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Summary
This circular provides a link to guidance notes to accompany actuarial factors previously issued to FRAs following a factor review for the Firefighters' Pension Schemes (Wales) as undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department.

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INTRODUCTION

1. HM Treasury reduced the SCAPE discount rate from 2.4% to 1.7%pa above CPI from 30 March 2023. As a result of the change, the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) undertook a factor review for the Firefighters' Pension Schemes (Wales). The revised factors were provided to FRAs, under cover of a series of circulars in 2019, with a consolidated workbook of factors provided under [W-FRSC\(2024\)02](#).
2. GAD has now published guidance notes on their webpage to reflect the revised factors in respect of pension sharing on divorce (2015 Scheme) and pensioner cash equivalents on divorce, pension credit and debits (1992 and 2007 Schemes). The guidance has been approved by the Welsh Government.

FACTOR GUIDANCE

3. The Factor Guidance can be located on the GAD Factor Guidance Hub via the links below.
 - [Pension sharing on divorce – 2015 Scheme](#)
 - [Pensioner cash equivalents on divorce, pension credits and debits – 1992 Scheme.](#)
 - [Pensioner cash equivalents on divorce, pension credits and debits – 2007 Scheme.](#)

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