the age of 55 years, shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$N(\text{adj}) \times \text{FS} \times F(Z) \times [1 + (0.04 \times (60 - Z))]$$

where-

N(adj) is the member's period of pensionable service, taking into account all adjustments thereto in terms of the rules, as at the date of termination of service;

FS is the member's final salary;

F(Z) is a factor determined by the Board acting on the advice of the actuary, and after consultation with the Minister and the employee organisations;

Z is the age at which the member attains his or her pension-retirement date;

Notwithstanding the above, the actuarial interest for each component will be determined as follows:

Vested actuarial interest shall be calculated according to the following formula $N(v) \times \text{FS} \times F(z) \times [1 + (0.04 \times (60 - Z))]$ where N(v) is the vested service;

Savings actuarial interest shall be calculated according to the following formula $N(s) \times \text{FS} \times F(z) \times [1 + (0.04 \times (60 - Z))]$ where N(s) is the savings service;

Retirement actuarial interest shall be calculated according to the following formula $N(r) \times \text{FS} \times F(z) \times [1 + (0.04 \times (60 - Z))]$ where N(r) is the retirement service;

provided that the total of the actuarial interest calculated with reference to vested service, savings service and retirement service shall not be less than the sum of the amount of the benefit described in rule 14.4.1 (a) and the capitalised value of the amount of the benefits described in rule 14.4.1 (b);

[Para. (a) substituted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

- (b) attained the age of 55 years, shall be calculated in accordance with the following general formula:

$$G + [A \times A(X)]$$

where-

- G is the amount of the gratuity the member would have received in terms of the rules had he retired on that date. For this purpose, a member with less than 10 years of total pensionable service, will be deemed to qualify for the same benefit as a member with 10 years or more of service:

- A is the amount of the annuity the member would have received in terms of the rules. For this purpose, a member with less than 10 years of total pensionable service, will be deemed to qualify for the same benefit as a member with 10 years or more of service:

- A(X) is a factor determined by the Board acting on the advice of the actuary and after consultation with the Minister and the employee organisations.

Notwithstanding the above, the actuarial interest for each component will be determined as follows:

Vested actuarial interest shall be calculated according to the following formula:

$$G(v) + [A(v) \times A(X)]$$

where-

- G(v) is the amount of a gratuity, based on vested service, the member would have received in terms of rules 14.2.1 (a) had they retired on that date. For this purpose, a member with less than 10 years of total pensionable service, will be deemed to qualify for the same benefit as a member with 10 years or more of service:

- A(v) is the amount of the annuity the member would have received, based on vested service, in terms of rule 14.2.1 (c). For this purpose, a member with less than 10 years of total pensionable service, will be deemed to qualify for the same benefit as a member with 10 years or more of total pensionable service;

- A(X) is a factor determined by the Board acting on the advice of the actuary, and after consultation with the Minister and the employee organisations.

Savings actuarial interest shall be

G(s)

where-

G(s) is the amount of a gratuity, based on savings service, the member would have received in terms of rule 14.2.1 (b) had he retired on that date. For this purpose, a member with less than 10 years of total pensionable service, will be deemed to qualify for the same benefit as a member with 10 years or more of service:

Retirement actuarial interest shall be calculated according to the following formula

$$A(r) \times A(X)$$

where-

A(r) is the amount of the annuity the member would have received, based on retirement service, in terms of rule 14.2.1 (d) and (e). For this purpose, a member with less than 10 years of total pensionable service, will be deemed to qualify for the same benefit as a member with 10 years or more of total pensionable service;

A(X) is a factor determined by the Board acting on the advice of the actuary, and after consultation with the Minister and the employee organisations,

provided that the total of the actuarial interest calculated with reference to vested service, savings service and retirement service shall not be less than the sum of the amount of the benefit described in rule 14.4.1 (a) and the capitalised value of the amount of the benefits described in rule 14.4.1 (b).

[Para. (b) substituted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

[Rule 14.4.2 amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

14.4.3 Members who became entitled to resignation benefits on or after 1 July 1996, may exercise a written choice before 31 March 1998 to receive the gratuity benefit referred to in rule 14.4.1 (a).

[Rule 14.4 substituted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997 (as corrected by GN 631 of 2 May 1997) and amended by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

14.5 Benefits on the death of a member

14.5.1 If a member with less than 10 years of total pensionable service dies, a gratuity shall be paid to his or her beneficiaries, or to his or her estate if there is no beneficiary, equal to the greater of the sum of the vested, savings and retirement actuarial interest and his or her final salary.

[Rule 14.5.1 amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

14.5.2 If a member with at least 10 years of total pensionable service dies, the gratuity shall be paid to his or her beneficiaries or to his or her estate if there is no beneficiary, which is equal to the sum of the gratuity which would have been payable to him or her in terms of rules 14.2.1 (a) and (b) and

five times the annuity which would have been payable to him or her in terms of rules 14.2.1 (c) and (d)

if he or she had retired for a reason referred to in rule 14.1.1 (a) on the day of his or her death, with the annuity being payable from the date of his/her death.

[Rule 14.5.2 amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

14.5.3 If a member dies and the total of such a member's period of total pensionable service and his or her unexpired period of service is at least ten years, there shall be paid to the surviving spouse, if any, a spouse's pension which is equal to half of the annuity and the supplementary amount which the member would have received in terms of the provisions of rules 14.2.1 (c) and 14.2.1 (d) if he or she had retired on the date of his or her death in terms of a reason mentioned in rule 14.3.1 (a): Provided that total pensionable service for this purpose also includes the member's unexpired period of service: Provided further that where there is more than one spouse, the spouse's pension will be divided equally among the spouses.

[Rule 14.5.3 amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

14.5.4 With effect from 1 June 2018, if a member dies and leaves an eligible child pensioner, a child's pension shall become payable to such eligible child pensioner equal to the percentage of the annuity and the supplementary amount which the member would have received in terms of the provisions of rules 14.2.1 (c) and 14.2.1 (d) if he or she had retired on the date of his or her death in terms of a reason mentioned in rule 14.3.1 (a): Provided that the total pensionable service for this purpose also includes the member's unexpired period of service. The percentage shall be as indicated in the table below, subject to a minimum child's pension as determined by the Board, which minimum child's pension may not be less than R200.00 per month.

If a spouse receives a benefit in terms of rule 14.5.3 on the death of the member		If a spouse receives a benefit in terms of rule 14.5.3 on the death of the member	
No. of eligible children	Benefit per eligible child	No. of eligible children	Benefit per eligible child
1	25.00%	1	25.00%
2	25.00%	2	25.00%
3	16.67%	3	25.00%
4	12.50%	4	25.00%
5 or more	10.00%	5	20.00%
		6	16.67%
		7	14.29%
		8	12.50%
		9	11.11%
		10 or more	10.00%

- 14.5.5 A child's pension payable in terms of rule 14.5.4 ceases when the child ceases to be an eligible child pensioner as defined in rule 1.
- 14.5.6 A spouse's pension which is payable to a spouse in terms of rule 14.5.3, shall not be affected in the case of a remarriage.
- 14.5.7 The spouse's and child's pensions payable in terms of these Rules shall be payable with effect from the first day of the month immediately following the date on which the member or pensioner concerned dies and are payable in equal monthly instalments on or before the last day of each month: Provided that the payment in the first month may be within a period of 60 days following the date on which the member or pensioner concerned dies.
- 14.5.8 Annuities are payable in equal monthly instalments on or before the last day of each month.
- 14.5.9 If a gratuity referred to in rules 14.5.1 and 14.5.2 is payable to two or more beneficiaries, such gratuity shall be paid to any such beneficiaries and in such proportions as the Board may determine.
- 14.5.10 If any eligible child pensioner proves an entitlement to receive a child's pension after the commencement of a child's pension to another eligible child pensioner whose entitlement derives from the death of the same member:
- he or she will be entitled to the child's pension calculated in accordance with rule 14.5.4 from the first day of the month following the month in which he or she lodged the claim to receive a child's pension, increased with the pension increases granted by the Fund for the period from the date of death of the member to the date the child's pension commences;
 - the child's pension being paid to any other eligible child pensioner at the time that an additional eligible child pensioner becomes entitled to a child's pension, will be recalculated and adjusted with effect from the date referred to in rule 14.5.10 (a) to take account of the additional eligible child pensioner; and any resulting adjustment to the child's pension being paid to an eligible child pensioner will not constitute a reduction of the benefit payable prior to any recalculated child's pension as contemplated in the Law; provided that this sub-rule 14.5.10 will apply regardless of the number of additional eligible child pensioners whose entitlements derive from the death of the same member.
- 14.5.11 Any orphan of a deceased member in receipt of an orphan's pension immediately before 1 June 2018 will cease to be entitled to an orphan's pension and will become entitled to a child's pension calculated in terms of rule 14.5.4 with effect from 1 June 2018, increased with the pension increases granted by the Fund for the period from the date of death of the member to 1 June 2018.

[Rule 14.5 substituted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997 and by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003, amended by GN 423 of 31 March 2004, by GenN 454 of 31 March 2006 and by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012) and substituted by GenN 314 of 1 June 2018.]

14.6 Benefits on the death of a pensioner

- 14.6.1 If a pensioner dies within a period of five years after he or she had retired or was retired or discharged, a benefit shall be paid to his or her beneficiaries or to his or her estate if there is no beneficiary equal to the sum of the annuity which would have been payable to him or her during the period as from the first day of the month immediately following the date on which he or she dies up to and including the last day of the month in which the said period of five years would have expired had he or she not died, based on the amount of his or her annuity at his or her death. For the purpose of calculation of the benefit the additional amount payable in terms of rule 14.2.1 (c) is not taken into account. If a benefit referred to in this rule is payable to two or more beneficiaries, such gratuity shall be paid to any such beneficiaries and in such proportions as the Board may determine.
- 14.6.2 If a pensioner dies and he or she is survived by a spouse, there shall be paid to such spouse a spouse's pension which is equal to one half of the annuity which the pensioner received on the date of his or her death, provided that-
- each pensioner of the fund as at 1 April 2012 may elect, at any time within the period commencing on 1 April 2012 and ending on 31 December 2012, or such other date as the Board may determine, that the pension payable to his spouse on his death shall be increased to three quarters of the annuity which the pensioner receives on the date of his or her death and that his or annuity be reduced accordingly;
 - for members who opted for a reduced annuity or gratuity in terms of rule 14.2.2, the spouse's pension will be increased to three quarters of the annuity which the pensioner received on the date of his or her death;
- Provided further that-
- where there is more than one spouse, the spouse's pension will be divided equally among the spouses;
 - the reduction applicable to the annuity of a pensioner who makes an election in terms of (a) above shall be calculated by the actuary taking into account all relevant factors.
- 14.6.3 If a pensioner dies on or after 1 June 2018, and if the pensioner leaves an eligible child pensioner, a child's pensions shall become payable to the eligible child pensioner equal to the percentage of the pensioner's unreduced annuity on the date of his or her death as indicated in the table below, subject to a minimum child's pension as determined by the Board of Trustees, which minimum child's pension may not be less than R200.00 per month:

If a spouse receives a benefit in terms of rule 14.6.2 on the death of the pensioner		If no spouse receives a benefit in terms of rule 14.6.2 on the death of the pensioner	
No. of eligible children	Benefit per eligible child	No. of eligible children	Benefit per eligible child
1	25.00%	1	25.00%
2	25.00%	2	25.00%
3	16.67%	3	25.00%
4	12.50%	4	25.00%
5 or more	10.00%	5	20.00%
		6	16.67%

		7	14.29%
		8	12.50%
		9	11.11%
		10 or more	10.00%

14.6.4 A child's pension payable in terms of rule 14.6.3 ceases when the child ceases to be an eligible child pensioner in terms of rule 1.

14.6.5 The provisions of rules 14.5.5, 14.5.6, 14.5.7, 14.5.8 and 14.5.10 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the benefit in terms of rule 14.6.3.

14.6.6

[Rule 14.6.6 omitted by GenN 314 of 1 June 2018.]

14.6.7 Any orphan of a deceased pensioner in receipt of an orphan's pension immediately before 1 June 2018 will cease to be entitled to an orphan's pension and will become entitled to a child's pension calculated in terms of rule 14.6.3 with effect from 1 June 2018, increased with the pension increases granted by the Fund for the period from the date of death of the member to 1 June 2018.

[Rule 14.6, previously rule 14.5, renumbered by GN 499 of 11 April 1997, amended by GenN 454 of 31 March 2006, by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012) and by GN 892 of 26 October 2012 (wef 1 September 2012) and substituted by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003 and by GenN 314 of 1 June 2018.]

14.7 Protection of the interests of officials who retire, are retired or discharged

Subject to rule 14.10-

14.7.1 Subject to rule 14.7.2, the benefits of members shall be calculated in terms of the measures applicable on the date of termination of service.

14.7.2 Notwithstanding rule 14.7.1, the benefits of members who have been notified before or on the commencement date-

- (a) of employer initiated retrenchments as well as those whose applications for voluntary termination of service have been approved in terms of section 17 (2) (c) of the Public Service Act, 1994, or similar provisions in other employment Acts;
- (b) that they are to be discharged on account of ill-health not occasioned by his or her own fault or as a result of injury or ill-health, not occasioned by his or her own fault, arising out of and in the course of his or her employment;
- (c) that they are to retire in terms of section 16 (6) (a) of the Public Service Act, 1994, or similar provisions in other employment Acts;
- (d) that they are to be retired in terms of the measures providing for early retirement as contemplated in section 16 (4) and 16 (5) (a) of the Public Service Act, 1994, or similar provisions in other employment Acts;
- (e) that they are to be retained in their posts beyond their statutory retirement age, shall be calculated in terms of the measures applicable on the date of such notification or on the date of termination of service whichever benefit is the more beneficial: Provided that the benefits to which such a member shall be entitled, shall be based on the member's final salary or his or her pensionable emoluments as on the day immediately before the commencement date, whichever is the greater.

14.7.3 For the purposes of calculation of the benefits mentioned in rule 14.2.1 of a member-

- (a) who was a member of the South African National Defence Force and who has been subjected to voluntary demilitarisation-
 - (i) rules 14.2.3 and 14.2.4 (a) shall be applied for the period up to the date of demilitarisation; and
 - (ii) the provisions applicable to non-military members shall apply in respect of the period after the date of demilitarisation;
- (b) who was a member of the South African National Defence Force and who has been subjected to compulsory demilitarisation-
 - (i) rules 14.2.3 and 14.2.4 (a) remain applicable for such members for the period up to date of service termination from the South African National Defence Force irrespective of the date that such member ceased to be a member of the Fund but not beyond the age of 60 years; and
 - (ii) the provisions applicable to non-military members shall apply in respect of the period after the age of 60 years.

[Rule 14.7.3 added by GN 782 of 12 June 1998, amended by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003 and substituted by GN 892 of 26 October 2012 (wef 1 May 2012) and by GenN 258 of 18 May 2018.]

14.7.4 For the purposes of calculation of the benefits mentioned in rule 14.2.1 of a member who was a member of the South African Police Service, the Correctional Services, the National Intelligence Agency or the South African Secret Service-

- (a) rule 14.2.4 (a) shall be applied up to the date that such a member ceases to be a member of the South African Police Service, the Correctional Services, the National Intelligence Agency or the South African Secret Service; and
- (b) the provisions applicable to members who are not members of the Services shall apply in respect of the period after the date of such a member ceasing to be a member of the South African Police Service, the Correctional Services, the National Intelligence Agency or the South African Secret Service.

[Rule 14.7.4 added by GN 892 of 26 October 2012 (wef 1 May 2012).]

[Rule 14.7 inserted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997 and amended by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

14.8 Benefits in terms of a severance package

Subject to rule 14.10 if a member's service is terminated prior to his or her retirement as a result of-

- (a) his or her voluntary application for a severance package; or
- (b) a severance package offered by his or her employer which he or she voluntarily accepts,

there shall be paid to him or her the pension benefits as set out in Part B of the applicable Annexure to the rules: Provided that-

- (i) such benefits or arrangements have been subjected to negotiations in terms of any law applicable in respect of

labour relations arrangements in the Public Service, including Education or negotiations in accordance with labour relations arrangements applicable to the South African Police Service, South African National Defence Force and the State Security Agency concerning his or her conditions of service; and

[Subpara. (i) amended by s. 53 of [Act 11 of 2013](#) (wef 29 July 2013).]

- (ii) payment of such benefits shall be subject to the provisions of section 17 (4) of the Law, read with rule 20.

[Para. (b) amended by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]

[Rule 14.8, previously rule 14.6, renumbered by GN 499 of 11 April 1997, amended by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003, substituted by GN 622 of 1 July 2005 and by GenN 1336 of 13 September 2006 and amended by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

14.9 Funeral benefits

14.9.1 In the case of:

- (i) a member; or
- (ii) a pensioner, whose pension either:
 - (aa) commenced on or after 1 December 2002; or
 - (bb) commenced prior to 1 December 2002 and who is still alive as at 1 April 2012;

the funeral benefits payable upon the death on or after 1 April 2024 of such member or pensioner and/or his or her spouse and/or eligible children and/or stillborn, as defined, are as follows:

- (a) in the case of the member or pensioner, a payment of R20 000;
- (b) in the case of a spouse, a payment of R20 000;
- (c) in the case of an eligible child, a payment of R8 000 per child;
- (d) in the case of a stillborn, a payment of R8 000.00 per stillborn:

Provided that any termination of pregnancy as determined in the Choice on Termination of Pregnancy Act, [Act 92 of 1996](#), as amended, or any termination of pregnancy that is self-inflicted is specifically excluded.

[Rule 14.9.1 substituted by GenN 454 of 31 March 2006 (wef 1 December 2002), by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012), by GenN 775 of 29 September 2017 (wef 1 October 2017) and by GenN 2446 of 2 May 2024.]

14.9.2 The benefits payable in terms of rule 14.9.1 are payable irrespective of the order in which deaths occur so that funeral benefits will be paid in respect of the spouse and each eligible child even after the death of the member.

14.9.3 The benefits provided in this rule do not apply to deferred pensioners.

[Rule 14.9.3 added by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

[Rule 14.9 added by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

14.10 Assignment of a share of a member's pension interest to his or her former spouse

14.10.1 If a copy of a divorce order certified as a true copy by a commissioner of oaths is delivered to the Fund then the following provisions will be applicable.

14.10.2 Within 45 days after the submission of the divorce order by the former spouse, the Fund must request the former spouse to elect if the amount to be deducted must be-

- (a) paid directly to the former spouse; or
- (b) transferred to an approved retirement fund on the former spouse's behalf.

14.10.3 The former spouse must, within 120 days of being requested to make an election-

- (a) inform the Fund of how the former spouse's share must be dealt with; and
- (b) if the former spouse elects that the amount must be paid to the former spouse directly, provide the Fund with the details of how that payment must be effected; or
- (c) if the former spouse elects that the amount must be transferred to an approved retirement fund on his or her behalf, provide the Fund with the details of that approved retirement fund.

14.10.4 The Fund must pay or transfer the amount within 60 days of being informed of how the amount must be dealt with in accordance with the former spouse's election.

14.10.5 In the event that the former spouse fails to make an election or identify the approved retirement fund to which the amount should be transferred within the 120-day period referred to, the Fund must pay the amount directly to the former spouse within 30 days of the expiry of that period.

14.10.6 On the date on which it is given written notice of the former spouse's choice, or on the expiry of a period of 120 days after the Fund's invitation was sent by it to the former spouse, whichever is the earlier, the Fund must-

14.10.6.1 record in the books of the Fund the amount of the pension interest assigned to the former spouse in the name of the former spouse; and

14.10.6.2 record in the books of the Fund against the member's record that any benefit that becomes payable to the member in future will be subject to an appropriate reduction in the member's deemed pensionable service; and

14.10.6.3 inform the affected member accordingly.

14.10.7 Notwithstanding rule 14.10.5, in the event that the Fund cannot reasonably ascertain how the payment to the former spouse must be effected, the Fund must retain the amount plus interest as determined by the Board in the Fund, until such time as details of how that payment must be effected is made available to the Fund by the member, the former spouse or any other person whom the Fund is satisfied has the necessary authority and capacity to instruct the Fund in that respect.

14.10.8 A former spouse is not a member or beneficiary in relation to the Fund and is only entitled to interest, as determined by the Board, from the expiry of the period referred to in rule 14.10.4 until payment or transfer thereof, but not to any other interest or growth.

14.10.9 In respect of members who divorce on or after 1 August 2019, the Fund shall, in respect of any benefit accruing to such member and in consultation with the actuary for the purposes of calculating the benefit payable to the member, substitute a member's actual pensionable service with the reduced pensionable service to take into account the pension interest of the member which was assigned to any former spouse of the member.

14.10.9.1 In respect of members who divorced prior to 1 August 2019 and whose former spouse was paid a portion of the member's pension interest and which member notified the Fund in the prescribed period that he or she still wishes the divorce debt to be applied to him or her, then the benefit payable to such member must be reduced by the divorce debt.

14.10.9.2 If the amount of the divorce debt exceeds the amount of the gratuity and there is an annuity payable to the member, then the divorce debt must be recovered from the gratuity and annuity and the gratuity and

annuity be reduced *pro rata*-

- (a) the capital values of the gratuity and annuity must be determined by the actuary;
- (b) the values determined by the actuary must be reduced prorata by an amount equal to the balance of the divorce debt then remaining; and
- (c) the capital values that results from this calculation must be annuitised by the actuary on a basis determined by the board in consultation with the actuary to determine the amount of the gratuity and annuity which will then be payable.

14.10.10 The balance of the gratuity, if any, and the annuity, or gratuity and annuity adjusted in terms of rule 14.10.9, as applicable, will be the benefit or benefits to which the member will be entitled to in place of the benefit or benefits to which he or she would have been entitled, but for the operation of this rule.

14.10.11 With effect from the vested date deductions relevant to divorce orders will occur in respect of all components having regard to the divorce order and applicable legislation.

[Rule 14.10.11 added by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

14.10.12 With effect from the vested date transfers and payments to the former spouse are permitted as contemplated in the Income Tax Act.

[Rule 14.10.12 added by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

[Rule 14.10 added by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012), amended by GN 892 of 26 October 2012 and substituted by GenN 399 of 31 July 2019 (wef 1 August 2019).]

14A Savings withdrawal benefit

14A.1 With effect from the vested date, a member who has savings service may make an irrevocable request, in writing, for one withdrawal from the savings component in every tax year of assessment for the value of a portion or the whole of the savings service equal to the actuarial interest as determined by the actuary, subject to the limitations that may be imposed by the Income Tax Act;

14A.2 Any such withdrawal will result in a reduction in the member's saving service, as determined by the actuary;

14A.3 The value of the savings withdrawal benefit may not be less than the amount of R2 000 or such amount as may be determined from time to time by legislation;

14A.4 The savings withdrawal benefit will be subject to tax and any applicable deductions as determined in terms of the Income Tax Act.

14A.5 Notwithstanding rule 14A.1:

- (a) If a member terminates membership with the Fund, in any tax year of assessment and such member has already made an irrevocable election to take a savings withdrawal benefit in that year of assessment and the remaining savings actuarial interest is lower than R2 000, such a member may be allowed a second withdrawal, as part of the exit benefit, equal to the balance of the savings actuarial interest.
- (b) Where a member terminates membership with the Fund, excluding by way of ill-health, retirement or death, and has made an irrevocable election to transfer their benefit to an approved retirement fund, in any tax year of assessment and such member in the same year of assessment has taken a savings withdrawal benefit and the member's remaining savings actuarial interest is more than R2 000, such amount shall be transferred to a savings or retirement component in the transferee fund as permitted by the legislation.
- (c) Where a member's membership with the Fund terminates other than for ill-health, retirement and death, and elects to receive a lump-sum benefit, in any tax year of assessment and such a member in the same year of assessment has taken a savings withdrawal benefit and the member's remaining savings actuarial interest is more than R2 000, the savings actuarial interest will be retained in the Fund in terms of rule 16.4.

[Rule 14A inserted by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

15 Compensation of members for injuries on duty

Subject to rule 14.10-

15.1 If a member is retired or discharged as a result of a reason mentioned in rule 14.1.1 (f) there shall be paid to him or her out of the Fund a gratuity calculated in accordance with formula A or B set out in rule 15.8 whichever one of such formulas shall be more beneficial for such member.

[Rule 15.1 amended by GN 499 of 11 April 1997 and substituted by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

15.2 If a member is thus retired or discharged and the percentage of his disablement is more than 30 per cent, there shall be paid to him or her, out of the Fund, in addition to the gratuity which is paid to him or her in terms of rule 15.1 an annuity calculated in accordance with formula C or D set out in rule 15.8 whichever one of such formulas shall be more beneficial for such member.

[Rule 15.2 substituted by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

15.3 Any gratuity or annuity payable in terms of rule 15.1 or 15.2 shall be reduced by the amount by which a gratuity or annuity payable from the Fund is increased in terms of rule 14.1.2 or, 14.2.4.

[Rule 15.3 amended by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

15.4 If a member dies as a result of injury or ill-health not occasioned by his or her own fault, arising out of and in the course of his or her employment, before a gratuity or an annuity has been paid to him or her in terms of rule 15.1 or 15.2 there shall be paid to his or her beneficiaries, an amount out of the Fund, which is equal to the gratuity and five times the annuity which would have been payable to such member in terms of rule 15.1 or 15.2 if he or she had not died in that manner.

15.5 If a member to whom an annuity has been awarded in terms of rule 15.2 dies within a period of five years after the said annuity has been awarded to him or her, there shall be paid to his or her beneficiaries, an amount out of the Fund, which is equal to the total of the annuity which would have been paid to him or her during the period from the first day of the month which follows immediately on the date of his or her death up to and including the last day of the month in which the said period of five years expires, if he or she had not died.

15.6 If any gratuity referred to in rule 15.4 or 15.5 is payable to two or more beneficiaries, such gratuity shall be paid to such beneficiaries in such proportions as the Board may determine.

[Rule 15.6 amended by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

15.7 The Government shall compensate the Fund for any benefit payable in terms of this rule.

15.8 For the purpose of this rule, unless the context indicates otherwise-

'average salary', means the average annual salary or wages of the member concerned which is taken into account for determining the benefit which is payable in terms of the rules on his or her death, retirement or discharge;

'Compensation Commissioner', means the Compensation Commissioner appointed under [section 2](#) of the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act, 1993 ([Act 130 of 1993](#));

'disablement', means disablement as determined by the Compensation Commissioner in terms of the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act, 1993;

'formula A', in relation to a matter to be calculated in accordance with formula A, means-

$$E \times F \times G$$

in which-

factor E is equal to

6.72 percent in respect of vested service,

three times 7.75 percent in respect of savings service (or three times 8.45 percent in respect of savings service for Services members),

factor F is the average salary of the member concerned;

factor G is equal to 5;

'formula B', in relation to a matter to be calculated in accordance with formula B, means-

$$E \times F \times H \times J$$

in which-

factor H is the period which follows immediately on the date of the retirement or discharge or death of the member concerned up to and including the last day of the month on which or in which he or she, if he or she is or was then alive, shall attain the age of 65 years;

factor J is the percentage of disablement of the member concerned; and

factors E and F, respectively have the same meaning as factors E and F in the definition of formula A;

'formula C', in relation to a matter to be calculated in accordance with formula C, means-

$$F \times G \times K$$

in which-

factor K is equal to

one fifty-fifth in respect of vested service,

1.5 times 1/58.65 in respect of retirement service (or 1.5 times 1/60.71 in respect of retirement service for Services members);

factors F and G respectively have the same meaning as factors F and G in the definition of formula A;

'formula D', in relation to a matter to be calculated in accordance with formula D, means-

$$F \times H \times J \times K$$

in which-

factors F, H, J and K respectively have the same meaning as factors F, H, J and K in the definition of formulas A, B and C;

[Rule 15.8 amended by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

[Rule 15 amended by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

16 Dormant members

Subject to rule 14.10-

16.1 Subject to the provisions of section 27 of the Law-

- (a) no contributions in respect of a dormant member shall be payable to the Fund for the period during which he or she is a dormant member;
- (b) no benefit shall be payable to a dormant member before the effective date;
- (c) a dormant member shall, with effect from the effective date, be entitled to an annuity and a gratuity which shall be calculated in accordance with the formula;
- (d) the spouse or beneficiaries or estate of a dormant member who has died before the effective date shall, with effect from the date of his or her death, be entitled to an annuity and a gratuity which shall be calculated in accordance with the formula defined in rule 16.3 (c); and
- (e) the provisions of rules 12.1.3 apply *mutatis mutandis* to a dormant member referred to in this rule.

16.2 If a dormant member becomes or again becomes a contributing member of the Fund he or she shall, with effect from the date on which he or she so becomes or again becomes a contributing member, cease to be a dormant member and his or her pensionable service shall be deemed not to have been interrupted by the period during which he or she was a dormant member and the aggregate of all the periods of his or her pensionable service shall be taken into account for the purposes of this rules [sic].

16.3 For the purposes of this rule-

- (a) **'contributing member'** means any member contributing to the Fund;
- (b) **'effective date'** means-
 - (i) the date on which a dormant member (excluding a member referred to in subparagraph (ii)) attains the age at which he or she, immediately before the date on which his or her membership was terminated as contemplated in section 27 of the Law, would have had the right to retire on pension; or
 - (ii) the date determined by the Board in the case of a dormant member who has not yet attained the age referred to in subparagraph (i) and whose circumstances are in the opinion of the Board of such a nature that he or she would have retired or would have been retired or discharged on pension on the grounds of continued ill-health which has not been occasioned by his or her own default or any other prescribed reason had he or she been a contributing member of the Fund;
- (c) **'the formula'**, means the gratuity or annuity referred to in rule 16.1 (c) or (d), increased during the period of the member's dormant membership-
 - (aa) in respect of a member who became dormant on or before the commencement date at a rate of 10% per year compound[ed] for each year of dormant membership;
 - (bb) in respect of a member who became dormant on or after the commencement date at a rate as decided by the Board from time to time in terms of section 25 of the Law.

For the purpose of the formula, an annuity and a gratuity shall be defined as follows-

- (i) in the case of an annuity or a gratuity referred to in rule 16.1 (c) the annual amount of the annuity or the amount of gratuity, as the case may be, to which the dormant member concerned would have been entitled in terms of the pension law concerned if he or she had on the effective date been a contributing member of the pension fund of which he or she was a dormant member;
- (ii) in the case of the annuity or a gratuity referred to in rule 16.1 (d) the annual amount of the annuity or the amount of the gratuity, as the case may be, to which such spouse, dependant or estate would have been entitled in terms of the applicable pension law if the dormant member concerned had been a contributing member at the time of his or her death of the pension fund of which he or she was a dormant member.

[Para. (c) amended by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]

16.4 Paid-up benefit

- 16.4.1 A member who leaves the Fund, other than on ill health, retirement, death or an exit as per rule 14.8 and has not opted to transfer his/her savings component to an approved retirement fund but is not eligible for a payment from the savings component in that tax year, due to previously making a savings withdrawal benefit in the same tax year and having a remaining balance in the savings component that is higher than R2 000 or such amount as may be determined from time to time by legislation, will be a paid-up member and entitled to a paid-up benefit from the savings component.
- 16.4.2 A paid-up member may elect to receive his or her paid-up benefit from the first day of the subsequent tax year after the date of exit.
- 16.4.3 Payment of the paid-up benefit will only occur on application for such payment being made by the paid-up member.
- 16.4.4 No further contributions will be payable to the Fund by the paid-up member or the employer, from the date that the member becomes a paid-up member unless such a member rejoins the Fund under a new pensionable service record.
- 16.4.5 The paid-up benefit will be based on the savings service and final salary of the member as at the date at which they cease to be an active member, with the benefit increased with interest as determined by the Fund.
- 16.4.6 The Fund will have no further obligation to the paid-up member once the paid-up benefit has been paid to them.
- 16.4.7 Subject to the provisions of rule 16.4.9, the change in status from being a member to a paid-up member, is irrevocable.
- 16.4.8 Funeral benefits, as provided for in rule 14.9, will cease from the date that the member becomes a paid-up member.
- 16.4.9 If a paid-up member dies before applying for the paid-up benefit to be paid, then the paid-up benefit will be paid to the paid-up member's estate.
- 16.4.10 Subject to notifying the Fund in writing, a paid-up member may at any time after he or she has left the Fund, transfer his/her paid-up benefit to an approved retirement fund. The paid-up benefit, in full, must be transferred, as no partial transfers will be permitted. Thereafter the Fund shall have no further obligation towards the paid-up member.
- 16.4.11 If a paid-up member re-joins the Fund, provided he has not, prior to such re-entry into the Fund, been paid his/her paid-up benefit, he/she shall continue to have a separate paid-up member record until the member retires from the Fund, or the member requests, in writing, from the Fund, for the paid-up benefit to be transferred to his /her new savings component or retirement component.
- 16.4.12 For the purposes of this rule, a dormant member is not a paid-up member.

[Rule 16.4 added by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

16.5 Deferred pensions

- 16.5.1 A member who leaves the Fund other than ill health, retirement, death or an exit as per rule 14.8, can elect, on exit, to receive the full balances from the vested component and savings component as a cash benefit and to retain the balance of the retirement component as a service credit in the Fund. Such a member will be classified as a deferred pensioner and will be entitled to a deferred annuity from the first day of the month following their fifty-fifth birthday, as determined in accordance with rule 14.2.1 (d), provided, that the annuity will be reduced by one-third of one per cent for each complete month between the actual date that the deferred pensioner requests for payment of the deferred annuity and his/her sixtieth birthday.
- 16.5.2 The deferred pensioner will be entitled to a deferred annuity that will be payable from a future date that falls between his/her fifty-fifth and sixtieth birthdays.
- 16.5.3 The deferred annuity will be increased with pension increases granted by the Board from 1 April following the date of leaving the Fund.
- 16.5.4 No further contributions will be payable to the Fund by the deferred pensioner or the employer, from the date that the member becomes a deferred pensioner. Where a member rejoins the Fund under a new pensionable service record, such a new membership is administered as a separate membership and the records have no bearing on each other.
- 16.5.5 Subject to the provisions of rule 16.5.8, an election to become a deferred pensioner or the transfer to deferred pensioner status due to retaining benefits with the Fund, is irrevocable.
- 16.5.6 If a deferred pensioner dies after leaving the Fund but prior to the deferred annuity benefits becoming payable, then the capitalised value of the deferred annuity benefits will be paid to the deferred pensioner's estate.
- 16.5.7 If a deferred pensioner dies after the commencement of receipt of the deferred annuity benefits, then their benefits will be paid according to rule 14.6.
- 16.5.8 Subject to notifying the Fund in writing, a deferred pensioner may at any time after he or she has exited the Fund but before the commencement of receipt of a deferred annuity benefit, elect to transfer the lump-sum equivalent of his or her deferred annuity benefit, as determined by the actuary, to an approved retirement fund.
- 16.5.9 The full value of the deferred annuity must be transferred and the Fund shall after such a transfer have no further obligation towards the deferred pensioner.
- 16.5.10 The election to transfer the deferred annuity to an approved retirement fund is irrevocable.
- 16.5.11 Funeral benefits, as provided for in rule 14.9, will cease from the date that the member becomes a deferred pensioner and will only be reinstated once the deferred pensioner becomes a pensioner within the Fund.
- 16.5.12 For the purposes of this rule, a dormant member is not a deferred pensioner.

[Rule 16.5 added by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

[Rule 16 amended by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

17 Accrued pensionable benefits maintained

Subject to rule 14.10-

- 17.1 The real value of the accrued benefits of a member of the Temporary Employees Pension Fund or a previous fund, as represented by such fund's actuarial liability towards such a member and his or her beneficiaries, shall be maintained by adjusting the period of pensionable service standing to the credit of such member on the day preceding the date determined in terms of section 14 (1) or 15 (1) of the Law by a factor which shall be determined in accordance with accepted actuarial principles and practices, and such adjustment shall have the result that the amount of the relevant actuarial liability of the Fund on the date mentioned above is not less than the amount of the Temporary Employees Pension Fund's or previous fund's relevant actuarial liability on the day preceding that date.
- 17.2 In the case of any changes to the Law or rules governing the Fund after the fixed date which affect the benefits of a member or his or her beneficiaries, the real value of the accrued benefits of a member of the Fund, as represented by the Fund's actuarial liability towards such a member and his or her beneficiaries, shall be maintained by adjusting the period of pensionable service standing to the credit of such member on the effective date of such changes by a factor which shall be determined in accordance with accepted actuarial principles and practices and such adjustment shall have the result that the amount of the Fund's relevant actuarial liability on the date with effect from which the changes to the Law or rules referred to above take place is not less than the amount of the Funds's relevant actuarial liability on the day preceding the date with effect from which the changes referred to above take place.
- 17.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of rules 17.1 and 17.2, the benefits of a member may be changed in another way by the Board, provided that the real value of the member's benefits, as represented by the actuarial liability towards the member and his or her beneficiaries, is maintained in such change.
- 17.4 The Board of Trustees shall obtain a certificate from an actuary appointed by them that the provisions of rule 17.1, 17.2 or 17.3, whichever may apply, will be satisfied.
- 17.5 If the adjustment of accrued pensionable service of a member in terms of rule 17.1 or 17.2 causes such a member to have less than ten years of pensionable service to his or her credit when he or she is retired or discharged in circumstances set out in rule 14.1.1, or dies, such a member shall nevertheless qualify for the benefits in terms of rule 14.2, 14.3.3 or 14.5.2, as the case may be.
[Rule 17.5 amended by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]
- 17.6 If the adjustment of accrued pensionable service of a deceased member in terms of rule 17.1 or 17.2 has the result that the total of his or her period of pensionable service and his or her unexpired period of service is less than ten years, benefits shall nevertheless be paid in terms of rule 14.5.3 and 14.5.4.
[Rule 17.6 amended by GN 499 of 11 April 1997 and by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]
- 17.7 In case of an adjustment of a member's pensionable service in terms of rule 17.1 or 17.2, which causes such a member to have more than 55 years of pensionable service to his or her credit, the proviso in rule 14.2.3, which limits the period of pensionable service to 55 years, shall not apply to the said member.
- 17.8 The provisions of rules 17.2 to 17.7 shall not be applicable if the employer and the employee organisations conclude an agreement on an alternative method of dealing with changes to the Law or rules.
[Rule 17.8 added by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]
[Rule 17 amended by GenN 276 of 30 March 2012 (wef 1 April 2012).]

18 Payment of benefits

- 18.1 A lump sum benefit payable to a minor dependant or minor nominee may, with regard being had to the testamentary dispositions of a deceased member and in consultation with the Master of the Supreme Court be paid in more than one payment in such amounts as the Board may from time to time consider appropriate and in the best interests of such dependant or nominee: Provided that interest shall be added to the outstanding balance of such benefit from time to time, at a reasonable rate having regard to the investment return earned by the Fund: Provided further that any balance owing to such a dependant or nominee at the date on which he or she attains majority or dies, whichever occurs first, shall be paid in a lump sum.
- 18.2 A lump sum benefit payable to a major dependant or major nominee may be paid in more than one payment if the dependant or nominee has consented thereto in writing: Provided that-
- (a) the amount of the payment, intervals of payment and interest to be added and other terms and conditions are disclosed in a written agreement; and
 - (b) the agreement may be cancelled by either party on written notice not exceeding 90 days.
- 18.3 If, in a specific case, a benefit other than an annuity is paid in instalments, interest is added to the remaining portion of the benefit in the Fund.
- 18.4
[Rule 18.4 deleted by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]
- 18.4 Contributions and benefits under the rules are payable at or by the registered office of the Fund in the legal tender of the Republic of South Africa: Provided that the Board may pay benefits elsewhere on such conditions as it may deem fit.
[Rule 18.4, previously rule 18.5, renumbered by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]
- 18.5 Any decision of the Board in terms of this rule, may from time to time be changed at its discretion provided it does not prejudice the member, pensioner or beneficiary.
[Rule 18.5, previously rule 18.6, renumbered by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

19 Access to documents of the fund

A member, pensioner or beneficiary has the right to have access, at all reasonable times at the registered office of the Fund, to the rules, the latest financial documents and the latest valuation report of the Fund. The abovementioned persons may obtain a copy of the rules, the latest annual financial statements and the latest valuation report of the Fund on payment of fees as determined by the Board from time to time, provided that such fee shall relate to the production of such documents.

20 Compensation to the fund on retirement or discharge of a member prior to attainment of the member's pension retirement date

Without detracting from the generality of section 17 (4) of the Law, the Government or the employer or the Government and the employer shall, if a member, except for a reason in rule 14.1.1 (a), retires, becomes entitled in terms of Rule 14.8 to the pension benefits in terms of a severance package, referred to in that Rule, or is discharged prior to his or her pension retirement date and at such retirement, entitlement or discharge in terms of the rules becomes entitled to the payment of an annuity or gratuity or both an annuity and a gratuity in terms of the rules, and any of these actions result in an additional financial liability to the Fund, pay to the Fund the additional financial obligations as decided by the Board acting on the advice

of the actuary. Such payment to the Fund, with interest to account for any delay in payment, shall be in accordance with a schedule approved by the Board.

[Rule 20 amended by GN 499 of 11 April 1997 and by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003 and substituted by GN 622 of 1 July 2005 and by GenN 1336 of 13 September 2006 (wef 1 July 2005).]

21 Withdrawal of an institution or body or part or function thereof

21.1 An institution or body referred to in paragraphs (a) and (c) of the definition of 'employer' in section 1 of the Law, or part of such an institution, body or function, which has members of the Fund in its service, may, after negotiation and agreement, subject to a notice period of three months (or such shorter period as the Board approves), request the Board to cease participating in the Fund as regards membership of the Fund of members in its service or a part thereof subject to the provisions of the Law with specific reference to section 32 of the Law, in which case the Board deals with the appropriate part of the market value of the assets of the Fund which relate to such members on a basis decided by the Board acting on the advice of the actuary in terms of the wishes of such an institution or body or such part of such an institution or body and the affected members: Provided that, with effect from 1 April 2012:

- (i) where the transfer is to a fund with a defined benefit structure, the value of each member's interest will not exceed the funded position of such member's accrued interest in the Fund, based on market values, as determined by the actuary; or
- (ii) where the transfer is to a fund which does not have a defined benefit structure and the funding level of the Fund as determined by the actuary is less than 100%, then:
 - (a) each member's transfer value shall be such member's accrued interest in the Fund, providing the total transfer values do not worsen the funding level of the Fund by more than 0.25%; or
 - (b) where transfer values in terms of subsection (a) would worsen the funding level of the Fund by more than 0.25%, the value of each member's interest will not exceed the funded position of such member's accrued interest in the Fund, based on market values, as determined by the actuary and the Fund shall consult the employer to fund the difference up to each member's accrued interest in the Fund.

[Rule 21.1 substituted by GN 499 of 11 April 1997 and by GenN 775 of 29 September 2017 (wef 1 October 2017).]

21.2 The provisions of rule 21.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in the event of an action of commercialisation, privatisation or similar action pertaining to an institution or body, part or function thereof as contemplated in rule 21.1.

22 Communication

For purposes of communication in regard to membership of the Fund, payment of member and employer contributions to the Fund, payment of other monies owing by members and the employer to the Fund, and related matters, the Fund shall communicate with the departments, administrations, institutions and bodies where members are or were in service: Provided that where any such matter or any other matter cannot be effectively dealt with by means of such communications the Fund shall communicate with the Minister: Provided further that a member or pensioner shall have the right to communicate direct with the Fund in regard to any matter which affects him or her personally. All factors and interest rates to be decided by the Board after the required consultation processes, as set out in the rules, shall be communicated to the employer and the members in accordance with the provisions set out above.

[Rule 22 amended by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]

23 Annual increases in annuities

23.1 Annuities are to be increased with effect from 1 April every year.

23.2 Subject to section 25 of the Government Employees Pension Law, 1996 as amended, such increases shall consist of:

- 23.2.1 a basic increase at a rate of at least 75% of the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (All Items) over a period of twelve months (1 December to 30 November of the previous year); and
- 23.2.2 an additional increase, if applicable, to be granted every year, commencing on 1 April 2002. For this purpose, any annuity which is less than the minimum level is to be brought up to that level. The minimum level is defined as 75% of the annuity at retirement adjusted for full inflationary increases.

23.3 For the purpose of rule 23.2.2, inflation is defined as the change in the Consumer Price Index (All Items) over the period under consideration. To allow for implementation and publishing delays, the index value four months prior to the applicable date will be used (30 November where the increase is with effect from 1 April).

23.4 Annuities for pensioners who have retired in the year prior to any increase date will receive a pro-rata increase.

[Rule 23 added by GN 1073 of 8 August 2003.]

24 Emigration

In the event that a member ceases to be a South African tax resident for an uninterrupted period of three years or departs from South Africa at the expiry of a work or visit visa, the limitations and requirements as set out in the Income Tax Act, 1962 shall be applied.

[Rule 24 added by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

² This amendment was withdrawn by GN 5187 in GG 51194 of 5 September 2024 and has therefore not been incorporated. It was subsequently replaced by GN 5191 in GG 51202 of 10 September 2024.

³ It is unclear from GN 5191 of 10 September 2024 if the table should remain in rule 14.5.4: however we believe that the intention was for it to do so and have included it for the convenience of subscribers

ANNEXURE PENSION BENEFITS IN TERMS OF SEVERANCE PACKAGE

[Annexure amended by GN 499 of 11 April 1997, by GN R1350 of 31 October 2002 and by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

A PENSION BENEFITS IN TERMS OF PSCBC RESOLUTION 3 OF 1999

[Heading to Part A inserted by GN R1350 of 31 October 2002.]

[Part A substituted by GN 423 of 31 March 2004.]

The following pension benefits are payable:

- (i) Members of Government pension funds who have attained the age of 55 years and who have completed at least 10 years' pensionable service: A gratuity and an annuity determined in terms of the formula that applies at the member's pension age. The benefits will not be scaled down, nor will any additional period of pensionable service be

added.

- (ii) All members who have not yet attained the age of 50 years, as well as those who have attained age 50 but have less than 10 years' pensionable service: A gratuity equal to the greater of:

- o the gratuity benefit referred to in rule 14.4.1 (a); or
- o the cash resignation benefit payable in terms of the formula set out below:

GRATUITY = $[(R1 \times N1) + (8\% \times N3) + (R2 \times N2)] \times Z \times D \times INTFAC \times SEVFAC$,
where-

R1	=	member's actual rate of contribution as at 30/04/1996 (6% for women and 8% for men)
N1	=	member's actual (unadjusted) period of pensionable service as at 30/04/1996
R2	=	the rate of 7,5 %
N2	=	member's period of pensionable service rendered from 1/05/1996 onwards
N3	=	period of purchased service pre 1 May 1996
Z	=	average annual pensionable salary of member during his/her last 36 months of pensionable service. Should the member have less than 36 months' pensionable service, it will be the average annual pensionable salary during his/her full period of pensionable service
D	=	the factor defined in rule 1
INTFAC	=	100%, plus 2,5 % for each full [y]ear of the member's pensionable service
SEVFAC	=	100%, plus 10 % for each full year of pensionable service up to 20 years, 15 % for each full year of pensionable service between 20 and 30 years and 20 % for each full year of pensionable service in excess of 30 years.

[Para. (ii) amended by GN 499 of 11 April 1997.]

- (iii) Members who are between the ages of 50 and 55 years, and who have completed at least 10 years' pensionable service: A choice of either of the following benefits:
- o A gratuity and an annuity calculated as in para. (i) above: Provided that these benefits are reduced by 0,3% for each month between the member's age and the age of 55 years; or
 - o a gratuity calculated as in para. (ii) above.
 - o (*Note: Reference to 'pensionable service' above is also regarded as reference to a 'pensionable period'.*)

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PENSION BENEFITS IN TERMS OF RULE 14.8

[Part B inserted by GN R1350 of 31 October 2002 and substituted by GN 622 of 1 July 2005 and by GN 5191 of 10 September 2024.]

[Heading substituted by GenN 1336 of 13 September 2006 (wef 1 July 2005).]

The following benefits are payable:

- (i) Members of Government pension funds who have attained the age of 55 years and who have completed at least 10 years of total pensionable service, on written choice of the member:

A gratuity equal to the sum of his or her vested actuarial interest and savings actuarial interest; payable to the member in his own right or into an approved retirement fund of the member's choice

and

either an annuity based on retirement service payable from the date of exit, or a gratuity, equal to the retirement actuarial interest, provided that the retirement actuarial interest is lower than the *de minimis* amount;

without scaling down of pension benefits in terms of rule 14.3.3 (b) and without an addition of pensionable service in terms of rule 14.2.4 (b)

or

a gratuity based on vested and savings service in terms of the formula that applies to the member;

and

an annuity based on vested and retirement service payable from the date of exit in terms of the formula that applies to the member;

without scaling down of pension benefits in terms of rule 14.3.3 (b) and without an addition of pensionable service in terms of rule 14.2.4 (b).

- (ii) Members of Government pension funds who have not yet attained the age of 55 years, as well as those who have attained the age of 55 years but have less than 10 years of total pensionable service, on written choice of the member:

A gratuity equal to the sum of his or her vested actuarial interest and savings actuarial interest; payable to the

member in his own right or into an approved retirement fund of the member's choice
and

either an annuity based on retirement service payable from the date of exit, or a gratuity, equal to the retirement actuarial interest, provided that the retirement actuarial interest is lower than the *de minimis* amount.

Schedule 2 LAWS REPEALED

Number and year of law	Short title	Extent of repeal
Act 4 of 1970	Transkeian Government Service Pension Act, 1970	The whole
Act 6 of 1971	Black Authorities' Service Pensions Act, 1971	The whole
Act 20 of 1972	Black Education Account Abolition Act, 1972	Section 26
Act 23 of 1972	Black Laws Amendment Act, 1972	Section 11
Act 57 of 1973	Government Service Pension Act, 1973	The whole
Act 4 of 1976	Black Laws Amendment Act, 1976	Sections 22 and 23
Act 14 of 1977 (Bophuthatswana)	Bophuthatswana Government Service Pensions Act, 1977	The whole
Act 119 of 1977	Black Laws Amendment Act, 1977	Sections 10 and 11
Act 15 of 1978 (Transkei)	Government Employees Pensions Act, 1978	The whole
Act 4 of 1979 (Venda)	Venda Government Service Pensions Act, 1979	The whole
Act 97 of 1980	Pensions[sic] Laws Amendment Act, 1980	Section 3
Act 106 of 1986	Pension Laws Amendment Act, 1986	Sections 3 and 11
Act 89 of 1988	Pensions Laws Amendment Act, 1988	Sections 2 to 6 and 19
Act 4 of 1989 (Ciskei)	Government Service Pension Act, 1989	The whole
Decree 9 of 1993 (Ciskei)	Government Service Amendment Decree, 1993	The whole

Schedule 3 LAWS AMENDED

Number and year of law	Short title	Extent of amendment
Act 29 of 1979	General Pensions Act, 1979	1 Substitutes section 1.
		2 Amends section 11, as follows: paragraph (a) substitutes subsection (1) (a); paragraph (b) substitutes subsection (1) (b); paragraph (c) deletes subsection (3) (b); and paragraph (d) substitutes subsection (4).
		3 Repeals section 12.
		4 Repeals section 19.

ANNEXURE 2 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES PENSION LAW TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

1 Definitions

In this proclamation, unless the context otherwise indicates-

'Board' means the Board contemplated in section 6 of the Government Employees Pension Law, 1996;

'fixed date' means the date contemplated in section 1 of the Government Employees Pension Law, 1996;

'Government Service Pension Fund' means the fund established by section 3 of the Government Service Pension Act, 1973 (Act 57 of 1973);

'Previous funds' means the previous funds contemplated in section 1 of the Government Employees Pension Law, 1996;

'Temporary Employees Pension Fund' means the fund established by [section 3](#) of the Temporary Employees Pension Fund Act, 1979 ([Act 75 of 1979](#));

'the Law' means the Government Employees Pension Law, 1996;

'the Fund' means the Government Employees Pension Fund contemplated in section 2 of the Government Employees Pension Law, 1996;

'own pension fund', means a fund contemplated in section 3 (4) (c).

'transfer date', means the date contemplated in section 14 (1) of the Government Employees Pension Law, 1996.

2 Determination of the transfer date

The transfer date shall be as soon as possible but not later than 12 months after the fixed date unless arranged otherwise by the Minister of Finance in terms of a proclamation in the *Gazette*.

3 Continuation of the pension fund management and administration

As from the fixed date-

- (1) the authority responsible by law for the administration of the Government Service Pension Fund as on the day preceding the fixed date, shall notwithstanding the repeal of the Government Service Pension Act, 1973 (Act 57 of 1973), administer the Fund until such time the Board determines otherwise in terms of section 7 of the Law;
- (2) the authorities or bodies responsible by law or contract for the management and administration of the previous funds, as on the day preceding the fixed date, shall, where applicable subject to the relevant contract, continue to manage and administer the said funds until the date determined in section 14 (1) and 15 (1) of the Law; and
- (3) all property, equipment and goods, other than those referred to in sections 2 and 14 of the Law, at the disposal of the Government Service Pension Fund, the Temporary Employees Pension Fund and the previous funds as on the day preceding the fixed date, shall on such terms and conditions as agreed upon by the Board and the Minister of Finance be at the disposal of the Board until such time as the Board in consultation with the Minister of Finance determines otherwise.

4 Human resources arrangements

(1) A person in the employ of an authority or body responsible by law for the management and administration of a fund referred to in section 3 (1) or (2) on the day preceding the fixed date, shall, as from the fixed date, continue to perform his or her duties, on such terms and conditions as agreed upon by the Board and the Minister but not for a period longer than 12 months after the fixed date.

(2) A person in the employ of an authority or body responsible by law for the management and administration of a fund referred to in sections 3 (1) and (2) above shall, notwithstanding the provisions of the Law or the provisions of any other law, but subject to the provisions of the acts governing such person's employment and conditions of service, with his or her written consent, on such terms and conditions as agreed upon in negotiations, be transferred and appointed to the administration instituted by the Board in terms of section 7 of the Law, from a date determined by the Minister of Finance in consultation with the Board, and as from that date he or she shall be deemed to have been appointed in terms of section 7 (1) of the Law in an applicable position in the said administration: Provided that-

- (a) his or her salary and salary scale and other conditions of service in the employ of the administration instituted by the Board and his or her terms and conditions of employment in respect of the post to be occupied, shall not be less favourable than the salary or salary scale and conditions of service which was applicable to him or her before his or her date of transfer as a person employed by such authority;
- (b) any sick or vacation leave which stood to the credit of such person immediately prior to his or her date of transfer and appointment to the administration instituted by the Board, shall be deemed to be leave credited to him or her in the employ of such administration. Accrued vacation leave with full pay shall be regarded as a right and which accumulated vacation leave with full pay or the remainder of such leave, shall be discounted in full to such personnel in their own right or their beneficiaries or their estate in the event of the termination of their service for whatsoever reasons;
- (c) if applicable, pensionable service performed or bought back by such person before his or her date of appointment to the administration instituted by the Board shall be deemed to be pensionable service performed by him or her in the service of such administration;
- (d) no person shall as a consequence of such appointment acquire a retirement age which is higher than that which applied to him or her as a person employed by such authority or body before such transfer; and
- (e) probationary appointment shall not apply to any person who in terms of subsection (2) is appointed to the administration instituted by the Board and whose appointment was confirmed by an authority contemplated in section 3 (1) or (2).

(3) The salary, salary scale and other conditions of service contemplated in subsection (2), shall, subject to negotiations and conclusion of agreements, not be altered without the written consent of the person concerned, and such salary and salary scale shall for two ensuing years from the date contemplated in subsection (2) not be less favourable than the salary and salary scales for relevant personnel in the Public Service.

(4) A person contemplated in subsection (1) who is a member of the Government Service Pension Fund or the Temporary Employees Pension Fund or a previous fund or the Fund or any other relevant fund who is appointed to the administration instituted by the Board shall, before a date determined by the Minister, in consultation with the Board, if applicable, exercise an option to-

- (a) remain a member of such fund; or
- (b) become if applicable a dormant member of the fund concerned as contemplated in section 15 of the General Pensions Act, 1979, and become a member of a pension fund referred to in subparagraph (c) or (d) or approved retirement annuity fund referred to in paragraph (e); or
- (c) become a member of an own pension fund if such a pension fund is, subject to negotiations and in accordance with the agreement reached, established by the Board;
- (d) become a member of the Fund if a pension fund referred to in subparagraph (c) is not established by the Board;
- (e) become a member of an approved retirement annuity fund of his or her choice if an own fund is not established by the Board.

(5) Subject to subsection (11), the obligation of a pension fund contemplated in subsection (4) (c) or (e) to any person on the date on which he or she becomes a member of such fund, shall in respect of his or her previous pensionable service referred to in subsection (2) (c) above, not be less than the sum of the amounts referred to in subsection (7) and (8).

(6) In the case where a person becomes a member of a pension fund referred to in subsection (4) (c) or approved retirement annuity fund referred to in subsection (4) (e) and who was a member of the Government Service Pension Fund or the Temporary Employees Pension Fund or a previous fund or the Fund immediately prior to his or her appointment to the administration instituted by he[sic] Board, he or she shall-

- (a) cease to be a member of the pension fund concerned;
- (b) except in respect of any amount which was due by him or her to the pension fund concerned immediately prior to his or her date of appointment be released from all obligations towards, and shall relinquish all rights and privileges in respect of the pension fund concerned;
- (c) subject to the provisions of the rules become a member of a fund referred to in subsection (4) (c) or (e) with effect from the date of his or her appointment; and
- (d) with effect from the date of his or her appointment contribute to a fund referred to in subsection (4) (c) or (e) as provided by the rules of such fund.

(7) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law contained-

- (a) the Government Service Pension Fund or the Temporary Employees Pension Fund or a previous fund or any relevant fund shall, in respect of a person contemplated in subsection (1) who is a member of one of these funds and who elects to become a member of an own pension fund, in terms of subsection (4) (c), if such a fund is established by the Board or an approved retirement annuity fund referred to in subsection (4) (e), make an amount, whether in cash or *in specie*, equal to the funding percentage of the pension fund concerned multiplied by the actuarial obligation of the pension fund concerned in respect of that person on the date of his or her appointment, plus interest thereon calculated at the bank rate from his or her date of appointment until the date on which the said amount is paid, available to the member: Provided that the member shall undertake to deposit the full amount plus any interest thereon, immediately into the own established pension fund or approved retirement annuity fund: Provided further that such member, whilst employed by the Board, shall not be entitled to any benefits from the aforesaid own established fund; and
- (b) the employer concerned shall pay to the own pension fund of the Fund or approved retirement annuity fund an amount equal to the difference between the actuarial liability if the pension fund concerned and the amount paid in terms of paragraph (a), plus interest calculated at the bank rate from the date of his or her transfer to the date of payment.

(8) For purposes of subsection (7)-

- (a) **'actuarial obligation'** means the actuarial obligation of the pension fund concerned with regard to the member concerned on the date of his or her appointment, as calculated by an actuary;
- (b) **'funding percentage'** means the market value of the net assets of the pension fund concerned on the date of his or her appointment, expressed as a percentage of the calculated aggregate actuarial obligation of the pension fund concerned on the date of his or her appointment, as determined by an actuary; and
- (c) **'bank rate'** means the rate determined from time to time in terms of [section 10 \(2\)](#) of the South African Reserve Bank Act, 1989 ([Act 90 of 1989](#)).

(9) The provisions of subsection (7) shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to an employee who under subsection (4) (b) elected to be a dormant member and, at a later stage, elects to have his or her accrued pension benefits transferred to the own pension fund contemplated in subsection (4) (c) or approved retirement pension fund contemplated in subsection (4) (e) in accordance with subsection (7) and (8).

(10) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2), those persons who elected not to be transferred and appointed to the administration instituted by the Board may, after the period contemplated in subsection (1) subject to their acts of employment be seconded to the administration instituted by the Board.

(11) In the event of a defined contribution fund, the pension entitlement in the case of the termination of service of a member referred to in subsection (2) in respect of pensionable service referred to in subsection (2) (c), shall be his or her accrued benefits in such fund.

(12) The authorities contemplated in section 3 (1) and (2) and the Board shall comply with the terms and conditions of any transfer and appointment in terms of section 4 (2) and such authorities and the Board shall offer any person concerned employment on the terms as were agreed upon by the relevant parties in the Departmental Chamber (Finance) of the Public Service Bargaining Council.

5 Responsibility and powers of the Minister of Finance

The Minister of Finance shall have the responsibility and power to enforce on any person, body or institution the application of the transitional provisions regarding the Fund and its human resources as contained in sections 1, 2, 3 and 4.
