

HOUSE OF LORDS

RETAINED PENSIONS

JUDGEMENT APPLIES

TO FBU MEMBERS ONLY



The decision last week in the House of Lords in respect of retained firefighters' entitlement to access the Firefighters Pension Scheme, sickness provisions and more generally contract of employment issues has been further clarified.

The House of Lords has stated that as it was the FBU who lodged the claim for membership of the Firefighters Pension Scheme on behalf of OUR retained membership, the ruling, pending any response from the ODPM in making a general declaration that it will adopt the ruling **applies to OUR cases only and OUR members.** In other words, members of the RFU now and then are **NOT** entitled to make a claim. Members of the FBU who have joined since the date of the claim can join in the case but they need to submit tribunal forms. We will inform you of how that can be achieved in the near future.

FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT THE HOUSE OF LORDS HAS RULED THAT ONLY FBU MEMBERS WILL BE ENTITLED TO JOIN THE EXISTING FIREFIGHTERS PENSION SCHEME!

So members of the RFU are NOT entitled to the protection of this ruling from the House of Lords - despite what you may have read or heard from the RFU on this subject!