

TEACHERS' PENSIONS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TEACHING POST APPLICANTS

Please note that the Isle of Man has tried to persuade the Department for Education to seek an amendment to section 24(12) (b) of the UK Teachers' Pensions etc (Reform Amendments) Regulations 2006, which state that comparable service "does not include service which in pensionable under a superannuation scheme for teachers in public employment in the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man". Unfortunately the Department for Education has advised that is does not intend to reconsider its decision to treat the Isle of Man as an overseas scheme, hence service on the Isle of Man will continue to be excluded as comparable service.

In view of this, any teacher planning to teach on the Isle of Man before returning to the UK, who remains teaching on the Isle of Man for more than 5 years, would not be able to rejoin the UK Teachers' Pension Scheme as an existing member. They would therefore be treated as a new member, with a retirement age of 65 years.