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I, Nomusa Dube-Ncube, in my capacity as Member of the KwaZulu-Natal Executive Council responsible for local government, and in terms of the powers vested in me by section 7(1)(b), (c) and (d) of the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) Act, 2017 ([Act No. 6 of 2017](#)), hereby make the Regulations in the Schedule hereto.

Given under my hand at Durban on this 7th day of February, Two Thousand and Nineteen

Ms N Dube-Ncube, MPL

Member of the Executive Council of the Province of KwaZulu-Natal responsible for local government

WHEREAS the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation) was established in 1973 by the Local Government Superannuation Ordinance, 1973 ([Ordinance No. 24 of 1973](#)). Membership of this Fund was exclusive to white persons;

WHEREAS the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) was established in 1974 by the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) Ordinance, 1974 ([Ordinance No. 27 of 1974](#)). Membership of this Fund was limited to non-white persons;

WHEREAS the Rules for the Management and Administration of the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation), Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) and the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund were issued, and amended from time to time, in terms of the Regulations made under the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) Ordinance, 1974 ([Ordinance No. 27 of 1974](#)), the Local Government Superannuation Ordinance, 1973 ([Ordinance No. 24 of 1973](#)), and the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund Act, 1995 ([Act No. 4 of 1995](#));

WHEREAS there is a need to replace pre-1994 racially discriminatory Natal Ordinances that determined the establishment and implementation of two separate race-based pension systems for municipal employees, being the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation) and the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement), which have been assigned to the Province by the President in accordance with section 235(8) of the [Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1993](#) ([Act No. 200 of 1993](#)), and which have become obsolete with the commencement of the democratic dispensation on 27 April 1994;

WHEREAS the assigned racially based pre-1994 Ordinances have become provincial legislation as determined by section 239 of the [Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996](#), and the Provincial Legislature is consequently competent to repeal, amend and substitute such legislation in accordance with section 104(1)(b) of the 1996 [Constitution](#);

WHEREAS there is a need to ensure that all race-based references and that all forms of differentiation between the two pension funds regarding the categories of beneficiaries and their dependants are removed;

WHEREAS it is necessary to replace the current Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) principal and subordinate statutory framework with a framework that is solely regulated by, aligned to, and compliant with the [Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996](#), the nationally applicable Pension Funds Act, 1956 ([Act No. 24 of 1956](#)), and the principles of good governance;

AND WHEREAS the trustees of the Fund resolved at a meeting held on 25 August 2017 and at a meeting on 19 October 2018 in Durban that the Regulations and Rules of the Fund be replaced by the following with effect from the date of promulgation of these Regulations,

Chapter 1 Definitions and application

1. Definitions

For purposes of these Regulations the definitions as contained in the Pension Funds Act, 1956 ([Act No. 24 of 1956](#)) apply with the necessary changes, and in these Regulations, unless the context indicates otherwise-

“**Act**” means the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) Act, 2017 ([Act No. 6 of 2017](#));

“**Actuary**” means a person who is-

- (a) a fellow of an institute, faculty, society or chapter of actuaries registered as such in accordance with the applicable legislation; and
- (b) appointed by the-
 - (i) Registrar; and
 - (ii) Board of Trustees, in accordance with regulation 14 as a valuator as contemplated in section 9A of the Pension Funds Act;

“**adjudicator**” means the Pension Funds Adjudicator or Deputy Pension Funds Adjudicator and any acting Pension Funds Adjudicator appointed in accordance with section 30C (1) of the Pension Funds Act;

“**Annual Information Meeting**” means a meeting that may be convened in accordance with these Regulations and where the business of such meeting is the-

- (a) consideration and noting of the annual reports and financial statements as presented by the Board of Trustees; and
- (b) conducting of any other business relating to the management and operation of the Fund;

“**annuity**” means, as applicable, either-

- (a) the living annuity payable in terms of these Regulations to an In-Fund annuitant; or
- (b) the annuity or, subject to the requirements of the South African Revenue Service, the annuities purchased from a Registered Insurer in terms of the provisions of these Regulations;

“**annuity strategy**” means the annuity strategy maintained by the Fund in terms of item 1 of Schedule 5;

“**approved pension fund**” means a pension fund approved as such by the South African Revenue Service for the purposes of these Regulations;

“**approved provident fund**” means a provident fund approved as such by the South African Revenue Service for the purposes of these Regulations.

“**approved retirement annuity fund**” means a retirement annuity fund approved as such by the South African Revenue Service for the purposes of these Regulations;

“Auditor” means a public accountant and auditor who is-

- (a) registered as such in accordance with the Public Accountants’ and Auditors’ Act, 1991 ([Act No. 80 of 1991](#)); and
- (b) appointed by the Board of Trustees in accordance with regulation 12;

“Auditor-General” means the Auditor-General as contemplated in section 1 of the Public Audit Act, 2004 ([Act No. 25 of 2004](#));

“ballot” means a written or digital ballot as approved by the Board of Trustees, and includes an online, electronic or postal ballot or a ballot made available at the Fund’s office;

“bank account” means the Fund’s account with a bank registered as such in accordance with the Banks Act; 1990 ([Act No. 94 of 1990](#));

“Banks Act” means the Banks Act, 1990 ([Act No. 94 of 1990](#));

“beneficiary” means anyone entitled to payment of a benefit in terms of these Regulations;

“benefit” means any pension granted or other amount due in accordance with these Regulations to a member, pensioner, dependant or other person, and includes, amongst others, a-

- (a) retirement benefit; and
- (b) bonus addition;

“Board of Trustees” means the Fund’s Board of Trustees contemplated in section 7A of the Pension Funds Act and regulation 21;

“bonus addition” means the bonus addition to pension contemplated in item 14 of Schedule 3;

“bonus service” means the bonus service as contemplated in item 9 of Schedule 3;

“calendar month” means a period extending from the first to the last day, both days inclusive, of any one of the 12 named months of the year;

“calendar year” means a year commencing on 1 January and terminating on 31 December;

“Collective Investment Schemes Control Act” means the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, 2002 ([Act No. 45 of 2002](#));

“committee of management” means the committee of management as defined in the Act;

“Constitution” means the [Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996](#);

“continuous service” means-

- (a) the last unbroken period of service of a member with any municipality; and
- (b) in respect of a member’s contributions to the Fund at the date of the commencement of these Regulations, his or her period of continuous service prior to such date, is the period as determined in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations governing the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) repealed by Schedule 7 of these Regulations: Provided that-
 - (i) for purposes of calculating the period of continuous service, any period that is present in both paragraphs (a) and (b), may only be counted once;
 - (ii) the following does not constitute a break in service for the purpose of determining the last unbroken period of service:
 - (aa) authorised leave of absence;
 - (bb) a break in service regarded as leave without pay or otherwise condoned by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the municipality concerned;

- (cc) a period of suspension followed by reinstatement in the same or another office or post; or
- (dd) a break in service whilst transferring from one municipality to another municipality if condoned by the Board of Trustees;
- (iii) any period in respect of which a member has not paid contributions is not taken into account in calculating the period of his or her continuous service;
- (iv) the period of continuous service is calculated by the year and month and a fraction of a month is disregarded;
- (v) if a member dies in the service or retires from the service of the municipality on pension and has a period of employment in a part-time capacity included in his or her service, only two-thirds of the period of such employment is reckoned as continuous service in calculating any pension payable; and
- (vi) the period in respect of a member contributing to the Fund at 1 March 1975, his or her period of continuous service prior to such date is the period of his or her membership of the Fund up to that date increased by 40%;

“contract employee” means any person who is in the service of a municipality on either a total cost to employer contract, or a fixed period contract;

“contribution stabilisation reserve account” means the account contemplated in regulation 10(5);

“contributions”, when applied to the payments made or to be made by a member, are calculated as if he or she had completed payment of his or her arrear contributions in accordance with regulation 30(3)(c);

“Councillor” means a member of a municipal council of an associated municipality;

“court” means a court as contemplated in section 166 of the [Constitution](#);

“data reserve account” means the account contemplated in regulation 10(6);

“date of association” means the date from which the municipality becomes associated with the Fund;

“date of commencement” means the operative date of these Regulations, as determined by the responsible Member of the Executive Council by notice in the *Provincial Gazette*;

“date of establishment” means the date of establishment of a municipality in accordance with the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act;

“day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday;

“deferred retiree” means a member who has retired from service in terms of item 1, item 2, item 3, item 4 or item 5 of Schedule 3 and elected that his or her retirement benefit must be retained in the Fund until the election date;

“delegating authority” means, in relation to-

- (a) the delegation of a function, a structure established in accordance with these Regulations competent to delegate, and effecting the delegation of, a power, function or duty; and
- (b) a sub-delegation of a power, function or duty by a delegated body, that delegated body;

“delegation” in relation to a power, function or duty, includes an instruction or request to exercise or to assist in exercising a power, or to perform or to assist in performing a function or duty, and “delegate” has a corresponding meaning;

“dependant” means, in relation to a-

- (a) member; or
- (b) pensioner,

a dependant as defined in section 1 of the Pension Funds Act;

“election date” means the date on which a member retiring in terms of item 1, item 2, item 3, item 4 or item 5 of Schedule 3 elects to receive payment of his or her benefit in terms of paragraph 4 of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1962 ([Act No. 58 of 1962](#)) or, if later, the date on which the Fund receives notification of such election;

“eligible child” means the child of a member or pensioner, and includes a posthumous child, a stepchild, a child born out of wedlock and an adopted child, on proof of the facts in each case satisfactory to the Board of Trustees: Provided the child has not been married and-

- (a) (i) is under the age of 18 years; or is-
 - (ii) under the age of 26 years and is, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees, receiving full-time education; or
 - (iii) in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, permanently incapacitated by reason of physical or mental infirmity from supporting him- or herself; and
- (b) if the child of a pensioner, was a child as specified above when the pensioner retired from the service of the municipality or was born of a marriage subsisting when he or she retired from the service of the municipality;

“eligible spouse” means a person who, at the date of the member’s or pensioner’s death, was either the-

- (a) spouse of the member or the pensioner in a marriage recognised as such under the civil law of the Republic of South Africa; or
- (b) member’s or pensioner’s partner in a-
 - (i) union according to customary law or in a union recognised as a marriage under any religion; or
 - (ii) relationship where the partners, who may be persons of the same or the opposite sex, have cohabitated for such period as the Board of Trustees in their discretion may accept as evidence of a permanent relationship and have shared a reciprocal duty of support: Provided that-
 - (aa) the member or pensioner has notified the Fund of the existence of such spouse or partner, as the case may be, prior to the date upon which a benefit becomes due from the Fund;
 - (bb) in the case of a pensioner, the spouse or partner was a spouse or partner as contemplated in (a) or (b) above, as the case may be, as at the date of the pensioner’s retirement from the service of the municipality and remained so until the date of the pensioner’s death; and
 - (cc) the Board of Trustees may, taking into account the provisions of the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, 1998 ([Act No. 120 of 1998](#)), other applicable legislation, customary law and other relevant factors, direct that more than one person may be regarded as a spouse or partner: Provided that in such case, the total benefits payable to such persons are equal to the benefit that would have been payable to one eligible spouse;

“employee” means an employee as contemplated in sections 8(2) and (3) of the Act;

“employer” means a legal entity that controls and directs an employee under a contract of employment and pays him or her a salary in compensation;

“employer surplus account” means the account contemplated in regulation 10(8);

“final average emoluments” means the annual average of a member’s pensionable emoluments over the last 12 months of his or her continuous service, or over the whole of his or her continuous service if such service is less than 12 months;

“Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act” means the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002 ([Act No. 37 of 2002](#));

“Financial Institutions (Protection of Funds) Act” means the Financial Institutions (Protection of Funds) Act, 2001 ([Act No. 28 of 2001](#));

“Financial Sector Conduct Authority” means the authority established in terms of Section 56 of the Financial Sector Regulation Act, ([Act No. 9 of 2017](#));

“Financial Sector Regulation Act” means the Financial Sector Regulation Act, 2017 ([Act No. 9 of 2017](#));

“Fund” means the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement);

“fund return” means any-

- (a) income, whether received or accrued; and
- (b) capital gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, of the Fund, less an allowance for any tax and such expenses, whether paid or accrued, associated with the acquisition, holding or disposal of the assets of the Fund as may be determined by the Board of Trustees: Provided that:
 - (i) such return may be positive or negative; and
 - (ii) in allocating the fund return, the Board of Trustees may use a reasonable approximation in the event that there are sound administrative reasons why the allocation cannot be exact and may also decide to apply a smoothing approach as referred to in the Pension Funds Act;

“in-fund annuitant” means either-

- (a) a retired member who is in receipt of a living annuity paid from the Fund; or
- (b) a beneficiary in receipt of a living annuity paid from the Fund due to an election in terms of item 5(2)(c) of Schedule 5;

“Inspection of Financial Institutions Act” means the Inspection of Financial Institutions Act, 1998 ([Act No. 80 of 1998](#));

“investment reserve account” means the account contemplated in regulation 10(7);

“King Code of Governance Principles” means the King Code and Report on Governance for South Africa and any amendment thereto, or revision thereof;

“KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement)” means the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement), established by section 2 of the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) Ordinance, 1974 ([Ordinance No. 27 of 1974](#)), which with effect from the date of commencement of the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) Act, 2017 ([Act No. 6 of 2017](#)), is called the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement), as contemplated in section 4 of the Act;

“KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation)” means the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation) as contemplated in section 4 of the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation) Act, 2017 ([Act No. 7 of 2017](#)), being the continuation of the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation) established in accordance with section 2 of the Local Government Superannuation Ordinance, 1973 ([Ordinance No. 24 of 1973](#));

“KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation) Act” means the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation) Act, 2017 ([Act No. 7 of 2017](#));

“KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund Act,” means the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund Act, 1995 ([Act No. 4 of 1995](#));

“KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund Act,” means the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund Act, 2017 ([Act No. 8 of 2017](#));

“KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature” means the Legislature of the Province of KwaZulu-Natal as contemplated in section 104 of the [Constitution](#);

“late payment interest” means late payment interest as contemplated in section 13A of the Pension Funds Act;

“living annuity” means the annuity payable from the living annuity account in terms of these Regulations to an in-fund annuitant;

“living annuity account” means the account contemplated in regulation 10(10);

“living annuity policy” means the policy maintained by the Board of Trustees which sets out the terms and conditions governing the payment of living annuities by the Fund;

“Local Government: Municipal Structures Act” means the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, 1998 ([Act No. 117 of 1998](#));

“Local Government: Municipal Systems Act” means the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 ([Act No. 32 of 2000](#));

“lump sum” means a lump sum contemplated in Schedule 3;

“medical practitioner” means a person registered as such in accordance with the Health Professions Act, 1974 ([Act No. 56 of 1974](#));

“member” unless the context determines otherwise, means a natural person who-

- (a) (i) at any stage prior to the commencement date of these Regulations contributed to the Fund; and
- (ii) from the commencement date of these Regulations continues to contribute to the Fund; or
- (b) on any date subsequent to the commencement date of these Regulations starts to contribute to the Fund;

“member of the Board of Trustees” means a member of the Board of Trustees contemplated in items 3 to 7 of Schedule 1;

“member surplus account” means the member surplus account contemplated in regulation 10(9);

“minimum benefit” means the benefits determined in accordance with section 14A of the Pension Funds Act, 1956 ([Act No. 24 of 1956](#));

“minimum individual reserve” means, in relation to each member, the amount determined in accordance with section 14B of the Pension Funds Act;

“month” means a period extending from a day in one calendar month to the day preceding the day corresponding numerically to that day in the following calendar month, both days inclusive: Provided that “day”, for purposes of defining “month” includes Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays;

“municipal council” means, where appropriate according to the context in which the expression occurs, a municipal council as defined in section 1 of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, and any reference in the Regulations to a municipality is deemed to be a reference to the appropriate meaning of “municipal council”;

“municipal manager” means a municipal manager or acting municipal manager appointed in accordance with the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act;

“municipal year” means the period commencing on 1 July in any year and terminating on 30 June in the following year as contemplated in the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 ([Act No. 56 of 2003](#));

“municipality”-

- (a) includes a metropolitan municipality, a district municipality and a local municipality as contemplated in section 155(6) of the [Constitution](#);
- (b) means a municipality established in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act and includes the successor-in-law to *uMsekeli*;
- (c) when contemplated as an entity or a corporate body, means a municipality as described in section 2 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act; and
- (d) when contemplated as a geographic area, means a municipal area determined as contemplated in the Local Government: Municipal Demarcation Act, 1998 ([Act No. 27 of 1998](#));

“notice” means a notice issued in accordance with a Regulation;

“officials” means the Principal Officer and other employees of the Fund appointed in accordance with these Regulations;

“optional retiring date” means the optional retirement date contemplated in item 7 of Schedule 3, and “optional retiring age” has a corresponding meaning;

“part-time capacity” means employment for an agreed proportion of not less than one-half but less than four-fifths of the normal working hours, or such other proportion as may be decided from time to time by the Board of Trustees;

“pension” means the annual sum payable, on a monthly basis, to-

- (a) a pensioner;
- (b) an eligible spouse;
- (c) an eligible child; or
- (d) a dependent parent, in accordance with these Regulations;

“pension age” means the age of 65 years;

“Pension Funds Act” means the Pension Funds Act, 1956 ([Act No. 24 of 1956](#));

“Pension Preservation Fund” means a Pension Preservation Fund recognised or approved as such by the South African Revenue Service for the purposes of these Regulations;

“pensionable emoluments” means the emoluments calculated in accordance with item 1 of Schedule 2;

“pensioner” means a member who has retired from the Fund and is in receipt of a pension and including a pensioner who has deferred his or her benefit;

“pension memorandum account” means the account contemplated in regulation 10(2);

“preserved member” means a member whose benefit on leaving service in terms of item 3, 4 or 5 of Schedule 3 has been preserved in the Fund in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 6 and whose benefit has not yet become payable in terms of these Regulations;

“preserved member account” means the account contemplated in regulation 10(11);

“Principal Officer” means the Principal Officer appointed by the Board of Trustees in accordance with regulation 26 as a Principal Executive Officer as contemplated in section 8 of the Pension Funds Act;

“promulgation” means promulgation in the *Provincial Gazette*;

“Provident Fund” means the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund as contemplated in section 4 of the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund Act, 2017, being the continuation of the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund established in accordance with section 2 of the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund Act, 1995;

“Provident Fund Regulations” means the Regulations made by the responsible Member of the Executive Council in accordance with section 7 of the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund Act, 2017;

“Province” means the Province of KwaZulu-Natal;

“Provincial Gazette” means the *Provincial Gazette* of the Province of KwaZulu-Natal;

“qualifying criteria” means the criteria set out in the living annuity policy which a member must meet in order to qualify for payment of a living annuity from the Fund;

“registered insurer” means an insurer registered in terms of the Long-term Insurance Act, 1998; ([Act No. 52 of 1998](#));

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Pension Funds as defined in the Pension Funds Act and who is the Executive Officer of the Financial Sector Conduct Authority as defined in section 1 of the Financial Sector Regulation Act, or a person to whom all or some of the Registrar’s powers, functions or duties have been delegated or assigned, as the case may be, in accordance with the said Acts;

“Regulation” means a Regulation made under this Act, and includes any Schedule to such Regulations;

“Regulations governing the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement)” means the Regulations governing the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) published in [Provincial Notice No. 180 of 1975](#) on 13 May 1975;

“responsible Member of the Executive Council” means the Member of the Executive Council responsible for local government;

“retirement benefit” means the benefit contemplated in item 7 of Schedule 3;

“retirement benefits counselling” means retirement benefits counselling as defined in the Pension Funds Act;

“risk reserve account” means the account contemplated in regulation 10(3);

“Rules” for purposes of the Pension Funds Act and these Regulations, means-

- (a) the Rules for the Management and Administration of the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation), the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement), and the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund, issued in accordance with the Regulations made under the-
 - (i) Local Government Superannuation Ordinance, 1973 ([Ordinance No. 24 of 1973](#));
 - (ii) Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) Ordinance, 1974 ([Ordinance No. 27 of 1974](#)); and
 - (iii) KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund Act, 1995; and
- (b) any further Schedules made in accordance with section 7 of the Act and these Regulations, after the date of commencement of these Regulations;

“salary” means the annual, monthly, weekly, daily or hourly pay, including the remuneration for piece-work, exclusive of all allowances, and does not include payment for overtime or any bonus;

“section 57 contract employee” means an employee appointed by the municipal council of an associated municipality in accordance with section 57 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act;

“smoothing” means smoothing of fund returns as referred to in the Pension Funds Act, and “smoothed” has a corresponding meaning;

“solvency reserve account” means the account contemplated in regulation 10(4);

“South African Revenue Service” means the South African Revenue Service established in accordance with the South African Revenue Service Act, 1997 ([Act No. 34 of 1997](#));

“Superannuation Fund” means the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation);

“**Superannuation Fund Regulations**” means the Regulations made by the responsible Member of the Executive Council in accordance with section 7 of the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation) Act, 2017;

“**uMsekeli**” means the entity established by section 2 of the *uMsekeli* Municipal Support Services Ordinance, 1941 ([Ordinance No. 20 of 1941](#));

“**unclaimed benefit account**” means the unclaimed benefit account as contemplated in item 19 of Schedule 3; and

“**wages**” means salary.

2. Application of national legislation, regulations, rules, practice notes, similar instruments and these Regulations

- (1) The Pension Funds Act, the Financial Sector Regulation Act and any regulations, rules, practice notes and similar instruments issued in terms thereof, prevail in cases of irreconcilable conflict with these Regulations.
- (2)
 - (a) No term in any contract between an associated municipality and an employee, including a [section 57](#) contract employee, may be in contradiction with these Regulations.
 - (b) In the event that a term in any contract contemplated in paragraph (a) is in contradiction with these Regulations, such term is deemed to be *ab initio ultra vires*.

3. Relationship with KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) Act, 2017

- (1) These Regulations must be interpreted within the context of the Act.
- (2) In the event of an irreconcilable conflict between the Act and these Regulations, the Act prevails.

4. Exclusion from operation of Regulations

The provisions of these Regulations do not apply to that portion of the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality formerly constituted as the North Central and South Central Local Councils in accordance with the Local Government Transition Act, 1993 ([Act No. 209 of 1993](#)) whose employees are members of the Durban Pension Fund, unless the municipal council of that municipality applies for the application thereof as contemplated in regulation 7.

Chapter 2

Continuation, operation and dissolution of Fund

5. Continuation of Fund

The Fund as contemplated in section 4(1) of the Act-

- (a) continues to exist with all its associated rights, powers, duties, responsibilities, assets and liabilities as it was immediately prior to the commencement of these Regulations; and
- (b) operates in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations, as amended from time to time.

6. Association with Fund

- (1) Every municipality that, immediately prior to the commencement of these Regulations, is associated with the Fund-
 - (a) remains associated; and

- (b) may not disassociate.
- (2) Every municipality that is not associated with the Fund may decide to associate with the Fund, in accordance with regulation 7: Provided that in such event, the municipality concerned is deemed to have decided to also associate with the-
 - (a) Superannuation Fund in accordance with the Regulations made in accordance with section 7 of the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation) Act, 2017; and
 - (b) Provident Fund in accordance with the Regulations made in accordance with section 7 of the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund Act, 2017.
- (3) A municipality contemplated in sub-regulation (2) must comply with the provisions of regulation 8 within a period of six months after the decision to associate with the Fund.
- (4) A municipality contemplated in this Regulation may-
 - (a) only be associated with one or more of the-
 - (i) Fund;
 - (ii) Superannuation Fund; or
 - (iii) Provident Fund,as the case may be; and
 - (b) not be associated with any other pension or provident fund than the Funds contemplated in paragraph (a).

7. Municipality with separate fund becomes associated with Fund

Any municipality within the Province with one or more separate-

- (a) pension; or
- (b) provident,

funds for any or all of its employees, established in accordance with the provisions of the Pension Funds Act, which, at the date of commencement of these Regulations, is not an associated municipality, may apply to the Board of Trustees to be considered for admission as an associated municipality, subject to approval of the application as contemplated in regulation 8(5).

8. Preparation, adoption and approval of scheme

- (1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 6, a municipality contemplated in regulations 6(2) and 7 must prepare a draft scheme that provides for-
 - (a) the protection of the rights of-
 - (i) current employees; and
 - (ii) former employees or their dependants who -
 - (aa) currently receive a benefit; or
 - (bb) are, or will be, entitled to receive a benefit in future;
 - (b) the compulsory membership of the Fund of all current and future employees, subject to the provisions of regulation 30(4);
 - (c) the transfer of investments, other moneys and assets of its own pension fund to the Fund, the Superannuation Fund, or the Provident Fund, as the case may be;

- (d) the manner of further payments-
 - (i) by, or refunds to, the municipality; or
 - (ii) to, or refunds by, its current employees, former employees or their dependants;
 - (e) the proposed date of association on which date the scheme will commence; and
 - (f) any other information that may be required by the Board of Trustees.
- (2) The draft scheme contemplated in sub-regulation (1) must-
- (a) be approved by the municipality concerned at a statutory meeting;
 - (b) thereafter be submitted to the Actuary for his or her consideration and recommendation; and
 - (c) thereafter be submitted, together with the approval and recommendation as contemplated in this sub-regulation, to the Board of Trustees for its consideration and approval.
- (3) The Board of Trustees must publish a notice indicating the approval of the draft scheme by the Board of Trustees on the advice of the Actuary and the availability for inspection by entities and persons contemplated in sub-regulation (4) of both the application and the approved draft scheme in a newspaper of general circulation in KwaZulu-Natal.
- (4) The Board of Trustees must take all reasonable steps to ensure that information in respect of the application and approved draft scheme contemplated in this Regulation is made available to all associated municipalities.
- (5) A municipality whose scheme has been approved by the Board of Trustees in accordance with sub-regulation (2) and after compliance with the provisions of sub-regulations (3) and (4), becomes an associated municipality upon approval in writing of its application and the scheme by-
- (a) the municipality;
 - (b) a majority of the members contributing to the pension fund or provident fund of the municipality concerned obtained in writing in such manner as the Board of Trustees thereof may determine;
 - (c) the Board of Trustees; and
 - (d) after approval has been granted as contemplated in paragraphs (a) to (c), the responsible Member of the Executive Council, who must publish the approval contemplated in paragraphs (a) to (c) by notice in the *Provincial Gazette*.

9. Sources of Fund

The sources of the Fund consist of-

- (a) contributions and interest paid into the Fund in accordance with the relevant provisions of these Regulations;
- (b) income derived from the investment of any monies of the Fund; and
- (c) any other sums or assets to which the Fund may become entitled.

10. Financial structure of Fund and Fund investments

- (1) (a) The Board of Trustees must establish the following accounts:
 - (i) a pension memorandum account;
 - (ii) a risk reserve account;
 - (iii) a solvency reserve account;

- (iv) a contribution stabilisation reserve account;
 - (v) a data reserve account;
 - (vi) an investment reserve account;
 - (vii) an employer surplus account;
 - (viii) a member surplus account;
 - (ix) a living annuity account; and
 - (x) a preserved member account.
- (b) All transfers-
 - (i) between;
 - (ii) into; and
 - (iii) from,

the accounts contemplated in paragraph (a) must take place in accordance with these Regulations.
- (2) (a) The pension memorandum account-
 - (i) provides for monthly pension payments to-
 - (aa) pensioners when they retire from the Fund; and
 - (bb) beneficiaries of members and pensioners,in accordance with these Regulations;
 - (ii) comprises an account in respect of all pensions to pensioners and to beneficiaries in accordance with these Regulations;
 - (iii) must be credited with the following amounts-
 - (aa) an opening balance determined on the date of commencement of these Regulations, of an amount determined by the Actuary and approved by the Board of Trustees, equivalent to the current capital value of the Fund's future liability in respect of pensions payable immediately and in future, and which may become payable on their deaths to their beneficiaries in accordance with the Regulations;
 - (bb) amounts transferred to this account in respect of members retiring from the service of the municipality in accordance with items 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of Schedule 3, including amounts transferred in respect of a deferred retiree in terms of item 2 (c) of Schedule 5;
 - (cc) on the death of a member or pensioner, amounts transferred in respect of eligible spouses and eligible children or dependant parents who become entitled to benefits in accordance with item 6 of Schedule 3 on the death of such member or pensioner;
 - (dd) surcharges paid by the associated municipalities in accordance with item 14(7) of Schedule 3; and
 - (ee) transfers from any other accounts of the Fund in accordance with regulation 15(4);
 - (iv) must be debited with-
 - (aa) the amount of any pensions paid by the Fund to pensioners and beneficiaries;

- (bb) the cash value of any outstanding pension instalments commuted in accordance with these Regulations; and
 - (cc) transfers to any of the other accounts contemplated in sub-regulation (1) in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4); and
 - (v) must be increased or decreased, as the case may be, by the fund return on the assets of this account.
 - (b) The balance maintained in the pension memorandum account must be calculated from time to time, but at least at each valuation of the Fund in accordance with regulation 15.
 - (c) In the event that the pension memorandum account is dissolved, any positive balance must be dealt with in accordance with section 15C of the Pension Funds Act.
- (3) (a) The risk reserve account-
- (i) provides for protection against fluctuations in mortality and morbidity experience and enables the Fund to continue to provide the risk benefits provided for in these Regulations;
 - (ii) must be credited with-
 - (aa) an amount determined by the Board of Trustees, on the advice of the Actuary, required from time to time to protect the Fund against potential financial loss arising from adverse mortality and morbidity experience; and
 - (bb) transfers from any of the other accounts in accordance with regulation 15(4);
 - (iii) must be debited with-
 - (aa) such amounts as may be required from time to time to enable the Fund to pay all or part of the benefits provided for in items 2 and 6 of Schedule 3 to a member or beneficiaries of a member; and
 - (bb) transfers to any of the other accounts referred to in sub-regulation (1) in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4); and
 - (iv) must be increased or decreased, as the case may be, by the fund return on the assets within this account.
- (b) The balance maintained in the risk reserve account must be calculated from time to time by the Actuary, but at least at each valuation of the Fund in accordance with regulation 15.
- (c) In the event that the risk reserve account is dissolved, any positive balance must be dealt with in accordance with section 15C of the Pension Funds Act.
- (4) (a) The solvency reserve account-
- (i) provides for the stabilisation of the funding level to a level considered prudent by the Actuary; and
 - (ii) must be-
 - (aa) credited with an amount as determined by the Actuary, having regard to the provisions of sub-paragraph (i), that represents the difference between the value of the accrued liabilities determined on the Actuary's best estimate assumptions and an amount determined on a solvency basis;
 - (bb) credited or debited, as the case may be, with such amounts as may be recommended by the Actuary from time to time and agreed to by the Board of Trustees, including transfers to or from any of the other accounts referred to in sub-regulation (1) in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4); and

- (cc) debited with such amounts as may be recommended by the Actuary from time to time and agreed to by the Board of Trustees.
 - (b) The balance maintained in the solvency reserve account must be-
 - (i) calculated from time to time by the Actuary, but at least at each valuation of the Fund in accordance with regulation 15; and
 - (ii) limited to what is affordable, having regard to the financial position of the Fund.
 - (c) In the event that the solvency reserve account is dissolved, any positive balance must be dealt with in accordance with section 15C of the Pension Funds Act.
 - (5) (a) The contribution stabilisation reserve account-
 - (i) provides for the stabilisation of the future contribution rate in order to meet any shortfall in the amount required to provide the benefits as contemplated with these Regulations to members;
 - (ii) must be credited with-
 - (aa) an opening balance as at the surplus apportionment date of an amount equal to the present value of future service benefits less the present value of future contributions, as advised by the Actuary;
 - (bb) after the surplus apportionment date, such amount transferred from the employer surplus account as determined by the Board of Trustees on the advice of the Actuary; and
 - (cc) transfers from any of the other accounts referred to in sub-regulation (1), in accordance the provisions of regulation 15(4);
 - (iii) must be debited with-
 - (aa) in respect of the provisions of Schedule 3, such amount as is required to stabilise the future contribution rate required to provide the benefits as contemplated in these Regulations to members, as may be recommended by the Board of Trustees on the advice of the Actuary from time to time; and
 - (bb) transfers to any of the other accounts referred to in sub-regulation (1), in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4); and
 - (iv) must be increased or decreased, as the case may be, by the fund return on the assets within this account.
 - (b) The balance maintained in the contribution stabilisation reserve account must be-
 - (i) calculated from time to time by the Actuary, but at least at each valuation of the Fund in accordance with regulation 15; and
 - (ii) limited to what is affordable, having regard to the financial position of the Fund.
 - (c) In the event that the contribution stabilisation reserve account is dissolved, any positive balance must be dealt with in accordance with section 15C of the Pension Funds Act.
- (6) (a) The data reserve account-
 - (i) aims at minimising the risk of the Fund's financial soundness being jeopardised due to errors arising as a result of insufficient data or administrative errors;
 - (ii) must be credited-
 - (aa) with an opening balance of such amount as decided by the Board of Trustees on the advice of the Actuary, having regard to the provisions of sub-paragraph (i);

- (bb) from time to time, with any amount which may arise as a result of a data or administrative error; and
 - (cc) with the transfer of amounts from another reserve account contemplated in sub-regulation (1), in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4);
 - (iii) must be debited with-
 - (aa) such amounts as may be determined by the Actuary and approved by the Board of Trustees, to be transferred to another reserve account contemplated in sub-regulation (1), to be applied to improve benefits of current members, or to be paid to former members in order to correct losses which arise as a result of data or data-related administrative errors; and
 - (bb) transfers to any of the other accounts referred to in sub-regulation (1), in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4); and
 - (iv) must be increased or decreased, as the case may be, by the fund return on the assets within this account.
 - (b) The balance maintained in the data reserve account must be-
 - (i) calculated from time to time by the Actuary, but at least at each valuation of the Fund in accordance with regulation 15; and
 - (ii) limited to what is affordable, having regard to the financial position of the Fund.
 - (c) In the event that the data reserve account is dissolved, any positive balance must be dealt with in accordance with section 15C of the Pension Funds Act.
- (7) (a) The investment reserve account-
- (i) aims to absorb fluctuations in the market value of the Fund's investment;
 - (ii) must be credited with-
 - (aa) such amounts as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees, on advice of the Actuary, as equivalent to the difference between the market value of the assets of the Fund and the value placed on the assets by the Actuary; and
 - (bb) transfers from any of the other accounts referred to in sub-regulation (1) in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4);
 - (iii) must be debited with transfers to any of the other accounts referred to in sub-regulation (1) in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4); and
 - (iv) must be increased or decreased, as the case may be, by the fund return on the assets within this account allowing for a smoothing approach.
- (b) The balance maintained in the investment reserve account must be calculated from time to time by the Actuary, but at least at each valuation of the Fund in accordance with regulation 15.
- (c) In the event that the investment reserve account is dissolved, any positive balance must be dealt with in accordance with section 15C (1) of the Pension Funds Act.
- (8) The employer surplus account must be-
- (a) credited with-
 - (i) any amounts allocated in accordance with section 15B or 15C (1) of the Pension Funds Act; and

- (ii) transfers from any of the other accounts contemplated in sub-regulation (1) in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4);
 - (b) debited with-
 - (i) amounts used for any of the purposes set out in section 15E of the Pension Funds Act; and
 - (ii) transfers to any of the other accounts of the Fund contemplated in sub-regulation (1) in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4); and
 - (c) increased or decreased, as the case may be, by the fund return on the assets within this account.
- (9) The member surplus account must be-
 - (a) credited with-
 - (i) any amounts allocated in accordance with section 15B or 15C (1) of the Pension Funds Act; and
 - (ii) transfers from any of the other accounts contemplated in sub-regulation (1) in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4);
 - (b) debited with-
 - (i) amounts used for any of the purposes set out in section 15D of the Pension Funds Act; and
 - (ii) transfers to any of the other accounts contemplated in sub-regulation (1) in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4); and
 - (c) increased or decreased, as the case may be, by the fund return on the assets within this account.
- (10) The living annuity account must be-
 - (a) credited with-
 - (i) amounts required to be transferred to this account in terms of the provisions of item 4(a) of Schedule 5;
 - (ii) transfers from the preserved member account in terms of regulation 10(11) (b)(i)(aa); and
 - (iii) transfers from any of the other accounts contemplated in sub-regulation (1) in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4);
 - (b) debited with-
 - (i) payment of instalments of a living annuity in accordance with the provisions of the living annuity policy as contemplated item 4(b) of Schedule 5;
 - (ii) if applicable, any lump sum payments in terms of item 4(b)(ii), item 5(1), item 5(2)(b) or item 5(4)(c) of Schedule 5;
 - (iii) any amounts transferred to a registered insurer in terms of item 4(b)(iv) or item 5(2) (a) of Schedule 5;
 - (iv) deductions from the living annuity account in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations;
 - (v) such reasonable expenses as the Board of Trustees may determine; and
 - (c) increased or decreased by the Fund return on the assets in this account: Provided that the Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, apply a smoothing approach.

- (11) The preserved member account must be-
- (a) credited with-
 - (i) amounts required to be transferred to this account in terms of the provisions of item 2(b) of Schedule 6;
 - (ii) transfer values from any other approved pension fund or approved provident fund in terms of regulation 35(5)(a), received after the member became a preserved member; and
 - (iii) transfers from any of the other accounts contemplated in sub-regulation (1) in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15(4);
 - (b) debited with-
 - (i) on the preserved member reaching pension age-
 - (aa) amounts transferred to the living annuity account in terms of item 4(a) of Schedule 5; or
 - (bb) amounts transferred to a registered insurer in terms of item 3(a) of Schedule 5;
 - (ii) amounts payable on the death of a preserved member in terms of item 3(b) of Schedule 6;
 - (iii) amounts paid as a lump sum or transferred to another approved Provident Fund or approved Pension Fund in terms of item 3(c) of Schedule 6;
 - (iv) deductions from the preserved member account in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations; and
 - (v) such reasonable expenses as the Board of Trustees may determine; and
 - (c) increased or decreased by the Fund Return on the assets in this account: Provided that the Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, apply a smoothing approach.

11. Expenses of management of Fund

- (1) The Fund is responsible for all expenses in connection with, or incidental to, its management and administration.
- (2) Expenses for purposes of this Regulation include, but are not limited to, expenses relating to audits and actuarial investigations as contemplated in-
 - (a) the Pension Funds Act;
 - (b) the Inspection of Financial Institutions Act;
 - (c) the Act; and
 - (d) these Regulations.

12. Auditor

- (1) The Board of Trustees must appoint an Auditor in accordance with section 9 of the Pension Funds Act.
- (2) The powers, functions and duties of the Auditor are as prescribed in the Pension Funds Act, other national legislation and these Regulations.

13. Annual audit

- (1) The Board of Trustees must cause-
 - (a) the books and accounts of the Fund to be balanced as at 31 March of each year; and
 - (b) financial statements for the Fund to be prepared for audit by no later than 31 July of each year.
- (2) The audit of the financial statements contemplated in sub-regulation (1) (b) must be performed by-
 - (a) the Auditor appointed in accordance with regulation 12; and
 - (b) any other person, subject to the provisions of the Auditing Profession Act, 2005 ([Act No. 26 of 2005](#)), whom the responsible Member of the Executive Council may, in accordance with section 7(1)(a) of the Act, from time to time, appoint to perform an audit under the control of the Auditor-General, in addition to the audit performed by the Auditor contemplated in paragraph (a).
- (3) The Auditor must-
 - (a) by 30 September of each year, and at any other date when instructed by the Board of Trustees, audit the financial statements contemplated in sub-regulation (1)(b) and certify that-
 - (i) the financial statements of the Fund are in order;
 - (ii) the financial statements present a true and correct view of the financial position of the Fund and of its transactions;
 - (iii) all items of revenue and expenditure, as well as all known liabilities and assets have been taken into account; and
 - (iv) all his or her requirements and recommendations, as Auditor, have been complied with and carried out;
 - (b) by 30 September of each year, submit the audited financial statements in compliance with section 15 of the Pension Funds Act to the Registrar and the Actuary; and
 - (c) within 30 days of certification by the Auditor, simultaneously submit-
 - (i) a copy of the financial statements and his or her audit report to the Board of Trustees and the responsible Member of the Executive Council; and
 - (ii) the following to the Auditor-General:
 - (aa) the original financial statements and his or her audit report;
 - (bb) such copies of the documents contemplated in item (aa) as may be required; and
 - (cc) any further information and comments as may be required.
- (4) The Board of Trustees must-
 - (a) consider the financial statements and audit report of the Fund contemplated in sub-regulation (3)(c)(i) within 30 days after receipt thereof; and
 - (b) take remedial steps as may be necessary and submit a signed report in this regard to the responsible Member of the Executive Council and the Auditor-General by no later than 30 November of each year, for their comment and any action they may deem necessary, on-
 - (i) its view of the financial statements and audit report contemplated in paragraph (a); and

- (ii) the remedial steps.
- (5) The Auditor-General must annually prepare and submit a signed report to the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature on his or her views on the-
 - (a) financial statements;
 - (b) audit report;
 - (c) report on the views of the Board of Trustees; and
 - (d) report on the remedial steps taken by the Board of Trustees,as contemplated in this Regulation.

14. Actuary

- (1) The Board of Trustees must appoint an Actuary in accordance with section 9A of the Pension Funds Act.
- (2) The powers, functions and duties of the Actuary are as prescribed in the Pension Funds Act, other national legislation and these Regulations.

15. Actuarial valuation of Fund

- (1) The Actuary, in addition to the three yearly valuation report as required by section 16 of the Act, must annually-
 - (a) value the Fund to determine whether the Fund is capable of meeting the benefits and other commitments provided for in these Regulations as at the expiration of the financial year concerned; and
 - (b) submit a signed interim report on the valuation within 12 months from the end of that financial year to the-
 - (i) Board of Trustees; and
 - (ii) responsible Member of the Executive Council:

Provided that an actuarial valuation may be performed by any other person, subject to the provisions of section 9A of the Pension Funds Act, whom the responsible Member of the Executive Council may, in accordance with section 7(1)(a) of the Act, from time to time, appoint to perform an actuarial valuation.

- (2)
 - (a) In the event that the Actuary certifies that a deficit exists, the Actuary must prepare a deficit scheme in accordance with the provisions of the Pension Funds Act, and submit the scheme, for approval, to the-
 - (i) Board of Trustees; and
 - (ii) the Registrar.
 - (b) Every associated municipality must comply with the provisions of the deficit scheme contemplated in paragraph (a) and make such contributions as are necessary to ensure that the Fund is capable of meeting the benefits and other commitments provided for in these Regulations.
 - (3) In the event that the Actuary certifies that an actuarial surplus exists, any actuarial surplus must be applied by the Board of Trustees as it may determine in accordance with section 15C(2) of the Pension Funds Act.

- (4) The Board of Trustees, at its discretion and on the advice of the Actuary, may, from time to time, make transfers between the accounts of the Fund maintained in accordance with regulation 10, having regard to the-
 - (a) purpose of each account as set out in regulation 10; and
 - (b) amount standing to the credit of each account at any particular time.
- (5) The Actuary must, in addition to the actuarial valuation contemplated in this Regulation, also perform investigations into, and submit reports to the Registrar in respect of, the financial condition of the Fund in compliance with sections 16 of the Pension Funds Act.

16. Voluntary dissolution of Fund

- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations and subject to the provisions of section 28(1) of the Pension Funds Act, the Board of Trustees may resolve to dissolve the Fund if-
 - (a) at least 75% of the members of the Board of Trustees present and voting at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees called for this purpose, vote in favour of such dissolution; and
 - (b) written approval of the responsible Member of the Executive Committee has been obtained, in which case the provisions of regulation 41 apply with the necessary changes.
- (2) The appointment of a Liquidator is subject to the approval of the Registrar.
- (3) The Liquidator contemplated in sub-regulation (2) has all the rights, powers and duties conferred or imposed upon him or her by sections 28 and 28A of the Pension Funds Act.
- (4) The Registrar has all the powers and duties in respect of voluntary dissolution conferred or imposed upon him or her by sections 28 and 28A of the Pension Funds Act.

17. Winding-up by court

The Registrar and the court to which an application for an order for the winding-up of the whole or any part of the business of the Fund is submitted, have all the powers and duties conferred or imposed upon them by section 29 of the Pension Funds Act.

18. Special conditions relating to liquidation of Fund

The provisions of section 30 of the Pension Funds Act apply in the event that the Fund is liquidated on account of the-

- (a) voluntary dissolution as contemplated in regulation 16; or
- (b) winding-up as contemplated in regulation 17.

19. Registrar's powers of inspection, investigation, intervention in management of Fund and cancellation or suspension of registration

The Registrar has all the powers and duties of-

- (a) inspection and investigation into the Fund conferred or imposed upon him or her by-
 - (i) section 25 of the Pension Funds Act; and
 - (ii) the Inspection of Financial Institutions Act;
- (b) intervention in the management of the Fund conferred or imposed upon him or her by section 26 of the Pension Funds Act; and

- (c) cancellation or suspension of registration of the Fund conferred or imposed upon him or her by section 27 of the Pension Funds Act.

Chapter 3

Governance and management structures

20. Establishment of Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees, in which the management and direction of the Fund is vested, must be elected in accordance with items 4 to 7 of Schedule 1.

21. Composition of Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees must-

- (a) be composed in compliance with the provisions of Part 2 of Schedule 1; and
- (b) execute all the powers, perform all the functions and carry out all the duties provided for in-
 - (i) the relevant provisions of the Pension Funds Act; and
 - (ii) these Regulations.

22. Continuation of Board of Trustees

For purposes of these Regulations, and in accordance with section 8(1) of the Act, the Board of Trustees-

- (a) established as the committee of management in accordance with the laws repealed in the Schedule of the Act as they existed immediately prior to the commencement of these Regulations, continues as the Board of Trustees; and
- (b) executes all the powers, performs all the functions and carries out all the duties as contemplated in-
 - (i) these Regulations; and
 - (ii) sections 7C and 7D of the Pension Funds Act.

23. Powers, functions and duties of Board of Trustees

- (1) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, the Board of Trustees has the power to-
 - (a) decide whether any person is qualified to be a member of the Fund;
 - (b) determine the method whereby the annual pensionable emoluments of hourly paid, daily paid and other workers are calculated and to give such directions in connection therewith as it may deem fit;
 - (c) settle all questions in respect of contributions not otherwise dealt with in these Regulations;
 - (d) decide upon the periods of service in respect of which contributions may be made, or which may be included for pension purposes;
 - (e) adjust and decide upon all claims made against the Fund;
 - (f) authorise the payment of claims made against the Fund;
 - (g) authorise the payment of all pensions;
 - (h) open a bank account in the name of the Fund and manage such account in the appropriate manner;
 - (i) obtain bank overdraft facilities;

- (j) institute and defend legal proceedings of any kind in any court of law;
 - (k) perform any act relating to any registration in any deeds office;
 - (l) acquire any property mortgaged to the Fund and to lease, maintain, control, sell, dispose of or otherwise turn to account the said property;
 - (m) prescribe the terms and conditions of service of employees of the Fund;
 - (n) appoint the Principal Officer and other officials of the Fund;
 - (o) engage professional or other assistance for the Fund;
 - (p) acquire and maintain premises for its own use and to let any part of such premises not in use;
 - (q) accept any property on behalf of the Fund by way of a donation or bequest;
 - (r) incur in its discretion reasonable entertainment expenses in respect of the Fund;
 - (s) join any association of municipal or other funds whose objects are the improvement and promotion of matters of common or mutual interest to such funds and their members;
 - (t) furnish guarantees or grant loans pursuant to such guarantees, in accordance with the provisions of [section 19\(5\)](#), read with section 37D, of the Pension Funds Act, to any bank or financial institution registered as such in accordance with the Banks Act or the Mutual Banks Act, 1993 ([Act No. 124 of 1993](#)) upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may deem fit, including the renunciation of the benefits of excussion and division; and
 - (u) do all such things as are, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, incidental or conducive to the proper management, administration and promotion of the Fund and to the attainment of the objects of these Regulations.
- (2) The Board of Trustees may propose amendments to these Regulations and the Schedules thereto to the responsible Member of the Executive Council in respect of the following matters:
- (a) the management, administration and transaction of any business of the Fund;
 - (b) the-
 - (i) objects and establishment;
 - (ii) number of members;
 - (iii) manner of appointment of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson;
 - (iv) mode and time of appointing and electing members;
 - (v) quorum necessary for the transaction of business at a meeting; and
 - (vi) manner of appointment of a sub-committee, of the Board of Trustees and any of its sub-committees, as the case may be; and
 - (c) any other matter which it considers necessary or expedient in order that the purposes of these Regulations may be achieved.
- (3) The proposed amendments contemplated in sub-regulation (2) must be-
- (a) drafted in a manner that complies with the minimum requirements for certification applicable to the Province of KwaZulu-Natal; and
 - (b) consistent with the provisions of these Regulations and are subject to-
 - (i) the provisions of the Pension Funds Act;

- (ii) any regulations, rules, practice notes and similar instruments issued in terms of the Pension Funds Act;
- (iii) a report from the Actuary on any proposed amendment that may affect the financial position of the Fund;
- (iv) the approval by the responsible Member of the Executive Council; and
- (v) after compliance with the requirements set out in sub-paragraphs (i) to (iv) of this sub-regulation, the publication in the *Provincial Gazette* of the amendments by the responsible Member of the Executive Council.

24. Disputes regarding Board of Trustees

Any dispute which may arise in respect of a claim or an interpretation under these Regulations, must be decided by the Board of Trustees: Provided that if any party to such dispute is dissatisfied with the decision, the Board of Trustees must, at the request of such party, refer the dispute to the adjudicator as contemplated in section 30C of the Pension Funds Act for decision, who may make a decision with retrospective effect.

25. Powers of investment of Board of Trustees

- (1) The provisions of section 19 of the Pension Funds Act and any Regulation made in terms of section 36 of the Pension Funds Act apply to this Regulation, and in the event of an irreconcilable conflict between the application of section 19 and the provisions of this Regulation, section 19 and any Regulation made in terms of section 36 of the Pension Funds Act prevail.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of section 19 of the Pension Funds Act, the Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, invest any moneys not required to meet the current charges upon the Fund in any of the following ways-
 - (a) as a deposit in a-
 - (i) savings account;
 - (ii) fixed deposit account; or
 - (iii) call account,at the Post Bank or any other bank or similar institution registered and governed in accordance with South African law;
 - (b) in Treasury Bills, National Savings Certificates or Savings Bank Certificates issued by or on behalf of the Government of the Republic of South Africa;
 - (c) in stocks, securities or funds issued or guaranteed by the Government of the Republic of South Africa;
 - (d) in stocks, bonds, debentures or shares in a public entity contemplated in section 1 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 ([Act No. 1 of 1999](#));
 - (e) on first mortgage upon immovable property in the Republic of South Africa, in which event the amount of the mortgage concerned may not exceed 75% of the value of such immovable property as assessed to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees at the date of the advance;
 - (f) in participation mortgage bonds under any registered participation mortgage bond scheme as provided for in the repealed Participation Bonds Act, 1981 ([Act No. 55 of 1981](#)) and collective investment schemes as provided for in the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act;
 - (g) in the purchase of immovable property, including the purchase of land and the erection of buildings thereon for the purpose of regulation 23(1)(p);

- (h) in debentures, preference shares, unsecured notes, ordinary shares or similar forms of investment;
 - (i) in units of any company registered in accordance with the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act; or
 - (j) in such other security or securities as provided for in the Pension Funds Act.
- (3) The Board of Trustees may delegate one or more of its powers to make investments to a-
 - (a) financial institution as defined in the Financial Institutions (Protection of Funds) Act; or
 - (b) person registered as a financial services provider in accordance with section 8 of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act,and may defray any expenses incurred as a result of such delegation from the Fund.
- (4) The Principal Officer must, every six months at the end of June and the end of December of every year submit a detailed-
 - (a) financial report; and
 - (b) report on all investments made by the Board of Trustees or its delegatee in accordance with sub-regulations (2) and (3),in respect of the preceding six months to the responsible Member of the Executive Council.

26. Officials of Fund

- (1) The Board of Trustees must appoint-
 - (a) a Principal Officer in accordance with section 8 of the Pension Funds Act;
 - (b) an Auditor in accordance with section 9 of the Pension Funds Act;
 - (c) an Actuary who, for purposes of these Regulations, has all the rights, powers, functions and duties vested in and allocated to a Valuator contemplated in section 9A of the Pension Funds Act; and
 - (d) any other officials as may be required for the effective administration of the Fund.
- (2) The Board of Trustees must determine remuneration and other conditions of service of the officials contemplated in sub-regulation (1).
- (3) The Fund must provide the necessary financial resources for the-
 - (a) remuneration and other conditions of service contemplated in sub-regulation (2); and
 - (b) provision of infrastructure and other forms of support required for the effective performance of their functions and the carrying out of their duties to all officials of the Fund appointed in accordance with sub-regulation (1).

27. Compliance with financial management and corporate governance framework

The Board of Trustees and the officials of the Fund must comply with-

- (a) the financial management and corporate governance provisions of the Pension Funds Act;
- (b) all other relevant national financial management and reporting legislation;
- (c) all generally accepted auditing, bookkeeping and financial reporting practices; and
- (d) the principles and practices of corporate governance as contained in the King Code of Governance Principles, relevant to the governance, management and day to day operations of the Fund.

28. Indemnity

The Board of Trustees and all officials of the Fund must be indemnified by the Fund against all proceedings, costs and expenses incurred by reason of any legal process instituted against or by the Fund: Provided that such legal process does not arise from their negligence, dishonesty, financial mismanagement or fraud.

29. Arrangements regarding Board of Trustees and administrative matters

Every structure established as contemplated in these Regulations must comply with the framework for arrangements relating to the Board of Trustees and administrative matters as contemplated in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

Chapter 4

Membership of, and contributions to, Fund

30. Membership of Fund

- (1) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, a person who was a member of the Fund immediately prior to the date of commencement, continues to be a member of the Fund.
- (2) Every employee of a municipality which becomes associated with the Fund after the date of commencement of these Regulations, becomes a member of the Fund with effect from the date of association of such municipality as contemplated in sub-regulation (3).
- (3)
 - (a) A municipality which, after the date of commencement of these Regulations, becomes associated with the Fund in accordance with regulation 7, must provide in the scheme prepared in accordance with the provisions of regulation 8 that the continuous service of its individual employees is, for purposes of these Regulations, deemed to have commenced on-
 - (i) the date of association; or
 - (ii) a date prior to association as may be agreed upon by the Board of Trustees and the municipality concerned: Provided that such date may not be earlier than the date upon which the individual employee became an employee of the municipality.
 - (b) In the event that a municipality becomes associated with the Fund as contemplated in paragraph (a)(ii), the-
 - (i) Actuary appointed by the Board of Trustees in accordance with regulation 14 must calculate the financial cost of providing for the continuous service of each individual employee prior to the date of association;
 - (ii) municipality may require an employee to contribute an amount not exceeding 50% of such cost towards his or her financial cost contemplated in sub-paragraph (i), in which event such employee must pay his or her contribution to the Fund-
 - (aa) in one lump sum; or
 - (bb) together with interest, calculated at the rate as recommended by the Actuary from time to time, from the date of association, by means of such instalments as may be determined by the Board of Trustees; and
 - (iii) municipality concerned must pay its share of the financial cost contemplated in sub-paragraph (i) to the Fund-
 - (aa) in one lump sum at the date of association; or

- (bb) together with interest, calculated at the rate as recommended by the Actuary from time to time, from the date of association, by means of equal instalments of the principal amount and interest over a period not exceeding 20 years.
- (c) In the event that payment of arrear contributions is made by means of instalments as contemplated in item 2(4)(c) of Schedule 2 and the member dies or ceases to contribute to the Fund before he or she has completed such arrear payments, any benefit from the Fund to which he or she or his or her dependants or estate are entitled must be calculated as if he or she had completed payment of his or her arrear contributions: Provided that the balance of arrear contributions outstanding, including interest, must be deducted, in the case where-
 - (i) a lump sum is payable, from such lump sum;
 - (ii) a pension is payable, from such pension payments; and
 - (iii) benefits are payable to dependants or the estate of a deceased member, from such benefits.
- (4) An employee of a municipality, which becomes associated with the Fund on or after the date of commencement of these Regulations, must, within one month after such date, elect, in writing, to become a member with effect from the date of association of the-
 - (a) Fund;
 - (b) Superannuation Fund; or
 - (c) Provident Fund:

Provided that such an employee may elect, in writing, within a period of six months of the date of association, to substitute such original election retrospectively to the date of association.
- (5) A person who becomes an employee of an associated municipality on or after the date of commencement of these Regulations must, within one month after the date of becoming an employee, subject to his or her conditions of employment, elect in writing to become a member of the-
 - (a) Fund;
 - (b) Superannuation Fund; or
 - (c) Provident Fund:

Provided that such an employee may-

 - (i) not, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in his or her conditions of service, elect not to become a member of one of the Funds contemplated in paragraphs (a) to (c); and
 - (ii) elect, in writing, within a period of six months of the date of becoming an employee, to substitute such original election retrospectively to the date of becoming a member, in which event such later election is regarded as the employee's first election.
- (6) An employee referred to in sub-regulation (4) or (5) must produce to the Board of Trustees at the date of commencement of his or her contributions to the Fund-
 - (a) evidence of age satisfactory to the Board of Trustees: Provided that failing such production, the age of the member is deemed to be as determined by the Board of Trustees; and
 - (b) at the equal cost of the Fund and of the associated municipality such evidence of health as the Board of Trustees may require, and upon its being satisfied that he or she is-
 - (i) in a good state of health, he or she is eligible for the benefits granted under these Regulations; or

- (ii) not in a good state of health, it must notify him or her in writing that his or her membership is subject to the restrictions, which may be withdrawn at a later date if deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees in its sole discretion, that if he or she-
 - (aa) dies in the service of an associated municipality with less than 10 years' continuous service from an illness which, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, is or is the result of the illness or condition that caused it to find that he or she was not in a good state of health, no pension or lump sum is payable in accordance with items 6(2), 6(3), 6(9)(b) and 11 of Schedule 3 and instead there must be granted a lump sum equal to the benefit specified in item 6(5) of Schedule 3; and
 - (bb) leaves the service of an associated municipality after less than 10 years' continuous service while the restriction referred to in sub-paragraph (aa) is still in force, he or she is not entitled to transfer his or her pension rights to any other fund, unless with the consent of that fund, and if this transfer is not effected, he or she is entitled to a benefit in accordance with item 4 of Schedule 3.
- (7) An employee who fails to produce such evidence of health as is required in accordance with sub-item (6) is deemed to be not in a good state of health for the purpose of that sub-item unless the Board of Trustees decides otherwise.
- (8) Subject to the provisions of regulation 31(1)(a), a member may not withdraw from membership of the Fund-
 - (a) while he or she remains an employee of an associated municipality; or
 - (b) in the event that he or she leaves the employ of one associated municipality and joins another associated municipality.
- (9) A person who is a member of the-
 - (a) Superannuation Fund; or
 - (b) Provident Fund,may elect, in writing, to become a member of the Fund in accordance with the Regulations of both funds.
- (10) If a person becomes a member on transfer from the Superannuation Fund or the Provident Fund in accordance with sub-regulation (9), the following conditions apply:
 - (a) for all purposes, except those referred to in paragraphs (c), (e) and (f), a period in respect of his or her membership of the Superannuation Fund or the Provident Fund, as the case may be, as determined by the Board of Trustees, acting on advice of the Actuary-
 - (i) must be included in continuous service in the Fund; and
 - (ii) any additional service purchased may not be included for purposes of determining the period of bonus service in item 9 of Schedule 3;
 - (b) his or her contributions to the Superannuation Fund or the Provident Fund, as the case may be, must be included in his or her contributions to the Fund;
 - (c) for the purpose of calculating his or her final average emoluments, his or her pensionable emoluments and continuous service in the Superannuation Fund or the Provident Fund, as the case may be, must be included in his or her pensionable emoluments and continuous service in the Fund;
 - (d) any restriction on his or her membership of the Superannuation Fund in accordance with the Regulations for the Superannuation Fund or the Provident Fund in accordance with the

Regulations for the Provident Fund, as the case may be, corresponding to sub-regulations (6) and (7) apply, with the necessary changes, to his or her membership of the Fund;

- (e) for the purpose of the qualifying period of continuous service in sub-regulation (6)(b)(ii), regulation 40(c), and items 1(2), 1(3), 1(4), 2(1), 2(3)(b), 3(1), 3(3), 4(4), 5(3), and 6(4) of Schedule 3, his or her continuous service in the Superannuation Fund or the Provident Fund, as the case may be, must be included in his or her continuous service in the Fund; and
 - (f) for the purpose of items 4(1), 5(2) and 5(6) of Schedule 3, his or her continuous service in the Superannuation Fund or the Provident Fund, as the case may be, must be included in his or her continuous service in the Fund.
- (11) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, membership of the Fund terminates with immediate effect when a member ceases to be an employee of an associated municipality.
- (12) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations, a member may, in addition to his or her compulsory membership of the Funds contemplated in sub-regulations (5)(a) to (c), also be a member of another provident or pension fund: Provided that any such additional membership of any other provident or pension fund does not have any impact on the rights, duties and obligations of such a member in respect of the Fund as contemplated in these Regulations.

31. Transfer of membership

- (1) (a) A member of the Fund may elect to-
- (i) terminate his or her membership of the Fund; and
 - (ii) become a member of the Provident Fund or the Superannuation Fund.
- (b) An election contemplated in paragraph (a) is referred to as a transfer election.
- (2) A member who-
- (a) is a member contemplated in regulation 30(1); and
 - (b) exercises his or her first transfer election,
- must give written notice to the Fund: Provided that the operative date of such transfer is the commencement of the municipal year in the following calendar year.
- (3) For any transfer election other than an election contemplated in sub-regulation (2), the member must give 12 months' written notice to the Fund: Provided that the operative date of such transfer is at least five years after the date of his or her last becoming a member of the Fund.
- (4) If a member elects to become a member of the Provident Fund or the Superannuation Fund in accordance with sub-regulation (1), an amount equal to his or her interest in the Fund at the date of transfer of membership, as determined by the Board of Trustees acting on advice of the Actuary, must be transferred to the Provident Fund or the Superannuation Fund, as the case may be.

32. Arrangements regarding membership, contributions and evidence

Every structure established as contemplated in these Regulations must comply with the framework for arrangements relating to membership, contributions and evidence contemplated in Schedule 2 of these Regulations.

Chapter 5

Benefits, pensions and lump sums

33. Calculation and payment of benefits, pensions and lump sums

- (1) The Fund must, in accordance with the provisions of section 14B of the Pension Funds Act and the provisions of this Chapter-
 - (a) on an annual basis calculate the value of all benefits, pensions and lump sums within the period determined by the Registrar; and
 - (b) provide information in writing in respect of the value as contemplated in paragraph (a) in the form of a benefit statement to every member within 30 days after the date contemplated in paragraph (a).
- (2) The Fund must pay to every member his or her due and payable benefits, pensions and lump sums in accordance with this Chapter.

34. Arrangement of benefits, pensions and lump sums and related matters

Every structure established as contemplated in these Regulations must comply with the framework for arrangement of benefits, pensions and lumps sums and related matters contemplated in Schedule 3 of these Regulations.

Chapter 6

Transfers

35. Transfer from another fund to Fund

- (1) When a person who for any reason except a reason contemplated in section 14, 28 or 29 of the Pension Funds Act has ceased to be a member of another pension or provident fund, is-
 - (a) in accordance with these Regulations admitted as a member of the Fund; and
 - (b) allowed to transfer to the Fund any benefit or any right to any benefit to which such person had become entitled in accordance with the regulations or rules, as the case may be, of such other pension or provident fund,

the other pension or provident fund must, within 60 days of the date of such person's written request, or such longer period as may be determined by the Registrar on written application, transfer that benefit or right to the Fund in full.
- (2) The transfer is subject to-
 - (a) deductions in accordance with section 37D of the Pension Funds Act; and
 - (b) the rules of the other pension or provident fund contemplated in sub-regulation (1).
- (3) The transfer value so received must be applied to purchase additional service for the member on such conditions as may be determined by the Board of Trustees on the advice of the Actuary.
- (4) Additional continuous service purchased may not be included for the purpose of determining the period of bonus service in item 9 of Schedule 3.
- (5) If a member whose benefit has been preserved in terms of the rules of another approved pension fund or an approved provident fund chooses to transfer such benefit to the Fund, the amount so transferred must be-
 - (a) credited to the preserved member's account in the case of a preserved member; or

- (b) applied to purchase additional service for the member on such conditions as may be determined by the Board of Trustees on the advice of the Actuary in the case of a member who is not a preserved member.

36. Transfer of employee from unassociated municipality to associated municipality

- (1) For purposes of this regulation-
 - (a) “associated municipality” means the associated municipality to which the employee is transferred;
 - (b) “date of re-employment” means the date on which the employee is employed by the associated municipality, which date must be within 12 months from the date on which the employee ceased to be employed by the unassociated municipality;
 - (c) “first transfer value” means the amount ascertained by an Actuary or derived from tables supplied by an Actuary in respect of the employee at the date of re-employment and payable by the pension fund to the Fund;
 - (d) “pension fund” means the pension fund or provident fund of the unassociated municipality from which the employee is transferred;
 - (e) “re-employment” means the employment of the employee by an associated municipality within 12 months of the date on which the employee ceased to be an employee of an unassociated municipality;
 - (f) “second transfer value” means the amount ascertained by an Actuary or derived from tables supplied by an Actuary in respect of the employee at the date of re-employment and payable by the associated municipality to the Fund; and
 - (g) “unassociated municipality” means the unassociated municipality from which the employee is transferred.
- (2) Subject to section 14 of the Pension Funds Act, when an employee who ceases to be employed by an unassociated municipality that has a pension fund of which he or she was a member, becomes within 12 months thereafter an employee of an associated municipality and a member of the Fund, then, the following provisions apply-
 - (a) the employee must satisfy the conditions laid down for eligibility as a member of the Fund except those relating to a maximum age and evidence of health: Provided that where the employee, when becoming a member of the pension fund, did not satisfy the Board of Trustees of such pension fund that he or she was in a good state of health, he or she is, in respect of the Fund, entitled only to those benefits as determined in regulation 30(6)(b)(ii);
 - (b) subject to the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (g)-
 - (i) on becoming a member of the Fund, and further subject to sub-paragraph (ii), the-
 - (aa) service of the employee which is recognised as pensionable by the rules of the pension fund is pensionable in the Fund; and
 - (bb) employee is entitled to any benefit or advantage to which a member of the Fund is or becomes entitled, as if such employee has been a member of the Fund during the period covered by the period of service made pensionable;
 - (ii) in the event that-
 - (aa) the rules of the pension fund provide that any part of such service must count for benefits at less than the full rate, the service to be made pensionable in the Fund is subject to the same conditions; and

- (bb) these Regulations provide for a minimum age at entry into the Fund, any service prior to the attainment of such age is disregarded;
 - (iii) the contributions paid or deemed to be paid by the employee to the pension fund is regarded as contributions paid to the Fund; and
 - (iv) as from the date of re-employment, the employee must contribute to the Fund at the rate applicable to his or her age at the commencement of the service to be made pensionable in the Fund;
 - (c) the pension fund must pay an amount equal to the first transfer value to the Fund;
 - (d) the associated municipality must pay an amount equal to the second transfer value to the Fund;
 - (e) if the first transfer value is greater than the second transfer value, the Fund must pay the balance to the employee either in one sum or by instalments approved by the Board of Trustees of the Fund: Provided that-
 - (i) if payment is made by instalments, interest must be added at the rate as recommended by the Actuary from time to time, from the date of re-employment; and
 - (ii) the amount paid, exclusive of interest, is deemed to be a contribution refunded to the employee by the Fund in computing any benefit based on his or her contributions to which he or she may become entitled;
 - (f) subject to the provisions of paragraph (g), if the first transfer value is less than the second transfer value, the employee must pay the balance to the Fund either in one sum or by instalments approved by the Board of Trustees of the Fund: Provided that-
 - (i) if payment is made by instalments, interest must be added at the rate as recommended by the Actuary from time to time, from the date of re-employment; and
 - (ii) the amount paid, exclusive of interest, is deemed to be a contribution paid by the employee to the Fund for purposes of computing any benefit to which he or she may become entitled; and
 - (g) if the first transfer value is less than the second transfer value, the-
 - (i) employee has the right to reduce in the Fund his or her service recognised as pensionable in the pension fund; and
 - (ii) balance of the transfer value payable by him or her is proportionally reduced or extinguished, as the case may be.
- (3) In the event that sub-regulation (2) applies and a benefit has been paid by the pension fund to the employee in circumstances similar to those in item 2(3)(b), 3(3)(b), 4 or 5(6) of Schedule 3, the employee must pay to the Fund in one sum or by instalments, as the Fund's Board of Trustees may determine, the amount of such benefit, together with interest thereon at a rate decided by the Board of Trustees, compounded annually, from the date on which he or she received such benefit up to the date or dates of payment by the employee to the Fund: Provided that-
- (a) the transfer value payable by the pension fund to the Fund must be reduced by the amount of such benefit, together with interest at the rate as recommended by the Actuary from time to time, from the date the benefit was paid up to the date of joining the service of the associated municipality;
 - (b) if a benefit was paid by the pension fund in the form of a lump sum, the employee on re-employment may elect-
 - (i) to become a new member of the Fund, in which case sub-regulation (2) and the other provisions of this sub-regulation do not apply; or

- (ii) that sub-regulation (2) and the other provisions of this sub-regulation apply;
 - (c) the election contemplated in paragraph (b) must be made in writing, within a period of four months of the date of re-employment; and
 - (d) in the event that no election contemplated in paragraph (b) has been made within the period as contemplated in paragraph (c), paragraph (b)(i) is deemed to apply.
- (4) An employee who-
- (a) ceased to be employed by an unassociated municipality that has no pension fund; and
 - (b) is re-employed,
- may elect to have his or her prior service with the unassociated municipality calculated as pensionable service in the Fund, subject to the payment by the employee to the Fund of an amount or amounts determined by the Actuary of the Fund: Provided that the Actuary must determine the length of the pensionable service in the Fund proportionate to the amount or amounts so paid.

37. Temporary transfer between associated municipalities

- (1)
 - (a) An employee who is temporarily transferred between associated municipalities for a period not exceeding one year, continues to make contributions to the Fund.
 - (b) The associated municipality from which the employee contemplated in paragraph (a) is temporarily transferred continues to make contributions to the Fund.
- (2) The contributions contemplated in sub-regulation (1) are calculated upon the pensionable emoluments drawn by the employee immediately prior to the date of his or her temporary transfer.

38. Secondment from one to another associated municipality

- (1) In the event of a secondment of an employee for a period not exceeding two years to the service of another associated municipality, the-
 - (a) employee concerned continues, while so seconded, to make contributions to the Fund; and
 - (b) contributions payable by the associated municipality from which he or she is seconded is paid by the associated municipality to which he or she is seconded to the Fund.
- (2) The contributions contemplated in sub-regulation (1) are calculated upon the pensionable emoluments drawn by the employee immediately prior to the date of his or her secondment.

39. Transfer of service provided by person, body or other entity to associated municipality

In the event that a service or part thereof provided by a person, body or entity is transferred to an associated municipality, each member employed in that service-

- (a) if he or she was, immediately prior to such transfer, a member of a-
 - (i) pension fund established for the benefit of the employees of that person, body or entity; or
 - (ii) provident fund established for the benefit of the employees of that person, body or entity,must, in accordance with regulation 30(4), elect to become a member of the Fund, the Superannuation Fund or the Provident Fund on transfer: Provided that if the member elects to become a member of the-
 - (aa) Superannuation Fund, the Superannuation Fund Regulations apply; or
 - (bb) Provident Fund, the Provident Fund Regulations apply;

- (b) must, if an amount is transferred from a pension or provident fund as contemplated in sub-regulation (a) to the Fund, be credited, subject to terms and conditions approved by the Board of Trustees with a period of continuous service-
 - (i) calculated by the Actuary taking into account the circumstances of every such member; and
 - (ii) at least equal in value to the amount transferred; and
- (c) who was a member of a pension fund or a provident fund other than that contemplated in sub-regulation (a), or was not a member of any other pension fund or provident fund, must elect to become a member of the Fund, the Superannuation Fund or the Provident Fund in accordance with these Regulations: Provided that if the member elects to become a member of the-
 - (i) Superannuation Fund, the Superannuation Fund Regulations apply; or
 - (ii) Provident Fund, the Provident Fund Regulations apply.

40. Termination of municipal service

If any part of the service provided by an associated municipality is terminated, each member employed in such service whose continuous service is discontinued as a result of that termination must elect-

- (a) to be paid an amount equal to the amount calculated in accordance with regulation 31(4), which amount must be at least equal in value to twice his contributions;
- (b) to have an amount equal to the amount contemplated in paragraph (a) transferred to-
 - (i) a provident fund;
 - (ii) a retirement annuity fund;
 - (iii) a pension fund; or
 - (iv) either an approved pension preservation fund or an approved provident preservation fund, as contemplated in the Pension Funds Act, of which he or she after termination becomes a member;
- (c) if he or she has had at least 10 years' continuous service, to receive the benefits contemplated in item 4(4) of Schedule 3; or
- (d) if he or she was a member on 31 March 1993, to be regarded as retired in accordance with item 3(1) of Schedule 3.

41. Disestablishment of all associated municipalities

- (1) In the event of all associated municipalities being disestablished, the Board of Trustees must, subject and subsequent to the approval of the Registrar, appoint a Liquidator, who must, as from the date of the approval of his appointment, liquidate the Fund by dividing the moneys of the Fund among the-
 - (a) members thereof; and
 - (b) persons-
 - (i) in receipt of pensions; and
 - (ii) prospectively entitled to pensions,in a manner recommended by the Actuary and approved by the Liquidator.

- (2) During the liquidation of the Fund as contemplated in sub-regulation (1), the amount available for a person-
 - (a) in receipt of a pension must be used to purchase an annuity for him or her from a registered insurer; and
 - (b) prospectively entitled to a pension must be-
 - (i) transferred to another pension fund or a retirement annuity fund for his or her benefit; or
 - (ii) used to purchase a deferred annuity for him or her from a registered insurer.
- (3) The amount payable to a person who cannot be traced, must be disposed of in accordance with provisions of the Pension Funds Act and item 19 of Schedule 3: Provided that no payment is made to a municipality.
- (4)
 - (a) Every member who left the service of the municipality during such period immediately prior to the date of liquidation as may be determined by the liquidator, either voluntarily or due to a reduction or reorganisation of staff, is for the purposes of this Regulation regarded as being a member on the date of liquidation of the Fund.
 - (b) The benefit already paid to a member contemplated in paragraph (a) must be taken into consideration in determining the amount payable to him or her.
 - (c) In the event of the disestablished associated municipalities being re-established in a similar or amended form, the-
 - (i) newly established entities-
 - (aa) replace the disestablished associated municipalities; and
 - (bb) are, for purposes of these Regulations, deemed to be associated municipalities; and
 - (ii) Fund continues to exist as if such disestablishment had not taken place.

42. Disestablishment of an associated municipality

- (1) If an associated municipality is disestablished, then, unless-
 - (a) a newly established entity contemplated in regulation 41(4)(c); or
 - (b) another municipality,replaces such municipality, the Board of Trustees must instruct the Actuary to calculate the interest of the members employed by such disestablished municipality in the Fund, subject, with the necessary changes, to regulation 41(4), on a date as determined by the Board of Trustees.
- (2) The amount of each such member's interest must, as the Board of Trustees in its sole discretion decides, be-
 - (a) transferred to a retirement annuity fund for his or her benefit;
 - (b) transferred to another pension fund for his or her benefit; or
 - (c) paid to him or her.
- (3) With effect from the date determined by the Board of Trustees as contemplated in sub-regulation (1), the disestablished municipality contemplated in sub-regulation (1) ceases to be associated with the Fund and its members cease to be members of the Fund: Provided that the amount payable to a person who cannot be traced, must be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Pension Funds Act and item 19 of Schedule 3: Provided further that no payment is made to a municipality.

Chapter 7

General provisions

43. Incidental and other powers, functions and duties of responsible Member of Executive Council

- (1) The responsible Member of the Executive Council has the incidental powers, functions and duties reasonably necessary to implement and administer these Regulations.
- (2) In addition to the powers of the responsible Member of the Executive Council in accordance with section 7 of the Act, the responsible Member of the Executive Council may by notice in the *Provincial Gazette*-
 - (a) amend any Schedule;
 - (b) issue notices concerning-
 - (i) any matter which is required or permitted by the Act and these Regulations;
 - (ii) the introduction, implementation, and evaluation of a structure and a system of performance management for the Fund and all structures established as contemplated in these Regulations; and
 - (iii) a structure and a system for monitoring, evaluation and assessment for the Fund and all structures established as contemplated in these Regulations;
 - (c) issue any further Schedules that he or she considers necessary; and
 - (d) issue binding practice notes concerning any matter he or she deems necessary: Provided that such practice notes may not be in conflict with any practice notes issued by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority.
- (3) Any regulation, schedule, notice or practice note contemplated in this Regulation may provide that any person contravening or failing to comply with such regulation, Schedule, notice or practice note, is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine, or to imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

44. Appeals and reviews

- (1) Any member may apply for a review of, or lodge an appeal against, any act, including, but not limited to, a decision, by the Board of Trustees, the Principal Officer, the Actuary, or the Auditor.
- (2) Any appeal or review contemplated in sub-regulation (1) must be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Pension Funds Act.
- (3) Nothing in this Regulation limits the right of any member to access any competent court.

45. Administrative justice

Every associated municipality, the Board of Trustees and any structure established as contemplated in these Regulations must exercise its powers, perform its functions and carry out its duties as contemplated in the national legislation referred to in regulation 2(1), the Act and these Regulations in compliance with the constitutional and national legislative framework relating to administrative justice.

46. Promotion of access to information

Every associated municipality, the Board of Trustees and any structure established as contemplated in these Regulations must exercise its powers, perform its functions and carry out its duties as contemplated

in the national legislation referred to in regulation 2(1), the Act and these Regulations in compliance with the constitutional and national legislative framework that promotes access to information.

47. Copies to be made available

The Principal Officer must ensure that an electronic version of these Regulations is-

- (a) maintained and updated on a monthly basis; and
- (b) made available to the members, pensioners, beneficiaries and interested parties for its access and perusal, and may be downloaded free of charge.

48. Manual on functions of, and index of records held by, Fund

- (1) The Principal Officer, in his or her capacity as information officer as contemplated in section 1 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 ([Act No. 2 of 2000](#)), must on or before the first day of every financial year-
 - (a) submit the-
 - (i) updated manual contemplated in section 14 of that Act; and
 - (ii) information contemplated in section 15 of that Act, to the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development;
 - (b) submit the information contemplated in section 32 of that Act to the Human Rights Commission on an annual basis; and
 - (c) publish and make the manual available in accordance with section 14 of that Act and regulation 2 of the Regulations regarding the Promotion of Access to Information made under section 92 of that Act and published as Regulation Notice 187 of 15 February 2002, as amended from time to time.
- (2) The manual contemplated in this Regulation must-
 - (a) indicate which categories of information are-
 - (i) automatically available as contemplated in section 15(1) of that Act; or
 - (ii) available on request made to the information officer; and
 - (b) also include any additional information that the responsible Member of the Executive Council may by notice in the *Provincial Gazette* require.
- (3) The following information must be included in the manual contemplated in sub-regulation (1):
 - (a) the structure of the Fund;
 - (b) the functions of the Fund;
 - (c) the identity and contact details of the information officer of the Fund;
 - (d) a list of documents that are automatically disclosed;
 - (e) a list setting out the subjects and categories of records that may be requested, and the procedure to be followed to request such documents;
 - (f) the nature of services provided by the Fund;
 - (g) mechanisms to obtain access to services contemplated in paragraph (f);
 - (h) mechanisms to allow and promote public participation and involvement of members, pensioners, beneficiaries and other interested parties in the affairs of the Fund;

- (i) any other information as may be prescribed by-
 - (i) the responsible Member of the Executive Council in accordance with sub-regulation (2); and
 - (ii) councils of the associated municipalities;
- (j) information relating to the regularity of the updating of the manual; and
- (k) annexures including-
 - (i) the organogram of the Fund;
 - (ii) the structure of the Fund;
 - (iii) the form to be submitted when a request for information as contemplated in sub-regulation (2)(a)(ii) is made;
 - (iv) a list indicating all services that the Fund provides; and
 - (v) the form to be submitted when notice of appeal for refusal to make a document available is lodged.

49. Arrangements relating to delegation

- (1) Any delegation and sub-delegation, and any conditions or limitations imposed by the delegating authority, including an amendment or withdrawal thereof must be-
 - (a) in writing; and
 - (b) recorded in the inventory of delegations contemplated in regulation 50.
- (2) Any person or entity effecting a delegation must-
 - (a) monitor; and
 - (b) review,
its implementation.
- (3) (a) Any delegation or sub-delegation does not-
 - (i) prevent the delegating authority from exercising that power or performing that function or duty; or
 - (ii) relieve the delegating authority from being accountable for the exercise of the power or the performance of the function or duty.
 - (b) When a delegated authority exercises a power or performs a function or duty that has been delegated to it, the exercise of the power or the performance of the function or duty, as the case may be, has the same force as if it had been exercised or performed by the delegating authority.
- (4) Any activity in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function or duty performed by a delegated authority-
 - (a) has the same force as if it had been done by the delegating authority; and
 - (b) which was done within the scope of the delegation-
 - (i) remains in force; and
 - (ii) is not invalidated by reason of-
 - (aa) the delegating authority electing afterwards to exercise that power or performing the function or duty; or

- (bb) a later amendment or withdrawal of the delegation.
- (5)
 - (a) A delegating authority may amend or withdraw any delegation issued in accordance with these Regulations.
 - (b) Any act performed as contemplated in a delegation remains valid notwithstanding the subsequent withdrawal, amendment or lapse of such delegation.
- (6) The delegating authority remains responsible for the enforcement of, and monitoring of compliance with, any conditions that may have been imposed in respect of any delegation.
- (7)
 - (a) All proceedings relating to any delegation contemplated in these Regulations must be in writing.
 - (b) The record of proceedings must be available for inspection and copying by the Board of Trustees, any member, pensioner or his or her dependant, at all reasonable times.

50. Inventory of delegations

- (1) The Principal Officer must establish and maintain an inventory of all delegations, which for purposes of this Regulation includes sub-delegations, made in accordance with these Regulations by the Board of Trustees, other structures that may be established as contemplated in these Regulations or the Principal Officer.
- (2) The inventories contemplated in this Regulation must-
 - (a) be updated upon each-
 - (i) new delegation being made;
 - (ii) review or amendment to an existing delegation or instruction; or
 - (iii) withdrawal of an existing delegation or instruction; and
 - (b) contain the following information:
 - (i) delegation number;
 - (ii) description of delegation;
 - (iii) delegating authority;
 - (iv) delegated authority; and
 - (v) revision number and date.
- (3) The Principal Officer must publish an updated version of the inventory contemplated in this Regulation on the Fund's website on the first day of every financial year.
- (4) The inventory must be available for inspection and copying by any person, at all reasonable times.
- (5) Nothing in this Regulation limits the power of the responsible Member of the Executive Council to make delegations and sub-delegations in accordance with section 40A of the Pension Funds Act.

51. Assets, liabilities and resources

- (1) The Fund may, in accordance with the provisions of the Pension Funds Act-
 - (a) acquire, own, possess, hold and procure by lease, any movable or immovable property;
 - (b) acquire rights and incur liabilities in executing, performing and carrying out its powers, functions and duties;
 - (c) establish and administer a trust; and

- (d) alienate, encumber or dispose of any movable or immovable property.
- (2) The Fund and every structure that may be established as contemplated in these Regulations, to whom assets and resources have been allocated, must efficiently manage such assets and resources.

52. Accountability of governance and management structures

The Fund is liable to compensate any loss suffered by-

- (a) any person or category of persons;
- (b) public or private service providers; or
- (c) any other entity,

in cases of proven wilful or negligent conduct or omission by the Board of Trustees, the Principal Officer or any other official of the Fund, as regards the performance of his or her functions and the carrying out of his or her duties as determined in these Regulations.

53. General offences and penalties

- (1) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with these Regulations, any Schedule hereto, or any notice issued in terms hereof, is guilty of an offence and upon conviction liable to a period of imprisonment not exceeding six months or a fine or to both a period of imprisonment and a fine.
- (2) Nothing in this Regulation precludes the Registrar from imposing an administrative penalty in accordance with section 37 of the Pension Funds Act.

54. Arrangements relating to special conditions

Every structure established as contemplated in these Regulations must comply with the framework for arrangements relating to the special conditions as contemplated in Schedule 4 of these Regulations.

55. Provision of administrative services

- (1) The Fund may enter into an agreement with an independent entity which provides administrative services to retirement funds to provide such services to the Fund.
- (2) The independent entity contemplated in sub-regulation (1) must be registered-
 - (a) with the Registrar in accordance with the Pension Funds Act;
 - (b) as a financial institution as defined in the Financial Institutions (Protection of Funds) Act;
 - (c) as a financial services provider in accordance with section 8 of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act; and
 - (d) in accordance with any other applicable laws.
- (3) The following may not have any interest in the independent entity contemplated in sub-regulation (1):
 - (a) a member of the Fund;
 - (b) an associated municipality;
 - (c) an office-bearer of an associated municipality;
 - (d) a member of the Municipal Council of an associated municipality;
 - (e) any appointed representative as contemplated in Part 2 of Schedule 1;
 - (f) any elected representative as contemplated in Part 2 of Schedule 1;

- (g) any alternate appointed or elected, as the case may be, as contemplated in Part 2 of Schedule 1; and
 - (h) any person who was previously or is currently in accordance with the Regulations repealed by regulation 56 or these Regulations-
 - (i) employed as an official by the Fund; or
 - (ii) appointed by the Fund as the-
 - (aa) Actuary; or
 - (bb) Auditor,
- whether prior to the commencement of these Regulations or thereafter.
- (4) The Fund must reimburse the independent entity contemplated in sub-regulation (1) for all expenses related to such administration, subject to-
- (a) submission, at the end of each calendar month, of a detailed invoice and original copies of supporting documentation; and
 - (b) approval of such detailed invoice by the-
 - (i) Board of Trustees; and
 - (ii) Principal Officer.

56. Repeal of laws

The laws mentioned in the first and second columns of Schedule 7 to these Regulations are hereby repealed to the extent set out in the third column of the said Schedule.

57. Short title

These Regulations are called the Regulations Relating to the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement), 2019.

Schedule 1 (Regulation 29)

Board of Trustees and administrative matters

All structures established as contemplated in these Regulations, government institutions, organs of state, public entities and the employees of the aforementioned who are involved in the subject matter concerned, in the Province, must comply with the provisions of this Schedule.

Part 1 – General provisions

1. Duty of Principal Officer

- (1) The Principal Officer is responsible for-
 - (a) ensuring-
 - (i) compliance with all provisions relating to appointment and election contemplated in the Regulations and this Schedule; and
 - (ii) that the internal auditors undertake an audit of the election process contemplated in Part 2 and submit a report to him or her; and

- (b) submitting the internal auditor's report as contemplated in paragraph (a)(ii) -
 - (i) to the audit sub-committee of the Board of Trustees for consideration; and
 - (ii) thereafter to the Board of Trustees for consideration and approval.
- (2) The Principal Officer may draft and approve internal policies relating to the administration and management of the Fund or the Board of Trustees: Provided that such internal policies must be-
 - (a) aligned to, and consistent with, any guidelines that may be issued by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority from time to time; and
 - (b) approved by the Board of Trustees if such internal policies relate to the administration and management of the Board of Trustees.

2. Annual Information Meetings

- (1) An Annual Information Meeting of the Fund, which all members, pensioners and councillors from associated municipalities are eligible to attend, may be held at such place and on such date as the Board of Trustees determine from time to time: Provided that, in the event that an Annual Information Meeting is not held in a particular year, the Board of Trustees must utilise another form of communication with members, pensioners and councillors of associated municipalities.
- (2) At every Annual Information Meeting, the Chairperson must-
 - (a) provide the-
 - (i) annual reports;
 - (ii) statutory or interim valuation reports, as the case may be; and
 - (iii) financial statements,as presented by the Board of Trustees, for consideration and noting; and
 - (b) conduct any other business relating to the management and operation of the Fund.
- (3) The Principal Officer must transmit a copy of the English text of the annual report and the financial statements of the Fund to the responsible Member of the Executive Council and to each associated municipality at least 45 days prior to the Annual Information Meeting.
- (4) Each member of the Fund is, upon written request to the Principal Officer, entitled to receive a copy of the annual report and the financial statements of the Fund in either the English or *isiZulu* text.

Part 2 – Board of Trustees

3. Continuation of Board of Trustees

Subject to the provisions of section 8(1) of the Act and regulation 21, the members of the Board of Trustees of the Fund on the date of commencement of these Regulations constitute the Board of Trustees of the Fund.

4. Appointment and election of municipal representatives and alternates to Board of Trustees

The municipal representatives elected as contemplated in item 4 of Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Fund Regulations, are the municipal representatives of the Fund.

5. Appointment and election of member representatives and alternates to Board of Trustees

- (1) Four member representatives must be elected to the Board of Trustees in the first year of every five year cycle, with the first five year cycle to commence in 2021.
- (2)
 - (a) The Principal Officer must invite members of the Fund, without limitation of the number of nominees, to nominate member representative nominees for election to the Board of Trustees on the same date in each five-year cycle as contemplated in sub-item (1).
 - (b) Every nominee-
 - (i) must-
 - (aa) be a South African resident;
 - (bb) be in a financially sound position;
 - (cc) indicate his or her willingness to act as a representative by accepting the nomination on the nomination form;
 - (dd) indicate that he or she is prepared to travel and able to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and sub-committees;
 - (ee) indicate that he or she is prepared and able to attend training;
 - (ff) be accessible by telephone, fax and e-mail;
 - (gg) authorise the Fund to investigate his or her eligibility; and
 - (hh) attach his or her curriculum vitae to the nomination form; and
 - (ii) may not-
 - (aa) be an unrehabilitated insolvent; or
 - (bb) within the previous 10 years, have been convicted in the Republic of South Africa or elsewhere of theft, fraud, forgery or uttering a forged document, perjury, an offence under the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004 ([Act No. 12 of 2004](#)), an offence under the Financial Intelligence Centre Act, 2001 ([Act No. 38 of 2001](#)), or any offence involving dishonesty.
- (3) The Principal Officer must-
 - (a) by not later than three months after the commencement date of the Act, the promulgation and commencement dates of these Regulations, and the date of approval of these Regulations by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority, whichever occurs the last, and thereafter on the same date in the first year of each five-year cycle as contemplated in sub-item (1), circulate the-
 - (i) member representative nominations received in accordance with sub-item (2); and
 - (ii) curricula vitae of the persons nominated in accordance with sub-item (2),to all members of the Fund together with ballot papers containing the names of all member representative nominees to enable a ballot; and
 - (b) conduct the ballot in a fair and impartial manner.
- (4) A member may not vote for more than four members.
- (5) Not more than two members may be elected from any one municipality, irrespective of the number of vacancies on the Board of Trustees.

- (6) (a) The four member representative nominees of the Fund who receive the-
 - (i) highest number of votes, numerically, are deemed to be duly elected as the member representatives and declared as such; and
 - (ii) second highest number of votes, numerically, are deemed to be the alternates.
- (b) Any ballot paper containing more names than the stipulated number of votes for the member representatives and the alternates, is-
 - (i) deemed to be a spoilt paper; and
 - (ii) not taken into account in determining the results of the ballot.
- (7) In the event of an equality of votes, the Principal Officer must determine the result by lot in the following manner:
 - (a) the Principal Officer, after the other members of the Board of Trustees have been appointed in accordance with this Schedule, must forthwith proceed, in an open and transparent manner, to determine by lot, which of the four member representatives who received an equality of votes must be elected; and
 - (b) the Principal Officer must conduct the lot by-
 - (i) ensuring that the name of each one of the member representative nominees in respect of whom there is an equality of votes as contemplated in this sub-item, is written on a separate piece of paper of equal size in identical shape and colour;
 - (ii) displaying the pieces of paper contemplated in sub-paragraph (i) to every member of the Board of Trustees who is present at the place where the lot is being conducted who is desirous of inspecting any such piece of paper;
 - (iii) folding every such piece of paper in such a manner that the name thereon is not visible, and placing all such pieces of paper in an empty container;
 - (iv) appointing an impartial person as the drawer to draw the number of pieces of paper from such container, equal to the number of vacancies of member representatives on the Board of Trustees;
 - (v) shaking the container in such a manner as to thoroughly mix the pieces of paper therein, and holding such container in such a position that the drawer is unable to see the pieces of paper inside, whereafter the drawer must draw the number of pieces of paper as contemplated in sub-paragraph (iv) from the container and hand them to the Principal Officer without unfolding any of them; and
 - (vi) unfolding each of the pieces of paper handed to him or her as contemplated in sub-paragraph (v), reading out the name or names, as the case may be, written thereon and displaying every such piece of paper to every member of the Board of Trustees who is present at the place where the lot is being conducted and who is desirous of inspecting the same.
- (8) In the event that-
 - (a) a member representative vacancy arises on the Board of Trustees, it has the power to appoint an alternate member representative, according to the number of vacancies, from the respective alternates elected in accordance with sub-item (6)(a)(ii): Provided that the appointed alternate member representative must be from the alternates elected at elections held in accordance with this item immediately preceding the date upon which such vacancy arises;

- (b) there is no alternate to fill such vacancy as contemplated in paragraph (a), the vacancy must be filled by the appointment of the member representative nominee receiving the-
 - (i) next highest number of votes after the member representative and the alternate who had previously been appointed to the Board of Trustees, as the member representative to the Board of Trustees; and
 - (ii) next highest number of votes after the member representative nominee contemplated in sub-paragraph (i), as the alternate of the member representative to the Board of Trustees; and
- (c) there is no member representative alternate or nominee contemplated in paragraph (a) or (b), as the case may be, the Board of Trustees is entitled, at its discretion, to appoint an independent trustee to fill such vacancy: Provided that, for purposes of this sub-item, an independent trustee means a person who is not one of the following:
 - (i) a member;
 - (ii) a municipal representative; or
 - (iii) a pensioner representative,of the Fund.

6. Appointment and election of pensioner representatives and alternates to Board of Trustees

- (1) Two pensioner representatives must be elected to the Board of Trustees in the first year of every five-year cycle, the first of which commences in 2021.
- (2)
 - (a) The Principal Officer must invite pensioners of the Fund, without limitation of the number of nominees, to nominate pensioner representative nominees for election to the Board of Trustees, on the same date in each five-year cycle as contemplated in sub-item (1).
 - (b) Every nominee-
 - (i) must-
 - (aa) be a South African resident;
 - (bb) be in a financially sound position;
 - (cc) indicate his or her willingness to act as a representative by accepting the nomination on the nomination form;
 - (dd) indicate that he or she is prepared to travel and able to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and sub-committees;
 - (ee) indicate that he or she is prepared and able to attend training;
 - (ff) be accessible by telephone, fax and e-mail;
 - (gg) authorise the Fund to investigate his or her eligibility; and
 - (hh) attach his or her curriculum vitae to the nomination form; and
 - (ii) may not-
 - (aa) be an unrehabilitated insolvent; or
 - (bb) within the previous 10 years, have been convicted in the Republic of South Africa or elsewhere of theft, fraud, forgery or uttering a forged document, perjury, an offence under the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities

Act, 2004 ([Act No. 12 of 2004](#)), an offence under the Financial Intelligence Centre Act, 2001 ([Act No. 38 of 2001](#)), or any offence involving dishonesty.

- (3) The Principal Officer must-
- (a) by not later than three months after the commencement date of the Act, the promulgation and commencement dates of these Regulations, and the date of approval of these Regulations by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority, whichever occurs the last, and thereafter on the same date in the first year of each five-year cycle as contemplated in sub-item (1), circulate the-
 - (i) pensioner representative nominations received in accordance with sub-item (2); and
 - (ii) curricula vitae of the persons nominated in accordance with sub-item (2),to all pensioners of the Fund together with ballot papers containing the names of all pensioner representative nominees to enable a ballot; and
 - (b) conduct the ballot in a fair and impartial manner.
- (4) A pensioner may not vote for more than two pensioner representative nominees, irrespective of the number of vacancies on the Board of Trustees.
- (5) (a) The two pensioner representative nominees in the Fund who receive the-
- (i) highest number of votes, numerically, are deemed to be duly elected as the pensioner representatives and declared as such; and
 - (ii) second highest number of votes, numerically, are deemed to be the alternates.
- (b) Any ballot paper containing more names than the stipulated number of votes for the representatives and the alternates, is-
- (i) deemed to be a spoilt paper; and
 - (ii) not taken into account in determining the results of the ballot.
- (6) In the event of an equality of votes, the Principal Officer must determine the result by lot in the following manner:
- (a) the Principal Officer, after the other members of the Board of Trustees have been appointed in accordance with this Schedule, must forthwith proceed, in an open and transparent manner, to determine by lot, which of the pensioner representative nominees who received an equality of votes must be elected; and
 - (b) the Principal Officer must conduct the lot by-
 - (i) ensuring that the name of each one of the pensioner representative nominees in respect of whom there is an equality of votes as contemplated in this sub-item, is written on a separate piece of paper of equal size in identical shape and colour;
 - (ii) displaying the pieces of paper contemplated in sub-paragraph (i) to every member of the Board of Trustees who is present at the place where the lot is being conducted who is desirous of inspecting any such piece of paper;
 - (iii) folding every such piece of paper in such a manner that the name thereon is not visible, and placing all such pieces of paper in an empty container;
 - (iv) appointing an impartial person as the drawer to draw the number of pieces of paper from such container, equal to the number of vacancies of pensioner representatives on the Board of Trustees;
 - (v) shaking the container in such a manner as to thoroughly mix the pieces of paper therein, and holding such container in such a position that the drawer is unable to see the pieces of paper inside, whereafter the drawer must draw the number of pieces of

paper as contemplated in sub-paragraph (iv) from the container and hand them to the Principal Officer without unfolding any of them; and

- (vi) unfolding each of the pieces of paper handed to him or her as contemplated in sub-paragraph (v), reading out the name or names, as the case may be, written thereon and displaying every such piece of paper to every member of the Board of Trustees who is present at the place where the lot is being conducted and who is desirous of inspecting the same.
- (7) In the event that-
- (a) a pensioner representative vacancy arises on the Board of Trustees, it has the power to appoint an alternate pensioner representative, according to the number of vacancies, from the respective pensioner representative alternates elected in accordance with sub-item (5)(a)(ii): Provided that the appointed alternate pensioner representative must be from the alternates elected at elections held in accordance with this item immediately preceding the date upon which such vacancy arises;
 - (b) there is no alternate to fill such vacancy as contemplated in paragraph (a), the vacancy must be filled by the appointment of the pensioner representative nominee receiving the-
 - (i) highest number of votes after the pensioner representative and the alternate who had previously been appointed to the Board of Trustees, as the pensioner representative to the Board of Trustees; and
 - (ii) next highest number of votes after the pensioner representative contemplated in sub-paragraph (i), as the alternate of the member representative to the Board of Trustees; and
 - (c) there is no pensioner representative alternate or nominee contemplated in paragraph (a) or (b), as the case may be, the Board of Trustees is entitled, at its discretion, to appoint an independent trustee to fill such vacancy: Provided that, for purposes of this sub-item, an independent trustee means a party who is not one of the following:
 - (i) a member;
 - (ii) a municipal representative; or
 - (iii) a pensioner representative,of the Fund.

7. Appointment of additional member and alternate to Board of Trustees

- (1) The responsible Member of the Executive Council may appoint a-
 - (a) person with specialised practical experience in, and knowledge of, the control and investment of trust money, as an additional member of the Board of Trustees; and
 - (b) similarly qualified person as an alternate to the additional member appointed in accordance with paragraph (a),subject to sub-items (2) and (3).
- (2) The additional member and alternate contemplated in sub-item (1)-
 - (a) must be appointed by the responsible Member of the Executive Council-
 - (i) annually; or
 - (ii) in the event of the resignation from office or death of such member or alternate, as a successor to such member or alternate;
 - (b) are not eligible for election as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Trustees;

- (c) must be paid an attendance and travelling allowance by the Fund in accordance with the tariffs in force from time to time; and
 - (d) for the purposes of these Regulations, but subject to the provisions of this item, are deemed to be elected members of the Board of Trustees.
- (3) The Fund is not responsible for meeting any additional remuneration which may be determined by the responsible Member of the Executive Council for, or in respect of, such additional member or his or her alternate.

8. Assumption of office, retirement, cessation and termination of term of office

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this item, the term of office of members of the Board of Trustees-
- (a) commences when such members have been declared duly elected by the Principal Officer as contemplated in this Schedule; and
 - (b) automatically ceases five years after the date of election, after the election of new members in accordance with this Schedule.
- (2) The term of office of an alternate member elected to the Board of Trustees expires when the term of office of the member whom he or she replaced, would have expired.
- (3) A retiring member, if otherwise eligible, is eligible for re-election.
- (4) Every member elected in accordance with this Schedule must comply with the qualification criteria as contemplated in section 47(1)(c), (d) and (e) of the [Constitution](#): Provided that any member of the Board of Trustees who becomes disqualified as contemplated in section 47(1)(c), (d) and (e) of the [Constitution](#), loses his or her membership with immediate effect.
- (5) The term of office of a member of the Board of Trustees is terminated if he or she-
- (a) ceases to be a-
 - (i) Councillor in the case of a municipal representative; or
 - (ii) member of the Fund in the case of a member representative;
 - (b) absents him or herself from two consecutive meetings of the Board of Trustees without the written consent of the Board of Trustees;
 - (c) dies;
 - (d) resigns; or
 - (e) commits an act of misconduct as contemplated in sub-item (6).
- (6) A member of the Board of Trustees is deemed to have committed an act of misconduct if he or she-
- (a) breached any term of the Code of Conduct for members of the Board of Trustees, or of any annexure thereto;
 - (b) breached any regulation; or
 - (c) failed to comply with any guideline, directive, circular or policy statement issued from time to time by the Registrar in accordance with the Pension Funds Act.
- (7) (a) The Principal Officer must, in the event that-
- (i) he or she becomes aware of any alleged misconduct by a member of the Board of Trustees as contemplated in sub-item (6); or

- (ii) any allegation or statement alleging misconduct is made in writing to him or her, investigate, and prepare a report on the facts and circumstances of such alleged contravention.
- (b) The member of the Board of Trustees allegedly committing such misconduct must be given the opportunity to provide written comments on the report contemplated in paragraph (a) within a period not exceeding 15 days after the receipt of the report.
- (c) In the event that the Principal Officer, after considering the report and written comments, is of the opinion that there has been an alleged act of misconduct as contemplated in sub-item (6), he or she must submit the report and written comments to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting: Provided that if the member concerned does not furnish the Principal Officer with his or her written comments as contemplated in paragraph (b), the Principal Officer must submit his or her report to the Board of Trustees without such comments.
- (d) The Board of Trustees must, immediately upon receipt of the report contemplated in paragraph (a) with the supporting documentation, including the written comments, if any, take such action as it considers appropriate, including-
 - (i) terminating the term of office of such member; or
 - (ii) suspending such member from the Board of Trustees for such period and in respect of such function as the Board of Trustees in its sole discretion may decide, subject to any terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Board of Trustees.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Regulations, in the event that the member of the Board of Trustees declines to vacate his or her office as required by the Board of Trustees in accordance with paragraph (d), the Board of Trustees must apply for the removal of such member by either-
 - (i) referring the matter to the Financial Sector Conduct Authority; or
 - (ii) lodging an application to any competent court with jurisdiction.

9. Code of Conduct

- (1) (a) The Board of Trustees must-
 - (i) prepare or cause to be prepared by the Principal Officer; and
 - (ii) approve,a Code of Conduct for members of the Board of Trustees.
- (b) The Code of Conduct contemplated in paragraph (a) must include, but is not limited to, the following as annexures:
 - (i) a declaration of acceptance of fiduciary responsibilities to be signed by each member of the Board of Trustees;
 - (ii) a declaration of interests to be completed and signed by each member of the Board of Trustees; and
 - (iii) a policy on gifts to individual members of the Board of Trustees by third parties.
- (c) The Code of Conduct and annexures contemplated in this item must incorporate-
 - (i) any statutory and common law rights and responsibilities of members of the Board of Trustees;
 - (ii) the relevant provisions of the Pension Funds Act and any relevant rules issued thereunder relating to the rights and obligations of the members of the Board of Trustees; and

- (iii) any guidelines, principles, policy directives and circulars which may, from time to time, be issued by the Registrar for the assistance and guidance in the administration of Pension Funds:

Provided that, for the purposes of this sub-item, any references to “members of the Board of Trustees” and “Board of Trustees” have the corresponding meaning in the Code of Conduct to “Board of Trustees”.

- (2) (a) The Principal Officer must provide every elected member of the Board of Trustees, immediately following such member’s election, with a copy of the Code of Conduct and annexures.
- (b) Every member contemplated in paragraph (a) must-
 - (i) complete and sign the Code of Conduct with annexures; and
 - (ii) return the completed and signed Code of Conduct and annexures to the Principal Officer prior to the commencement of the second meeting of the Board of Trustees following such member’s election: Provided that such member’s failure to comply with this sub-paragraph, constitutes misconduct to which the provisions of items 8(5), (6) and (7) apply.
- (c) The provisions of this sub-item apply to all members of the Board of Trustees, including any alternates elected or appointed.

10. Attendance and travelling allowance

- (1) The Fund must pay an attendance and travelling allowance in accordance with the tariff as determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees in its Subsistence and Travel Policy, to all the-
 - (a) members of the Board of Trustees; and
 - (b) alternates,when involved in matters directly related to the Fund.
- (2) In the event that a pensioner representative or alternate is not permanently resident in KwaZulu-Natal, the travel allowance must be limited to the-
 - (a) cost of a return economy air ticket to Durban; and
 - (b) travelling allowance contemplated in sub-item (1) from the representative’s permanent place of residence to the nearest airport and return.

11. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

- (1) The Board of Trustees must annually elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from amongst its members at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees in each calendar year.
- (2) In the event that the term of office of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson is terminated as contemplated in item 8(5), the Board of Trustees must forthwith elect a successor in accordance with this Schedule.
- (3) The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson hold office until the next election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson as provided for in this item.
- (4) (a) If more than two members of the Board of Trustees are nominated for the offices of either the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, separate elections by ballot must take place, with the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes at the end of every ballot being eliminated, until a final ballot between the two remaining nominees for each office is held.

- (b) The nominee receiving the highest number of votes in the final ballot for the election of the-
 - (i) Chairperson; or
 - (ii) Vice-Chairperson,is the duly elected Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, as the case may be.
- (c) In the event of an equality of votes, the Board of Trustees must determine the result by lot in the following manner:
 - (i) the Board of Trustees must forthwith proceed, in an open and transparent manner, to determine by lot, who must be elected as the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, as the case may be; and
 - (ii) the Principal Officer must conduct the lot by-
 - (aa) ensuring that the name of each one of the nominations is written on a separate piece of paper of equal size in identical shape and colour;
 - (bb) displaying the pieces of paper contemplated in sub-paragraph (aa) to every member of the Board of Trustees who is present at the place where the lot is being conducted who is desirous of inspecting any such piece of paper;
 - (cc) folding every such piece of paper in such a manner that the name thereon is not visible, and placing all such pieces of paper in an empty container;
 - (dd) appointing an impartial person as the drawer to draw a piece of paper from such container;
 - (ee) shaking the container in such a manner as to thoroughly mix the pieces of paper therein, and holding such container in such a position that the drawer is unable to see the pieces of paper inside, whereafter the drawer must draw a piece of paper from the container and hand it to the Principal Officer without unfolding it; and
 - (ff) unfolding the piece of paper handed to him or her as contemplated in sub-paragraph (ee), reading out the name written thereon and displaying such piece of paper to every member of the Board of Trustees who is present at the place where the lot is being conducted and who is desirous of inspecting the same.
- (5) (a) The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson elected in accordance with this item are the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and must preside at the Annual Information Meeting of the Fund.
- (b) The Chairperson, and in his or her absence, the Vice-Chairperson must preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, and in the event of an equality of votes at any such meeting has, in addition to his or her deliberative vote, also a casting vote.
- (6) (a) In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, the representatives present at an Annual Information Meeting of the Fund or the Board of Trustees, as the case may be, must elect an acting Chairperson for the meeting concerned.
- (b) The Chairperson elected in accordance with paragraph (a) has, in addition to his or her deliberative vote, also a casting vote.

12. Meetings

- (1) The Board of Trustees must-
 - (a) meet at least once every two months;
 - (b) supervise the keeping of the accounts and books of the Fund; and

- (c) exercise the powers, perform the functions and carry out the duties conferred upon it as provided for in regulation 23.
- (2) The Principal Officer must give at least seven days' written notice of every meeting of the Board of Trustees to each member of the Board of Trustees: Provided that in the case of a special meeting, the Principal Officer must give at least two days' written or electronic notice, and telephonic notice of such meeting to each member of the Board of Trustees.
- (3) Non-receipt by a member of the notice contemplated in sub-item (2) does not invalidate such meeting.
- (4)
 - (a) The Chairperson must appoint one of the alternates elected in accordance with this Schedule to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees in the event that a member of the Board of Trustees is unable to attend such meeting for any reason.
 - (b) The alternate contemplated in paragraph (a) is a member of the Board of Trustees for the duration of such meeting.
- (5)
 - (a) The Board of Trustees may agree that, in the interest of expediency, any meeting of the Board of Trustees may be held in conjunction with any meeting of the Superannuation Fund and the Provident Fund.
 - (b) At the first such combined meeting in any calendar year, the members of the Boards of Trustees of the Fund and the Superannuation Fund and the Provident Fund must elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, who must act as such at all combined meetings during the relevant financial year.

13. Quorum and voting

- (1) The quorum for a meeting of the Board of Trustees consists of-
 - (a) 50% of all its members, rounded upwards; plus
 - (b) one member,

Provided that the attendance by the additional member appointed by the responsible Member of the Executive Council in accordance with item 7 is not taken into account when determining whether a quorum as contemplated in this sub-item exists.
- (2)
 - (a) One vote is allocated to each-
 - (i) pensioner representative;
 - (ii) member representative; and
 - (iii) municipal representative.
 - (b) The additional member appointed by the responsible Member of the Executive Council in accordance with item 7 has one vote.
- (3) The quorum necessary for a decision is five members eligible to vote.
- (4) All the members of the Board of Trustees attending a meeting as contemplated in sub-item (1)-
 - (a) must participate in the business of the Board of Trustees at the meeting;
 - (b) must, without derogating from the generality hereof, participate in, and contribute to, the discussion and debate relating to every matter before the meeting; and
 - (c) are collectively responsible for the decisions taken on any matter, as if every member voted in favour of the decision concerned.

14. Appointment and membership of sub-committee

- (1) The Board of Trustees may appoint any sub-committee with such delegated authority as it may deem necessary: Provided that a sub-committee may-
 - (a) make recommendations to the Board of Trustees; and
 - (b) not make decisions on any matters.
- (2) A sub-committee contemplated in sub-item (1) must consist of-
 - (a) an equal number of members appointed by the-
 - (i) municipal representatives on the Board; and
 - (ii) member representatives on the Board; and
 - (b) one pensioner appointed by the pensioner representatives on the Board.

15. Liability

- (1) Notwithstanding-
 - (a) anything to the contrary contained in these Regulations; and
 - (b) the provisions of item 13 relating to the right of a member of the Board of Trustees to vote on a specific matter,

all the members of the Board of Trustees are collectively and individually liable for any breach of the governance of the Fund.
- (2) For purposes of sub-item (1), breach of governance includes, but is not limited to, and without detracting from the generality hereof, any-
 - (a) negligence;
 - (b) dishonesty;
 - (c) wilful misconduct;
 - (d) breach of faith;
 - (e) breach of fiduciary responsibilities; or
 - (f) breach of the Code of Conduct contemplated in item 9,

which results in any loss to the Fund, its members or its beneficiaries.

Part 3 – Administrative matters**16. Appointment and determination of duties and services of Principal Officer and other officials**

The Board of Trustees-

- (a) must-
 - (i) appoint-
 - (aa) a Principal Officer; and
 - (bb) any other officials required for the proper transaction of the business of the Fund;

- (ii) employ any professional or other assistants which may from time to time be deemed expedient;
 - (iii) decide on the remuneration of such persons or assistants as contemplated in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii); and
 - (iv) determine the duties and services required of the persons or assistants as contemplated in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii); and
- (b) may appoint a person as the Deputy Principal Officer to act during the absence of the Principal Officer or other officials irrespective of the reason for their absence.

17. Powers, functions and duties of Principal Officer

- (1) The Principal Officer must execute all the powers, perform all the functions and carry out all the duties as determined in-
 - (a) the Pension Funds Act; and
 - (b) these Regulations.
- (2) The Principal Officer must keep separate accounts for the Fund in compliance with the accounting standards as determined by the Registrar from time to time, indicating-
 - (a) all-
 - (i) sums of money received or due and disbursed or payable in respect of members; and
 - (ii) particulars of the matters for which the sums of money contemplated in sub-paragraph (i) have been received or disbursed;
 - (b) the-
 - (i) time of commencement of membership;
 - (ii) amounts due;
 - (iii) dates of payment of all contributions; and
 - (iv) chronological and other particulars necessary to enable the-
 - (aa) keeping of proper accounts; and
 - (bb) performing of an actuarial valuation at any time;
 - (c) all amounts due to or by municipalities; and
 - (d) all other matters of account provided for, or contemplated in, these Regulations or in the scheme prepared in accordance with regulation 8.
- (3) The Principal Officer must-
 - (a) cause the books and accounts of the Fund to be balanced up to 31 March of every year; and
 - (b) prepare financial statements in respect of the Fund, made up at the date contemplated in paragraph (a).
- (4) All financial statements must-
 - (a) comply with-
 - (i) the provisions of the Pension Funds Act and any rules issued thereunder; and
 - (ii) any guidelines, principles, directives, circulars and policy statements which may, from time to time, be issued by the Registrar in accordance with the Pension Funds Act;

- (b) first be signed by the Principal Officer; and
 - (c) thereafter be countersigned by the Auditor.
- (5) The Principal Officer must prepare on 31 March of every year, in the format which may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority, a statement showing the number of-
 - (a) contributing members;
 - (b) annuitants; and
 - (c) members who have-
 - (i) joined;
 - (ii) left;
 - (iii) retired; or
 - (iv) died,during the year,together with such further particulars as the Board of Trustees may from time to time direct.
- (6) The Principal Officer must furnish the Board of Trustees with such further statements as it may from time to time require.

18. Termination of employment contract, suspension and dismissal of Principal Officer and other officials

- (1) The Board of Trustees may at any time terminate the employment contract of the Principal Officer or any other officer upon written notice of not less than one month, unless otherwise stipulated in the employment contract of the officer concerned.
- (2) The Board of Trustees, in accordance with the Basic Conditions of Employment Act, 1997 ([Act No. 75 of 1997](#)) and the Labour Relations Act, 1995 ([Act No. 66 of 1995](#)), may-
 - (a) suspend the Principal Officer or any other official with or without salary or emoluments in the event of alleged-
 - (i) medical or other incapacity; or
 - (ii) misconduct; and
 - (b) dismiss the Principal Officer or any other official.

19. Financial matters and power to write off debts

- (1) All moneys received on account of the Fund must be paid into a bank account.
- (2) All cheques drawn against the Fund must be-
 - (a) signed by an officer, other than the Principal Officer, authorised in writing by the Board of Trustees; and
 - (b) countersigned by-
 - (i) the Principal Officer; or

- (ii) such other person nominated by the Board of Trustees to act on behalf of the Principal Officer in the absence of the Principal Officer, irrespective of the reason of his or her absence:

Provided that the Chairperson may sign any cheque instead of either of the two signatories contemplated in paragraphs (a) and (b).

- (3) The Board of Trustees has the power by resolution to write off any debts due or other claims which are payable to the Fund, which, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, are desirable to write off as-
 - (a) being irrecoverable; or
 - (b) the recovery of which would-
 - (i) be too difficult or costly; or
 - (ii) not be reasonably practicable.

20. Availability of books, accounts and all other records and documents for inspection

The Principal Officer must ensure that all books, accounts and other records and documents of the Fund are open and available for inspection at all times by any-

- (a) member of the Board of Trustees; and
- (b) Auditor appointed in accordance with regulation 12 or 13(2)(b), as the case may be.

21. Power of Board of Trustees and Principal Officer to recover costs and expenses

The-

- (a) members of the Board of Trustees; and
- (b) Principal Officer,

may recover from the Fund any costs and expenses incurred by them, him or her, as the case may be, as a result of any claim for expenses incurred in connection with the Fund: Provided that such claim does not arise from any negligence, fraud or other wilful misconduct on the part of the person concerned.

Schedule 2 (Regulation 32)

Framework for arrangements relating to membership, contributions and evidence

All structures established as contemplated in these Regulations, government institutions, organs of state, public entities and the employees of the aforementioned who are involved in the subject matter concerned, in the Province, must comply with the provisions of this Schedule.

1. Pensionable emoluments

- (1) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, including the provisions of sub-item (4) relating to the limitation of the increase of pensionable emoluments, pensionable emoluments include-
 - (a) salaries or wages;
 - (b) cost of living allowance, long service allowance and any other allowance approved by the Board of Trustees for inclusion in the members' pensionable emoluments; and
 - (c)
 - (i) any allowance granted in lieu of the provision of free quarters; or
 - (ii) one-sixth of the amounts referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) whenever occupation of quarters, as a portion of the member's emoluments, whether belonging to the municipality or not, is allowed rent free.

- (2) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, pensionable emoluments exclude any-
 - (a) special remuneration which may be received for performing special duties or while acting in an office, whether permanently or temporarily vacant;
 - (b) travel or subsistence allowance;
 - (c) fees, honoraria or bonuses of any kind;
 - (d) overtime payment; and
 - (e) other allowance not herein specified.
- (3) In the event that a member-
 - (a) dies in service or retires from the service of the municipality; and
 - (b) has a period of employment in a part-time capacity included in his or her continuous service, then, in calculating his or her final average emoluments, his or her pensionable emoluments during such period of part-time service is increased by 50%.
- (4) In the event that the pensionable emoluments of a member, including a section 57 contract employee, at any time increase in excess of that assumed by the Actuary from time to time for valuation purposes in accordance with regulation 15, then the Board of Trustees, on the advice of the Actuary, may direct that the municipality that-
 - (a) employed such member; or
 - (b) continues to employ such member,pay a lump sum adjusted contribution in accordance with item 4 to the Fund.

2. Contributions by members

- (1) Subject to Schedule 5 item 5, Schedule 6 item 2 and sub-item (4) below, every member, including an employee appointed in accordance with the provisions of section 57 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, whether on a fixed term contract or not, must contribute to the Fund the amount of 7% of his or her pensionable emoluments.
- (2) The contributions to be paid by a member in accordance with sub-item (1) are a first charge upon the salary or wage payable to such member, and are deducted monthly or at shorter intervals by the associated municipality concerned and paid into the bank account of the Fund as provided in these Regulations.
- (3) The associated municipality must-
 - (a) within seven days after the expiration of the period in respect of which the members' contributions is being paid, certify in writing to the Principal Officer the amount of the contributions and late payment interest paid by the members to the Fund in the preceding calendar month; and
 - (b) supply the Principal Officer with such further information as he or she may require for the purpose of these Regulations.
- (4) (a) Any person who has-
 - (i) been accepted as a member on or after the commencement of these Regulations; and

- (ii) had a prior period of service with a municipality, whether associated or not, immediately preceding his or her becoming a member,
has the right, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, to date his or her membership back to the date of commencement of such service or to a later date as may be determined by the Board of Trustees.
 - (b) Any person who exercises the right contemplated in paragraph (a) must -
 - (i) exercise such right within one month after the date on which the first contribution is paid; and
 - (ii) pay contributions for such prior period together with interest at the rate as recommended by the Actuary from time to time.
 - (c) A person contemplated in paragraph (b) must pay all arrear contributions, with interest thereon, within two years or within such further period as may, upon application by such person, be approved in writing by the Board of Trustees.
- (5) In the event that payment of arrear contributions is made by means of instalments as contemplated in sub-item (4)(c) and the member dies or ceases to contribute to the Fund before he or she has completed such arrear payments, the provisions of regulation 30(3)(c) apply.
- (6) A member, who remains in the service of a municipality after he or she has attained the pension age, is not allowed to continue to contribute to the Fund after the last day of the month in which he or she attains the pension age.

3. Payment to secure additional continuous service

A person who becomes a member of the Fund may be permitted to purchase from the Fund additional continuous service on such terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees, after consultation with the Actuary, may decide: Provided that-

- (a) in respect of additional continuous service purchased-
 - (i) the member must produce, at his or her own expense, evidence of sound health acceptable to the Board of Trustees at the time of making application to purchase additional continuous service;
 - (ii) after 1 April 1984, the additional continuous service so purchased does not count towards any qualifying period as determined in these Regulations; and
 - (iii) the additional service so purchased may not be included for the purpose of determining the period of bonus service contemplated in item 9 of Schedule 3; and
- (b) if the Board of Trustees makes a finding that such member is not in a sound state of health, it must notify him or her in writing that his or her additional continuous service is subject to the restriction that if, within five years from the date of purchase of the additional continuous service, he or she-
 - (i) is retired on account of ill-health or dies in the service of a municipality from an illness which, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees is, or is the result of, the illness or condition identified in the finding of the Board of Trustees-
 - (aa) no pension or lump sum is payable in accordance with these Regulations in respect of the additional continuous service purchased; and
 - (bb) a lump sum equal to the amount which he or she paid for additional continuous service plus 4% compound interest from the date of payment for such additional continuous service to the date of retirement from the service of the municipality or death is payable; or

- (ii) leaves the service of the associated municipality concerned for whatever reason other than retirement on account of ill-health or death -
 - (aa) his or her pension rights in respect of the additional continuous service may not be transferred to any other fund, except with the consent of that other fund; and
 - (bb) if no transfer takes place as contemplated in this item, his or her benefit is calculated excluding the additional continuous service purchased and a benefit equal to the amount which he or she paid for additional continuous service plus 4% compound interest from the date of payment of such additional continuous service to the date of his or her leaving the service of the associated municipality concerned is payable in respect of such service.

4. Contributions by municipalities

- (1) An associated municipality must pay into the bank account of the Fund within seven days after the expiration of the period in respect of which the contribution is being paid-
 - (a) the contributions and late payment interest paid by the members in the preceding calendar month in accordance with the provisions of item 2(1) by the members in its service;
 - (b) the contribution contemplated in sub-item (3)(a);
 - (c) an amount equal to the amount contemplated in sub-item (3)(b) and interest paid in accordance with items 2(4) and 2(5);
 - (d) such surcharge on its contributions in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) as may be agreed to by the Board of Trustees on the advice of the Actuary and as contemplated in item 14(7) of Schedule 3, in order to provide the whole or part of bonus additions made in accordance with items 14(1) and (2) of Schedule 3;
 - (e) in respect of members whose employment commenced prior to 1 July 2002, an additional surcharge as set out in the scheme contemplated in regulation 15(2)(a)-
 - (i) prepared by the Actuary; and
 - (ii) submitted to, and approved by, the-
 - (aa) Board of Trustees; and
 - (bb) Registrar; and
 - (f) any adjusted contribution payable in a lump sum in accordance with item 1:
Provided that if the member is paying by instalments, the Fund may direct that the municipality make a lump sum payment to the Fund in lieu of its instalments and interest.
- (2) Whenever a municipality fails to make payment in accordance with the provisions of sub-item (1), it must pay to the Fund interest on the amount payable at the interest rate prescribed by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 13A(7) of the Pension Funds Act from time to time.
- (3) In order to give effect to the provisions of sub-item (1), every associated municipality must pay to the Fund-
 - (a) as its basic contribution, the amount of 18,37% of pensionable salaries: Provided that this percentage may be amended from time to time by the Board of Trustees on the advice of the Actuary;
 - (b) an additional surcharge as contemplated in the scheme provided for in regulation 15(2)(a)-
 - (i) prepared and approved by the Actuary; and

- (ii) submitted to the-
 - (aa) Board of Trustees; and
 - (bb) Registrar; and
- (c) subject to paragraph (a), any other amounts as provided for in sub-items (1) and (2).

5. Contributions by members whilst on leave

- (1) When a member is on leave with full pay or with pay less than full pay, he or she must continue to contribute to the Fund on the basis of his or her full pensionable emoluments.
- (2)
 - (a) When a member is on unpaid leave, he or she may, on application to the Board of Trustees, be permitted to contribute to the Fund on the basis of his or her full pensionable emoluments for the calendar month immediately preceding the commencement of his or her unpaid leave.
 - (b) Such application must be made, and the amount due in respect thereof must be paid, by the member within one month of his or her return to duty.
 - (c) The Board of Trustees may allow such member to pay the amount contemplated in this sub-item in six or less monthly instalments which may be deducted from the emoluments payable to him or her.
 - (d) Absenteeism is not regarded as unpaid leave.
 - (e) Except as provided for in this item, no contributions may be collected or are payable in respect of any period of unpaid leave.

6. Reduction in pensionable emoluments or hours of service

- (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-item (2), in the event that the pensionable emoluments of a member are reduced for any reason other than misconduct, he or she may elect in writing to continue to contribute to the Fund as if no reduction has taken place, in which event his or her pensionable emoluments are, for purposes of these Regulations, deemed not to have been reduced.
- (2) In the event that a member leaves the employ of an associated municipality, and enters the employ of another associated municipality, and his or her pensionable emoluments in the latter municipality are lower than his or her pensionable emoluments in the former municipality, the provisions of sub-item (1) apply, with the necessary changes: Provided that-
 - (a) he or she did not leave the service of the former municipality on account of misconduct;
 - (b) he or she entered the service of the latter municipality within a period of 12 months after leaving the service of the former municipality; and
 - (c) the consent of the latter municipality is first obtained.
- (3) When the ordinary salary or wages or working hours of a specific member or group of members have been reduced as a measure of economy, each such member may elect in writing to contribute on the basis of the pensionable emoluments on which he or she was contributing immediately before the reduction.

7. Evidence to be produced

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this item, any documentary or other evidence directly related to the current or prospective membership of a member or prospective member that may be required in writing by the Board of Trustees, must be submitted by the member or prospective member, as the case may be, within the period stipulated in the written request.

- (2) The Board of Trustees has the power to require evidence relating to age, current and former marital or civil union status, date of birth of dependants and any other matter which, in the view of the Board of Trustees, is directly relevant for purposes of the current or prospective membership of the member or the prospective member, as the case may be.
- (3) Documentary evidence of age satisfactory to the Board of Trustees must be produced by each member at the date of commencement of his or her contributions to the Fund and, failing such production, the deemed age of such member for purposes of these Regulations must be determined by the Board of Trustees.

8. Benefit claim procedure

- (1) A claimant must-
 - (a) notify the Fund in writing of the occurrence of an event giving rise to a claim for a benefit contemplated in terms of these Regulations, within a period not exceeding 90 days after such event; and
 - (b) at a written request by the Fund, provide all documentation, completed forms and written information and other evidence which, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, is considered necessary to determine the admissibility and amount of any claim.
- (2) The Fund is not liable for any costs involved in obtaining any information or evidence required from any person for the admission of a claim, unless such evidence is specifically requested in writing by the Board of Trustees.
- (3) The Board of Trustees may in writing-
 - (a) request additional evidence;
 - (b) specify requirements in order to assess a claim; and
 - (c) in the event that the claimant is a pensioner, request proof of the existence of such pensioner on an annual basis.
- (4) The claimant must provide all documentation, information and evidence as required from time to time in writing as provided for in this item before a claim for the payment of a benefit or the continued annual payment of a benefit may be admitted or made, as the case may be, by the Fund.
- (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this item, the Board of Trustees may, at its sole discretion, waive compliance by a claimant with any or all of the requirements of this item in order for a benefit or claim to be admitted or a benefit paid.

Schedule 3 (Regulation 34)

Framework for arrangement of benefits, pensions and lump sums and related matters

All structures established as contemplated in these Regulations, government institutions, organs of state, public entities and the employees of the aforementioned who are involved in the subject matter concerned, in the Province, must comply with the provisions of this Schedule.

1. Termination of service on account of retirement at pension age or earlier

- (1) A member must be deemed to have retired from the service of a municipality on the last day of the month in which he or she attains the pension age, in which event, unless he or she elects to become a deferred retiree, he or she must be granted a retirement benefit determined in accordance with item 7 in respect of membership of the Fund.

- (2) A member who has attained an age seven years earlier than the pension age, and who has had at least 10 years' continuous service, may be required by the associated municipality to retire, in which event he or she must be granted a retirement benefit determined in accordance with item 7: Provided that-
- (a) the rates are those which apply at his or her pension age; and
 - (b)
 - (i) all payments of pension in accordance with items 7 and 10 made before the member has reached his or her pension age must be paid by such municipality out of its own revenue; and
 - (ii) the lump sum must be paid partly out of the Fund and partly out of the revenue of such municipality in accordance with the tables approved by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the Actuary.
- (3) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-items (1) and (2), a member who-
- (i) had at least 10 years' continuous service; and
 - (ii) has attained an age of 10 years or less younger than the pension age
- has the right to elect to retire from the service of the municipality.
- (b) a member who elects to retire from the service of the municipality in accordance with paragraph (a) must-
- (i) give three months written notice of his or her intention to the municipality concerned; and
 - (ii) unless he or she elects to become a deferred retiree, be granted a retirement benefit determined in accordance with item 7.
- (4) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-items (1) to (3), a member who-
- (i) had at least 10 years' continuous service; and
 - (ii) has not attained an age of 10 years younger than the pension age,
- may apply to the municipality to retire from the service of the municipality.
- (b) A member who receives permission to retire from the service of the municipality in accordance with paragraph (a) must be granted a retirement benefit calculated in accordance with item 7, unless he or she elects to become a deferred retiree: Provided that-
- (i) the rates must be those which apply at the age 10 years less than the pension age;
 - (ii) all payments of pension in accordance with items 7 and 10 made before the date on which the member attains the age of 10 years less than the pension age must be paid by such municipality out of its own revenue; and
 - (iii) the lump sum must be paid partly out of the Fund and partly out of the revenue of such municipality in accordance with the tables approved by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the Actuary.

2. Termination of service on account of retirement owing to ill-health

- (1) If a member who has had at least 10 years' continuous service or the associated municipality in whose service such member is, is of the opinion that such member is permanently incapable of efficiently discharging his or her duties by reason of any bodily or mental infirmity, the following documents must be submitted by the municipality to the Board of Trustees-
- (a) an affidavit in a form approved by the Board of Trustees setting out the state of health of the member and sworn to by the member;

- (b) a report by the municipality in a form approved by the Board of Trustees, setting out-
 - (i) the member's state of health;
 - (ii) the manner in which his or her work is performed;
 - (iii) the amount of sick leave granted to the member during the immediately preceding two years; and
 - (iv) any other information as the Board of Trustees may require; and
- (c) reports concerning the member's state of health completed independently by two medical practitioners, one selected by the-
 - (i) associated municipality; and
 - (ii) member.
- (2) Upon receipt of the documents contemplated in sub-item (1), the Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, require the member to be further examined by a medical practitioner or medical practitioners appointed by the Board of Trustees.
- (3) (a) If the Board of Trustees, after consideration of all the information at its disposal, is of the opinion that-
 - (i) the member is permanently incapable of discharging his or her duties; and
 - (ii) his or her state of health was not occasioned by his or her own wilfulness or negligence,

the member concerned is, on the termination of his or her service with the associated municipality, entitled to receive a benefit based on his or her final average emoluments consisting of a pension and a lump sum at the following rates, where x is the member's continuous service in the Fund on termination in accordance with this item:

| Pension per cent | Lump sum per cent |
|---|--|
| $5.25 * \max\{x, (x + 65 - 65)/2\} / 250$ | $13.75 * \max\{x, (x + 65 - 65)/2\} / 250$ |

- (b) If a member who has had less than 10 years' continuous service is retired from the service of the municipality in accordance with this sub-item, he or she is entitled to receive-
 - (i) a lump sum equal to the amount of twice his or her contributions increased by 3% for each complete year of his or her continuous service; or
 - (ii) if it is greater, a lump sum calculated as provided in item 4(1).
- (4) If the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that the member's state of health as contemplated in sub-item (3) was occasioned by his or her own wilfulness or negligence, such member is entitled only to a lump sum specified in item 4, as if such member had retired voluntarily from the service of the municipality concerned.
- (5) All fees payable to medical practitioners in respect of the examination of a member for purposes of sub-items (1) and (2) must be paid by the Fund: Provided that where the Board of Trustees, after consideration of all information at its disposal, is of the opinion that the-
 - (a) member's state of health as contemplated in sub-item (3) was occasioned by his or her own wilfulness or negligence; or

- (b) member is not permanently incapable of discharging his or her duties,

such fees are payable by the member or associated municipality, as the case may be, at whose request the member's state of health was examined.

3. Termination of service on account of retirement owing to reorganisation

- (1) A member with at least 10 years' continuous service is entitled to receive a retirement benefit calculated in accordance with item 7(2), subject to the rates being those that apply at his or her pension age, if his or her employment is discontinued by an associated municipality-

- (a) on account of-

- (i) the abolition of his or her office or post;
- (ii) a reduction in, or re-organisation of, staff; or
- (iii) retrenchment generally; or

- (b) in order to facilitate improvements in efficiency or organisation:

Provided that no benefit is payable in the event that a commensurate office or post has been offered to him or her by the associated municipality concerned.

- (2) The municipality must, in respect of the benefit payable in accordance with this item, out of its own revenue pay-

- (a) the amount of the pension calculated in accordance with item 7(2) and payable from the date of termination as contemplated in this item, until the date on which the member attains his pension age; and
- (b) a proportion of the lump sum calculated in accordance with tables approved by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the Actuary.

- (3) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-item (1), if the position of a member becomes redundant on account of any alteration in the continued existence of any associated municipality as a result of the provisions of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act, the provisions of sub-items (1) and (2) apply to a member-

- (i) who has completed five years' continuous service; and
- (ii) whose position becomes redundant as a result of the said alteration:

Provided that if the alteration results in the division of an associated municipality into two or more municipalities, the payments in accordance with this item is divided between the new municipalities in proportion to their total assessment rate income on the day following the division.

- (b) In the event that a member who has had less than-

- (i) 10 years' continuous service is retired from the service of the municipality in accordance with sub-item (1); or
- (ii) five years' continuous service is retired from the service of the municipality in accordance with paragraph (a),

he or she is entitled to receive, as a lump sum, an amount equal to twice his or her contributions increased by 3% for each complete year of his or her continuous service, or, if it is greater, an amount calculated in accordance with item 4(1).

4. Termination of service on account of voluntary retirement or voluntary leaving of service of municipality in circumstances not elsewhere provided for

- (1) If a member voluntarily leaves the service of an associated municipality on account of voluntary retirement or for any other reason not elsewhere provided for in these Regulations, he or she is entitled to receive a lump sum equal to the sum of-
 - (a) the amount of his or her contributions;
 - (b) five-twelfths of 1% of the amount in paragraph (a) for each month of his or her continuous service; and
 - (c) 5% of the amounts in paragraphs (a) and (b) for each complete year of his or her continuous service, not exceeding a maximum of 100% of his or her contributions,calculated at the date of termination of service.
- (2) Unless the member becomes a preserved member in terms of item 1 of Schedule 6, the lump sum as contemplated in sub-item (1) must be paid as soon as administratively possible, which may not exceed a period of three calendar months after the end of the month in which the member leaves the service of the associated municipality concerned.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-item (1), if a member retires voluntarily from or leaves the services of an associated municipality in order to enter the service of another associated municipality, in such circumstances that the relevant provisions of item 12 apply to him or her, he or she is not entitled to a lump sum as contemplated in sub-item (1).
- (4)
 - (a) A member who qualifies in accordance with sub-item (1) for a lump sum, may, if he or she has had at least 10 years' continuous service, elect to receive, subject to paragraph (b), either a-
 - (i) lump sum calculated in accordance with sub-item (1); or
 - (ii) retirement benefit, which becomes payable at his or her pension age, calculated-
 - (aa) in accordance with item 7(3) based on the rates that apply at his or her pension age; and
 - (bb) on the basis of final average emoluments and continuous service at the date of leaving service:

Provided that the member may elect to draw the benefit contemplated in sub-paragraph (ii) prior to attaining his or her pension age, but not before the age of 55, in which event the benefit must be recalculated in accordance with item 7(3) based on the rates that apply at the age at which the benefit is drawn.

- (b) For purposes of paragraph (a), the amount concerned is calculated as follows:
 - (i) the pension and lump sum is increased in accordance with items 14(1) and (2);
 - (ii) the provisions of items 10 and 11 apply when the retirement benefit becomes payable; and
 - (iii) in the event that the member concerned dies before payment of the retirement benefit, the benefit payable by the Fund is determined by the Board of Trustees acting upon the advice of the Actuary.

5. Termination of service on account of dismissal

- (1) If a member is-
- (a) dismissed from the service of an associated municipality on account of-
 - (i) a criminal offence;
 - (ii) misconduct;
 - (iii) negligence;
 - (iv) dereliction of duty; or
 - (v) any other act prejudicial to the effective operation of the municipality's service; or
 - (b) allowed to retire from the service of the municipality or to resign in order to avoid dismissal as contemplated in paragraph (a);
- the provisions of Schedule 5 or Schedule 6, as applicable, must apply to payment of his or her benefit.
- (2) A member whose service with the municipality has ceased as contemplated in sub-item (1), is entitled to receive a lump sum equal to the sum of-
- (a) the amount of his or her contributions;
 - (b) five-twelfths of 1% of the amount in paragraph (a) for each month of his or her continuous service; and
 - (c) 5% of the amounts in paragraphs (a) and (b) for each complete year of his or her continuous service, not exceeding a maximum of 100% of his or her contributions,
- calculated at the date of termination of service.
- (3) A member contemplated in sub-item (1) is entitled to elect, instead of the benefit contemplated in sub-item (2), a retirement benefit calculated in accordance with item 7 if he or she has-
- (a) had at least 10 years' continuous service; and
 - (b) has attained an age of-
 - (i) seven years or less younger than the pension age; or
 - (ii) 10 years or less younger than the pension age in the event that the member was a member of the Fund on 30 June 1987.
- (4) In the event that the conduct of a member contemplated in sub-item (1) resulted in financial loss to the associated municipality concerned, the amount of such loss, as certified by the municipal manager or chief executive officer, is-
- (a) deducted, subject to the provisions of section 37D of the Pension Funds Act, from such benefit; and
 - (b) paid over to the municipality concerned as a preferential charge.
- (5) Any resignation tendered during an enquiry into the conduct of a member before the result of such enquiry is announced, is deemed to be a resignation in order to avoid dismissal.

- (6) In the event that the services of a member are terminated or dispensed with for reasons not solely within his or her control, other than those specified in sub-item (1) or elsewhere in these Regulations, he or she-
- (a) is entitled to receive a lump sum equal to twice the amount of his or her contributions increased by 3% for each complete year of his or her continuous service at the date of termination of service; and
 - (b) the provisions of Schedule 5 or, as Schedule 6 applicable, must apply to payment of his or her benefit:

Provided that the final decision as to whether or not this item applies vests in the Board of Trustees.

- (7) Unless the member becomes a preserved member in terms of item 1 of Schedule 6 or a deferred retiree in terms of item 2 of Schedule 5, the lump sum as contemplated in sub-item (1) must be paid as soon as administratively possible, which may not exceed a period of three calendar months after the end of the month in which the member leaves the service of the associated municipality concerned

6. Termination of service on account of death

- (1)
 - (a) The provisions of section 37C of the Pension Funds Act apply to this item, and in the event of an irreconcilable conflict between the application of section 37C of that Act and the provisions of this item, section 37C prevails.
 - (b) The provisions of this item only apply to a member's pension if he or she dies on or after the promulgation and commencement date of these Regulations: Provided that in the event that a member died before the promulgation and commencement date of these Regulations, the provisions of the Regulations repealed in accordance with regulation 56 apply.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of sub-item (4), if a member dies while in the service of an associated municipality and leaves an eligible spouse-
 - (a) such spouse is granted a pension equal to the percentage set out in the table of the final average emoluments of such member, where-
 - (i) x is the member's continuous service in the Fund on termination in accordance with this item; and
 - (ii) y is the age of the member on termination in accordance with this item:

| Pension per cent |
|---|
| $2.625 * \{ x + 0.75 * (65 - y) \} / 250$ |

and

- (b) a pension is granted in respect of his or her eligible children equal to the following percentage of the pension granted to the eligible spouse of such member:
 - (i) with one eligible child, 40%;
 - (ii) with two eligible children, 60%; and
 - (iii) with three or more eligible children, 66,67%:

Provided that if there is no eligible spouse, the pension in respect of the eligible children is twice that which would have been granted in respect of each of them had there been an eligible spouse.

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- (3) Subject to the provisions of sub-items (4) and (8), in the event that a member dies while in the service of a municipality and leaves neither an eligible spouse nor an eligible child, but leaves a mother or a father who, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, was dependent upon such member, the Board of Trustees may grant to one or both of such parents a pension, which may not be greater than that which would have been granted to an eligible spouse had such member been survived by an eligible spouse.
- (4) In the event that a member, who is subject to the provisions of regulation 30(6)(b)(ii), dies while in the service of a municipality before he or she has completed 10 years' continuous service-
- (a) no pension or lump sum is payable in accordance with sub-item (2), (3), or (5); and
 - (b) the provisions of sub-item (6) apply.
- (5) (a) Subject to the provisions of sub-item (4), if a pension becomes payable in accordance with sub-item (2) or (3), the recipient is granted a lump sum-
- (i) zero times the lump sum that would have been paid to him or her in accordance with item 2 if he or she had retired from the service of the municipality on the day before his or her death; and
 - (ii) increased by 0% for each complete year by which his or her age at the date of his or her death exceeds 40 years.
- (b) In the event that the member had completed 10 years continuous service, the lump sum contemplated in paragraph (a) may not be less than the sum of-
- (i) zero times the lump sum that would have been paid to him or her in accordance with item 2 if he or she had retired from the service of the municipality on the day before his or her death; and
 - (ii) an amount equal to 0% of his or her final average emoluments for each year of his or her continuous service.
- (6) In the event that a member dies while in the service of an associated municipality and no pension is payable in accordance with this item, a lump sum benefit equal to the lump sum that would have been payable in accordance with sub-item (5) is payable to the dependants of the member: Provided that the lump sum may not be less than an amount equal to twice his or her contributions increased by 3% for each complete year of his or her continuous service, or, if it is greater, an amount calculated in accordance with item 4(1).
- (7) (a) In the event that a pensioner dies and leaves an eligible spouse-
- (i) such spouse is granted a pension equal to-
 - (aa) 2,625 times two-hundred-and-fiftieths of the final average emoluments of such pensioner for each year of such pensioner's continuous service if the pensioner retired from the service of the municipality on or after 1 July 1999; or
 - (bb) one-hundred-and-thirtieth of the final average emoluments of such pensioner for each year of such pensioner's continuous service if the pensioner retired from the service of the municipality before 1 July 1999; or
 - (ii) if such pensioner retired from the service of the municipality in accordance with item 2(1) and dies before attaining the pension age, a pension equal to the percentage in the table of the final average emoluments of such pensioner, where x is the continuous service of such pensioner at retirement from the service of the municipality-

| Pension per cent |
|---|
| $2.625 * \{ x + 0.75 * (65 - y) \} / 250$ |

Provided that the pension must be increased at the same rate as the pensioner's pension was increased.

- (b) a pension is granted in respect of his or her eligible children equal to the following percentage of the pension granted to the eligible spouse of such pensioner:
 - (i) with one eligible child, 40%;
 - (ii) with two eligible children, 60%; and
 - (iii) with three or more eligible children, 66,67%:

Provided that if there is no eligible spouse, the pension in respect of the eligible children is twice that which would have been granted in respect of each of them had there been an eligible spouse.

- (8) Subject to the provisions of sub-item (10), in the event that a pensioner dies and leaves neither an eligible spouse nor an eligible child, but leaves a mother or a father, the provisions of sub-item (3) apply with the necessary changes.
- (9) A pension granted in accordance with sub-items (2), (3), (7) and (8) may, subject to the maximum stated therein, be-
 - (a) increased by the Board of Trustees in the event that it decides that such a course is justified by the changed financial position of the beneficiary or for any other reason that is deemed sufficient by the Board of Trustees; or
 - (b) terminated as provided for in these Regulations.
- (10) (a) In the event that a pensioner-
 - (i) dies within five years from the election date;
 - (ii) leaves dependants; and
 - (iii) no pension is payable in accordance with sub-items (7) or (8),

his or her dependants are granted a lump sum equal to the payments of pension that would have been made to such pensioner for the unexpired portion of the period of five years contemplated in sub-paragraph (i).

 - (b) In the event that a pensioner-
 - (i) dies within five years from the election date; and
 - (ii) a pension is payable in accordance with sub-items (7) or (8),

his or her dependants are granted a lump sum equal to zero times the payments of pension that would have been made to such pensioner for the unexpired portion of the period of five years contemplated in sub-paragraph (i).
- (11) (a) In the event that no claim is made by a dependant within a period of 12 months subsequent to the death of a member or pensioner, it is presumed that no dependant exists.
- (b) An amount equal to the lump sum that would have been payable to the dependants in accordance with sub-item (6) or (10), as the case may be, is, subject to the provisions of Section 37C of the Pension Funds Act, payable to such member's or pensioner's estate or

nominees, as the case may be, after which date no claim in respect of the deceased lies against the Fund.

- (12) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations-
- (a) a pension granted to-
 - (i) a pensioner ceases on his or her death;
 - (ii) an eligible spouse ceases on his or her death, in which event the pension granted in respect of the children of the deceased is doubled; and
 - (iii) an eligible child ceases when he or she is no longer eligible;
 - (b) if a child ceases to be an eligible child, the pension in respect of the remaining eligible children of the deceased pensioner is recalculated in accordance with the scale in sub-item (2)(b); and
 - (c) a pension or lump sum payable to a child is normally paid to his or her surviving parent to administer for his or her benefit: Provided that the Board of Trustees may pay such pension or lump sum to the child directly or to such other person for the benefit of the child as it deems fit.
- (13) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations, if, when no further payments of pension in respect of a deceased member are due in accordance with sub-item (2) and (3), the Board of Trustees must pay to such persons as it deems fit, the amount by which the total of the payments made in accordance with sub-items (2), (3) and (5) is less than the benefit that would have been payable to the dependants in accordance with sub-item (6).
- (14) In the event that a benefit becomes payable to dependants in accordance with this item, the Board of Trustees, in its sole discretion, decides to which dependant or dependants, and in what proportions, the benefit is payable.
- (15) For purposes of this item, in the event that a member or a pensioner on his or her death leaves more than one eligible spouse, the Board of Trustees, in its sole discretion, may divide the benefit between the eligible spouses in proportions decided by it.

7. Retirement benefit

- (1) (a) For purposes of this item, "optional retiring date" means the date on which a member attains the age of 60 years.
- (2) The retirement benefit payable to a member who retires from the service of the municipality on or after his or her optional retiring date is based on his or her final average emoluments and consists of a-
- (a) pension; and
 - (b) lump sum,
- at the rates in the following table for each year of continuous service:

| Age | Pension per cent | Lump sum per cent |
|-----|------------------|-------------------|
| 60 | 1,68 | 4,75 |
| 61 | 1,75 | 4,90 |
| 62 | 1,83 | 5,05 |
| 63 | 1,91 | 5,20 |
| 64 | 2,0 | 5,35 |
| 65 | 2,1 | 5,50 |

- (3) (a) The retirement benefit payable to a member who retires from the service of the municipality before his or her optional retiring date is based on his or her final average emoluments and consists of a pension and a lump sum at the rates in the following table for each year of continuous service:

| Age | Pension per cent | Lump sum per cent |
|-----|------------------|-------------------|
| 55 | 1,40 | 4,00 |
| 56 | 1,45 | 4,15 |
| 57 | 1,50 | 4,30 |
| 58 | 1,56 | 4,45 |
| 59 | 1,62 | 4,60 |

- (b) In the event that the age at retirement from the service of the municipality is not an exact number of years, the Board of Trustees must calculate the amount payable on a pro-rata basis for the number of months in excess of completed years: Provided that part of a month is taken as a complete month.

8. Minimum benefit

- (1) The provisions of section 14A of the Pension Funds Act apply to this item, and in the event of an irreconcilable conflict between the application of section 14A and the provisions of this item, section 14A prevails.

- (2) If a person ceases to be a member of the Fund prior to retirement from the service of the municipality in circumstances other than the liquidation of the Fund, the benefit payable to, or in respect of him or her must be at least equal to his or her minimum individual reserve.

9. Bonus service

- (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-item (3), a member who has at least 20 years' continuous service and-
- (a) who retires from the service of the municipality;
 - (b) who dies; or
 - (c) whose services are terminated in accordance with item 2 or 3,
- is granted additional continuous service in accordance with sub-item (2).
- (2) For purposes of this item, additional continuous service of-
- (a) one year; and
 - (b) one year for every completed five years of continuous service in excess of 20 years,
- is granted to a member contemplated in sub-item (1), subject to a maximum period of continuous service, including the additional service, of 50 years.
- (3) (a) Any additional service purchased by a member may not be included for the purpose of bonus service.
- (b) A member is only eligible for bonus service for the period of actual service after-
- (i) becoming a member of the Fund; and
 - (ii) the date of commencement of these Regulations.

10. Conversion of lump sum into pension

- (1) A member who becomes entitled to a pension and lump sum on the election date has the right to elect that the whole or part of the lump sum be converted into a-
- (a) pension equal to 20% of the pension to which he or she was entitled on the election date in the event that the whole amount of the lump sum is so converted; or
 - (b) proportionately smaller pension in the event that less than the whole amount of the lump sum is so converted.
- (2) In the event that the lump sum is payable partly by the-
- (a) Fund; and
 - (b) associated municipality out of its own revenue,
- and less than the whole amount of the lump sum is converted as contemplated in sub-item (1) (b), the amount so converted must be divided between the Fund and the associated municipality concerned in the same proportions as the total lump sum before conversion.

11. Commutation of certain pensions

- (1) The Board of Trustees-
- (a) may, in its sole discretion, commute a pension of an amount equal to or less than the annual amount as determined by the South African Revenue Service from time to time into a lump sum; or

- (b) must, if on the election date, a retiring member, whose pension exceeds the amount contemplated in paragraph (a) per year, so requests, commute not more than one-third of his or her pension for a lump sum.
- (2) In the event that any amount has been transferred to the Fund after 12 March 1997 in respect of a member from a fund approved by the South African Revenue Service as a pension fund, not more than one-seventh of his or her pension may be commuted into a lump sum.
- (3) The amount of the lump sum must be determined by the Board of Trustees acting on the advice of the Actuary and is equivalent in value to the pension so commuted.
- (4) In the event that the whole of a pension is commuted in accordance with sub-items (1) and (2), no benefit is payable to the dependants of the member concerned.
- (5) In the event that part of a pension is commuted in accordance with sub-items (1) and (2), the granting of a pension, as contemplated in this Schedule, to the dependants of the member concerned remains unaffected.
- (6) In the event that the whole or part of a pension payable in accordance with item 1(2), 1(4) or 3(1) or regulation 40(d) is commuted, the associated municipality employing the member concerned, must pay to the Fund an amount determined by the Board of Trustees acting on the advice of the Actuary.

12. Member re-joining service of same or another associated municipality

- (1) (a) In the event that a member-
 - (i) leaves the service of an associated municipality for any reason other than-
 - (aa) retirement from the service of the municipality as contemplated in item 7; or
 - (bb) dismissal in accordance with item 5(1) to (4) or item 5(5);
 - (ii) receives a benefit in accordance with item 2(3)(b), 3(3)(b), 4 or 5(6); and
 - (iii) is re-employed-
 - (aa) before he or she has attained the pension age, by such municipality or by another associated municipality; and
 - (bb) within 12 months from the date of his or her having left such service,

he or she may elect, within a period not exceeding four months after the date on which he or she is so re-employed, to refund any benefit received from the Fund in accordance with paragraph (b).
- (b) The refund contemplated in paragraph (a) may be paid-
 - (i) in one sum; or
 - (ii) by instalments approved by the Board of Trustees, together with interest at a rate recommended by the Actuary and approved by the Board of Trustees, compounded yearly from the date he or she received such benefit to the date or dates of repayment.
- (2) In the event that a member has refunded a benefit as contemplated in sub-item (1)-
 - (a) the break in his or her service is condoned; and
 - (b) he or she again contributes to the Fund from the date of his or her re-employment.
- (3) In the event that the date of re-employment is more than 12 months, but less than 24 months, after the date that the member left such service, he or she may elect in writing-
 - (a) within a period not exceeding four months after the date on which he or she rejoins the service; and

- (b) with the consent of the Board of Trustees,
to refund any benefit received from the Fund and the provisions of this item apply.
- (4) In the event that a benefit has been paid to a member in accordance with item 5, the Board of Trustees in its sole discretion, may decide that such member is not excluded from the provisions of this item.

13. Recalculation of certain pensions

With effect from the date of commencement of these Regulations, every pensioner or dependent of a deceased pensioner of the Fund must, without interruption, receive a pension equal in amount to the pension he or she received from the Fund immediately prior to the date of commencement of these Regulations.

14. Bonus addition to pension

- (1) The Board of Trustees, in accordance with the provisions of the Pension Funds Act-
 - (a) must review the level of pension being paid by the Fund; and
 - (b) may, acting on the advice of the Actuary and taking into account the increase in the consumer price index in the previous financial year, determine that pensions are increased in addition to the annual increase contemplated in sub-item (5).
- (2) Any increase in pension, as contemplated in sub-item (1)(b) must be paid in accordance with the pension increase policy adopted by the Board of Trustees, acting on the advice of the Actuary, during the month of July and reviewed on an annual basis, and is-
 - (a) payable from the date as set out in the pension increase policy as amended from time to time; and
 - (b) subject to the minimum pension increase in accordance with the Pension Funds Act.
- (3) The Board of Trustees may, acting on the advice of the Actuary, annually, in respect of every-
 - (a) pensioner; or
 - (b) eligible surviving spouse, child, mother or father,

in receipt of a pension, pay an annual bonus not exceeding one month's pension: Provided that if a pension has become payable during that year, the amount of the annual bonus is reduced *pro rata* by the period during which the pension was not payable.
- (4)
 - (a) The Actuary must, taking into account the balance in the pension memorandum account contemplated in regulation 10(2), on an annual basis determine whether there are profits on the share of the Fund which is attributable to the pensions in payment.
 - (b) In the event that there are profits as contemplated in paragraph (a), the Actuary must, subject to the pension increase policy as amended from time to time, determine the percentage extent to which pensions could be augmented from such profits for the whole balance of the estimated period for which such pensions would be payable by the Fund.
- (5) The pensions payable must, subject to the pension increase policy as amended from time to time, on an annual basis be increased to the extent of the percentage calculated by the Actuary in accordance with sub-item (4): Provided that if-
 - (a) the percentage calculated in accordance with sub-item (4) is-
 - (i) less than three-quarters of the percentage increase in the consumer price index for the 12 months to December of the financial year in respect of which the profits have

- been determined in accordance with sub-item (4), the pensions must be increased by three-quarters of such percentage increase in the consumer price index; or
- (ii) greater than three-quarters of the percentage increase in the consumer price index for the 12 months to December of the financial year in respect of which the profits have been determined in accordance with sub-item (4), the pensions must be increased by a percentage which may not exceed the lower of the percentage increase-
 - (aa) in the consumer price index; or
 - (bb) calculated in accordance with sub-item (4) if any surcharge made in accordance with sub-item (7) during the year for which profits are being determined in accordance with sub-item (4) and one-half of any such surcharge during the preceding year were deducted from the profits; and
 - (b) any pension becomes payable for the first time during the year for which profits are determined in accordance with sub-item (4), the percentage increase for such pension must be reduced *pro rata* to the period during which the pension was not payable: Provided further that such reduction in the percentage increase does not apply in the case of the pension derived from a pensioner of an eligible spouse, eligible child or parent, as the case may be, unless the pensioner from whom such pension was derived was only granted a pension during the year for which profits are determined in accordance with sub-item (4).
- (6) The capitalised cost of any further increase in pensions in accordance with sub-item (5)(a) must be-
- (a) calculated by the Actuary; and
 - (b) borne by the associated municipalities.
- (7) (a) An associated municipality must bear the cost of further increases calculated in accordance with sub-item (6) by means of a percentage surcharge on the contributions payable by the municipality in accordance with item 4(1)(b) of Schedule 2.
- (b) The Actuary must-
- (i) estimate the surcharge; and
 - (ii) advise the municipality of the estimated percentage surcharge not later than 31 March in the year in which such further increases are to be granted.
- (c) The estimated surcharge becomes effective in respect of the contributions payable by the municipality from the first day of July of any such year for the immediately ensuing 12 months.
- (d) When the Actuary has completed his or her analysis of the operations of the pension memorandum account contemplated in regulation 10(2), he or she must determine the actual percentage surcharge required: Provided that if the-
- (i) percentage surcharge is greater than the amount previously estimated, the shortfall must be-
 - (aa) accumulated to the first day of July of the following year; and
 - (bb) taken into account by the Actuary in determining any subsequent surcharge that may be required from that date;
 - (ii) actual percentage surcharge required is less than the estimated percentage, the-
 - (aa) municipality must continue to contribute at the estimated rate of surcharge until the 30th day of June of the following year; and
 - (bb) excess surcharge must be accumulated in the pension memorandum account contemplated in regulation 10(2) and taken into account by the Actuary in determining any subsequent surcharge that is required; and

- (iii) last valuation by the Actuary in accordance with the provisions of regulation 15 discloses that the Fund had a surplus-
- (aa) a portion of the cost of the further increases up to an amount equal to 1% of the pensionable emoluments of members must be met from the contributions payable in accordance with item 4(1)(b) of Schedule 2; and
- (bb) only the balance of the cost may be met by a percentage surcharge in accordance with this item.

15. Benefits, pensions and lump sums not assignable or executable

- (1) The provisions of the Pension Funds Act apply to this item, and in the event of an irreconcilable conflict between the application of the Pension Funds Act and the provisions of this item, the provisions of the Pension Funds Act prevail.
- (2) A benefit or right to a benefit cannot under any circumstances be-
 - (a) assigned;
 - (b) transferred;
 - (c) otherwise ceded;
 - (d) pledged; or
 - (e) hypothecated.
- (3) A benefit, right to a benefit or any contributions made by a member or on his or her behalf may not under any circumstances be subjected to-
 - (a) attachment; or
 - (b) any form of execution in accordance with a judgement or order of any court of law.
- (4) In the event of a beneficiary attempting to-
 - (a) assign;
 - (b) transfer;
 - (c) otherwise cede;
 - (d) pledge; or
 - (e) hypothecate,

a benefit or right to a benefit in contravention with the provisions of sub-item (2), payment thereof may be withheld or suspended, if the Board of Trustees so determines: Provided that the Board of Trustees may direct the payment of a benefit or part thereof to any one or more dependants of the beneficiary or to a trust for such dependant or dependants during such period as it may deem fit.

16. Effect of insolvency on payment of pension

- (1) The provisions of section 37B of the Pension Funds Act apply to this item, and in the event of an irreconcilable conflict between the application of section 37B and the provisions of this item, section 37B prevails.
- (2) In the event that the estate of any person in receipt of a pension is-
 - (a) sequestrated;
 - (b) surrendered; or

- (c) assigned,
for the benefit of his or her creditors, the pension concerned, in accordance with the provisions of section 37B of the Pension Funds Act, does not form part of the insolvent estate of the pensioner concerned.
- (3) Any payment to the person contemplated in sub-item (2)-
 - (a) is only for his or her own personal use;
 - (b) may, subject to section 16 of the Maintenance Act, 1998 ([Act No. 99 of 1998](#)), not in any way be taken, attached, sold or appropriated by-
 - (i) the trustee in insolvency;
 - (ii) any assignee; or
 - (iii) his or her creditors; and
 - (c) does not form part of his or her insolvent estate.
- (4) Whenever a pension has been suspended in accordance with this item, it may, in the discretion of the Board of Trustees, be revived on the-
 - (a) rehabilitation of the person in receipt of the pension;
 - (b) setting aside of the sequestration of his or her estate; or
 - (c) claims of his or her creditors being satisfied,in which event he or she receives a pension at the same rate and under the same conditions as before sequestration, surrender or assignment, as the case may be, together with any arrears that may have accrued.

17. Effect of conviction on payment of pension

- (1) If a person in receipt of a pension is-
 - (a) convicted by any court of any crime or offence; and
 - (b) sentenced to any term of imprisonment exceeding 12 months without the option of a fine,the pension concerned ceases to be paid to such person and is paid to such person's eligible dependant or dependants during the period of imprisonment.
- (2) After the discharge of the person contemplated in this item from prison, payment of the pension to him or her resumes at the same rate and under the same conditions as before his or her imprisonment, together with any arrears that may have accrued.

18. Deduction of debt owed and payable to associated municipality from benefit

- (1) The provisions of section 37D of the Pension Funds Act apply to this item, and in the event of an irreconcilable conflict between the application of section 37D and the provisions of this item, section 37D prevails.
- (2) For purposes of this item-
 - (a) "debt" means a money debt owed and payable by a member to the associated municipality in whose employ he or she is; and
 - (b) any such debt is deemed to be so owed and payable, if it is certified as such by the municipal manager or chief executive officer, as the case may be, of the municipality concerned.

- (3) (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Regulations or in any other law any debt due by a member to the associated municipality in whose employ he or she is, may, subject to the provisions of section 37D of the Pension Funds Act, be deducted-
 - (i) as a lump sum from the benefit payable to, or in respect of, him or her; or
 - (ii) in the case of a pension payable to such member, in such instalments as the Board of Trustees may decide.
- (b) The amounts deducted in accordance with this sub-item must be paid by the Fund to the municipality concerned.
- (4) If the Board of Trustees receives more than one claim for the payment of debts, it must determine the-
 - (a) order of priority of the payment of such claims; or
 - (b) apportionment between such claims of the amount available for payment,in accordance with this item.
- (5) No claim lies against the Fund in respect of any amount paid to an associated municipality in accordance with this item.

19. Unclaimed benefit

- (1) Any unclaimed benefit-
 - (a) due to a beneficiary; and
 - (b) that has not been paid by the Fund,must be retained by the Fund pending a claim by such beneficiary or any other person in respect of such beneficiary, subject to item 6(14) and sub-item (3), with the necessary changes.
- (2) The benefit so retained attracts interest at a rate to be determined by the Board of Trustees from time to time from the date on which such benefit became due and payable until the date of payment.
- (3) The Fund is entitled to deduct from the unclaimed benefit account any necessary and reasonable costs incurred by it, to include, but not limited to, administration and tracing costs in the determination of beneficiaries.
- (4) The provisions of this item do not apply to any benefit lawfully withheld by the Fund in accordance with these Regulations or the Pension Funds Act.
- (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-items (1) to (4), the Board of Trustees may transfer any unclaimed benefits to a registered unclaimed benefit fund, as contemplated in section 37C of the Pension Funds Act.

20. Delayed payment of benefits

Interest must be added to a benefit in respect of which payment has not been made to a former member or beneficiary on the date on which payment is due-

- (a) for the period from the due date of payment to the actual date of payment; and
- (b) at a rate of interest equal to the Johannesburg Interbank Agreed Rate, as amended from time to time.

21. Special grant by associated municipality to member

- (1) If, in the case of a member who was in the service of a municipality on the date it became associated with the Fund, the continuous service of such member is calculated without taking into account the whole period of service of such a member with a municipality before it became an associated municipality, or with another unassociated municipality before such date, such associated municipality may, subject to prior written approval by the responsible Member of the Executive Council, make a special grant to such a member or his or her dependants in respect of such prior service, by way of-
 - (a) a special payment;
 - (b) an annual allowance; or
 - (c) any other allowance.
- (2) The special grant contemplated in sub-item (1)-
 - (a) is payable in addition to any benefit due or received from the Fund in accordance with this Schedule to such member or his or her dependants; and
 - (b) must be made by the associated municipality out of its own revenue.
- (3) The sum of the benefit due by the Fund and the special grant contemplated in sub-item (1), may not exceed in value the amount of the benefit that would have been payable by the Fund if the-
 - (a) whole period of such prior service had been treated as continuous service; or
 - (b) benefit for such service had not been reduced to a proportion of the benefits specified in these Regulations.

22. Effect of Regulations on other laws

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, an associated municipality may only grant a benefit, pension or lump sum to a-

- (a) member of the Fund;
- (b) pensioner; or
- (c) dependant of a member or pensioner,

in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations.

Schedule 4 (Regulation 54)**Arrangements relating to special conditions****1. Special conditions applicable to persons who are contract employees in accordance with section 57 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act**

- (1) In this Schedule-
 - (a) “fixed period contract” means a contract in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act;
 - (b) “total cost to employer contract” means a contract in terms of which a member is employed on a total cost to company remuneration package; and
 - (c) “pensionable emoluments” means a percentage of the total remuneration package of a contract employee, being the total cost to the employer of employing a contract employee as

his or her pensionable emoluments amounted to at the commencement of these Regulations:
Provided that-

- (i) such contract employee is not entitled to adjust his or her pensionable emoluments during the period of his or her membership of the Fund, save for any inflation linked adjustments to his or her total package remuneration pursuant to his or her fixed period contract;
 - (ii) at all times the pensionable emoluments may be adjusted by the Board of Trustees in its sole discretion after consultation with the Actuary; and
 - (iii) pensionable emoluments of contract employees who concluded fixed period contracts prior to the commencement of this item are not adjusted retrospectively.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations, the provisions of this item only apply to persons who are contract employees as contemplated in section 57 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act.
- (3) (a) No contract employee who immediately prior to the commencement of his or her fixed period contract was a member of the Fund, is obliged on the commencement of his or her fixed period contract to retain his or her membership of the Fund.
- (b) In the event of the contract employee electing to remain a member of the Fund-
- (i) the provisions of regulation 30 apply with the necessary changes to his or her membership: Provided that no contract employee on a fixed period contract who was not at the commencement of his or her contract a member of the Fund is entitled to elect to become a member of the Fund; and
 - (ii) a percentage required to be contributed in accordance with items 2, 4 and 5 of Schedule 2 together with any additional contribution or surcharge contemplated in regulation 15 must be deducted in full from the contract employee's total package remuneration, being the total cost to the employer, and all such contributions less any costs referred to in sub-item (7)(b) is deemed to be employee contributions for the purposes of sub-item (5): Provided that this excludes any contributions in accordance with item 4(1)(e) of Schedule 2.
- (4) The provisions of item 3 of Schedule 3 do not apply to contract employees.
- (5) In the event that a contract employee-
- (a) ceases to be a member in the circumstances other than those referred to in item 1, 2, 4(4), 6 or 7 of Schedule 3; and
 - (b) is a member of the Fund in accordance with sub-item (3),
- such member is entitled to a lump sum calculated as provided in items 4(1)(a) and (b) of Schedule 3 in respect of the fixed period contract, and the provisions of Schedule 3 apply in respect of any other period of service:
- Provided that-
- (i) the member is not entitled to the benefit based on twice his or her total contributions as contemplated in the proviso to item 6(6) of Schedule 3; and
 - (ii) the provisions of Schedule 5 apply for purposes of this sub-item.
- (6) Upon any renewal of a contract employee's fixed period contract by the municipality there is deemed to be a continuance of the contract employee's membership of the Fund and there is no termination of membership at the expiration of-
- (a) the initial period; and

- (b) any renewal thereafter,
of such fixed period contract.
- (7)
 - (a) If a fixed period contract is terminated by either the member or the municipality, or is not renewed, the member is entitled to the benefits provided for in sub-item (5).
 - (b) There is excluded from the calculation of any benefit payable to a contract employee in accordance with paragraph (a) any administration charges of the Fund, including any costs in respect of death or disability cover, in an amount as determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees on the advice of the Actuary.
- (8)
 - (a) A member who becomes a contract employee must inform the Fund thereof within two months of the commencement of the contract with the municipality, or such longer period as the Board of Trustees may determine.
 - (b) The contract employee may, within such period of two months contemplated in paragraph (a), apply to the Fund for his or her contributions not to be based on his or her pensionable emoluments as defined in accordance with sub-item (1), but on such pensionable emoluments as may be determined by such contract employee: Provided that any approval of such application may be subject to such conditions as the Board of Trustees may determine.
 - (c) In the event that the member fails to inform the Fund in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) that he or she is a contract employee and the member's-
 - (i) application in accordance with paragraph (b) is granted; and
 - (ii) contributions are not based on his or her pensionable emoluments as defined in sub-item (1),the contract employee's continuous service, as defined, may be adjusted by the Board of Trustees in consultation with the Actuary.
- (9) The provisions of this item apply to all contract employees notwithstanding that their fixed period contracts were concluded with the municipalities concerned prior to the commencement of these Regulations.
- (10) In the event that a contract employee who was compelled to become a member of the Fund in accordance with regulation 30(5) elects, after the commencement of these Regulations, not to remain a member of the Fund, the benefits payable to such member must be in accordance with sub-item (5).
- (11) Nothing contained in this item derogates from any greater right acquired by or accrued to any contract employee in accordance with these Regulations: Provided that proof of the greater right is upon the contract employee who must establish same to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees in consultation with the Actuary and if so established, is thereupon entitled to any such additional benefits.

Schedule 5

Annuity strategy and arrangements relating to deferred retirees and special provisions applicable to preserved members on reaching pension age

1. Annuity strategy

- (1) The Board of Trustees must develop and implement an annuity strategy in accordance with the provisions of all relevant national and provincial legislation, whether principal or subordinate.
- (2) From time to time but at least annually, the Board of Trustees must review the annuity strategy to ensure that it remains appropriate for members.

- (3) When a member retires in terms of item 1, item 2, item 3, item 4 or item 5 of Schedule 3 the following applies-
- (a) in the case of a member who is not a preserved member and whose benefits are determined in accordance with defined benefit funding principles, his or her pension must be paid by the Fund in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations;
 - (b) in the case of a preserved member who meets the qualifying criteria, he or she must become an in-fund annuitant: Provided that on the election date, a preserved member may elect that the benefit determined in accordance with item 2(b) of Schedule 6, after any commutation in terms of item 11 of Schedule 3, be transferred to a registered insurer to purchase an annuity in the name of the preserved member in accordance with the provisions of item 3 of this Schedule;
 - (c) if the preserved member does not meet the qualifying criteria, the benefit determined in accordance with item 2(b) of Schedule 6, after any commutation in terms of item 11 of Schedule 3, must be transferred to a registered insurer to purchase an annuity in the name of the preserved member in accordance with the provisions of item 3 of this Schedule; and
 - (d) in the case of contract employees contemplated in Schedule 4, the provisions of Schedule 4 also apply.

2. Provisions applicable to a deferred retiree

If a member who has retired from the service of the municipality in terms of item 1, item 2, item 4 or item 5 of Schedule 3, elects to become a deferred retiree-

- (a) contributions by and in respect of the deferred retiree in terms of Schedule 2 must cease after his or her date of retirement from the service of the municipality;
- (b) the pension in terms of item 1, item 2, item 4 or item 5 of Schedule 3 as applicable, as on the date of his or her retirement from the service of the municipality, must be-
 - (i) retained in the Fund;
 - (ii) increased for the period between his retirement from the service of the municipality and the election date by pension increases in terms of item 14 of Schedule 3; and
 - (iii) further adjusted to take into account such reasonable expenses as may be decided by the Board of Trustees;
- (c) the benefit referred to in paragraph (b) must, on the date of his or her retirement from the service of the municipality, be transferred to the pension memorandum account, less any amount commuted in terms of item 11 of Schedule 3, and becomes payable in accordance with regulation 10(2)(a)(iv) (aa); and
- (d) if the deferred retiree dies before the election date, the benefit payable by the Fund must be determined by the Board of Trustees acting upon the advice of the Actuary.

3. Conditions relating to purchase of annuity from a registered insurer

If an annuity is to be purchased for a preserved member from a registered insurer in terms of the proviso to item 1(3)(b) or in terms of item 1(3)(c) of this Schedule, the following must apply-

- (a) the benefit determined in accordance with item 2(b) of Schedule 6, after any commutation in terms of item 11 of Schedule 3, must be transferred to a registered insurer chosen by the preserved member and approved by the Board of Trustees;
- (b) the annuity must be purchased in the name of the preserved member and the terms and conditions applicable to such annuity including options elected by the preserved member and the

determination of any benefits arising on his or her death, must be agreed between the preserved member and the registered insurer and must be set out in writing by the registered insurer;

- (c) the annuity so purchased must be subject to the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1962 ([Act No. 58 of 1962](#)), the Long-term Insurance Act, 1998 ([Act No. 52 of 1998](#)) and any requirements specified by the South African Revenue Service from time to time; and
- (d) on purchase of the annuity in terms of this item 3 of Schedule 5, the Fund has no further obligation to, or in respect of, the preserved member, as all such obligations transfer to the registered insurer from whom such annuity or annuities are purchased.

4. Conditions relating to payment of annuity from the Fund

The following provisions must apply if a retiring preserved member becomes an in-fund annuitant in terms of the provisions of item 1(3)(b) of this Schedule:

- (a) the benefit determined in accordance with item 2(b) of Schedule 6, after any commutation in terms of item 11 of Schedule 3, must be transferred to the living annuity account;
- (b) each living annuity payable from the living annuity account must be payable to the in-fund annuitant in accordance with the terms and conditions of the living annuity policy: Provided that-
 - (i) the amount of a living annuity payable to an in-fund annuitant must, subject to any requirements and restrictions imposed by the South African Revenue Service from time to time and the provisions and restrictions set out in the living annuity policy, be determined by the in-fund annuitant at the commencement date of the payment thereof and thereafter annually as at the anniversary of the commencement date and must be payable exclusively out of the living annuity account;
 - (ii) if the assets comprising the living annuity account in relation to a particular in-fund annuitant become less than an amount prescribed by legislation, the full remaining value of the assets comprising the living annuity account for that in-fund annuitant may be paid to the in-fund annuitant as a lump sum benefit;
 - (iii) each in-fund annuitant must provide such evidence of his or her survival as the Board of Trustees may require. If such evidence is not produced, the Board of Trustees may direct that payment of further instalments of the living annuity be suspended until such evidence is produced; and
 - (iv) an in-fund annuitant may, with the consent of the Board of Trustees, elect that the balance of the assets comprising the living annuity account for that in-fund annuitant be transferred to a registered insurer of his or her choice to purchase an annuity in his or her own name, the provisions of item 3 of this Schedule must apply with the changes required by the context to an annuity purchased from a registered insurer in terms of the provisions of this paragraph.

5. Death of an in-fund annuitant

- (1) On the death of an in-fund annuitant, the balance of the assets comprising his or her living annuity account must be paid to his or her beneficiaries in accordance with the provisions of section 37C of the Pension Funds Act: Provided that if there are no beneficiaries the balance of the living annuity account must be paid to the estate of the deceased in-fund annuitant as a lump sum.
- (2) A beneficiary who becomes entitled to payment of a benefit in terms of paragraph above may elect that the balance of the living annuity account or, if there is more than one beneficiary, his or her proportionate share of the balance of the living annuity account, must be-
 - (a) transferred to a registered insurer of his or her choice to purchase an annuity in his or her name;
 - (b) paid to him or her as a lump sum; or
 - (c) paid from the Fund.

- (3) If a beneficiary elects the option specified in paragraph (2)(a), the provisions of item 3 of this Schedule apply with the changes required by the context to an annuity purchased from a registered insurer in terms of the provisions of that item.
- (4) If the beneficiary elects option specified in paragraph (2)(c) the following apply-
 - (a) the amount available for the beneficiary must be used to secure a living annuity for the beneficiary from the living annuity account;
 - (b) the beneficiary must become an in-fund annuitant and the provisions of item 4 of this Schedule must apply with the changes required by the context;
 - (c) on the death of such in-fund annuitant, the balance of the assets comprising his or her living annuity account must continue to be paid to any beneficiaries in such proportions as the Board of Trustees may decide, taking into account the provisions of section 37C of the Pension Funds Act, and in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in item 4 of this Schedule.
- (5) The provisions of paragraph (1) and (2) apply with the changes required by the context to payment to such beneficiary and also apply to payment to any further beneficiaries on the death of such beneficiary.

Schedule 6

Arrangements relating to payment of benefits on leaving service of municipality

1. Preservation and payment of benefit

- (1) When a member leaves the service of the municipality in terms of item 3(3)(b), item 4 or item 5 of Schedule 3, the benefit payable in terms of item 3(3)(b), item 4 or item 5 of Schedule 3 must be preserved in the Fund in accordance with the provisions of item 2 below, unless upon leaving the service of the municipality the member elects that the benefit be-
 - (a) paid to him or her as a lump sum; or
 - (b) transferred to another approved pension fund, an approved provident fund, an approved retirement annuity fund or a pension preservation fund: Provided that-
 - (i) transfer to a pension preservation fund is subject to the requirements of the South African Revenue Service as specified from time to time; and
 - (ii) if a member elects an option as specified in paragraph (a) or (b), the benefit must be paid to him or her or transferred to another fund as soon as possible after the date of leaving the service of the municipality.
- (2) If a member on leaving the service of the municipality does not elect either option specified in paragraph (1)(a) or (1)(b) he or she becomes a preserved member and the provisions of item 2 of this Schedule apply to such member.
- (3) If a member who elects either an option as specified in paragraph (1)(a) or (1)(b) dies after leaving the service of the municipality but before payment of his or her benefit has been made, the benefit must be paid to his or her estate as a lump sum.

2. Provisions applicable to a preserved member

The following provisions apply to a preserved member-

- (a) after the date of leaving service no further contributions in terms of Schedule 2 must be made by or in respect of the preserved member;

- (b) the benefit payable on leaving the service of the municipality, determined in accordance with the applicable provision in item 3(3)(b), item 4 or item 5 in Schedule 3; must be transferred to the preserved member account and the benefit preserved in the Fund must henceforth be determined in accordance with the provisions of regulation 10(11); and
- (c) the preserved member is not entitled to any benefits from the Fund other than the benefit referred to in paragraph(b).

3. Payment of benefit to the preserved member

The following provisions apply to payment of the benefit referred to in item 2(b) of this Schedule-

- (a) on the preserved member reaching pension age, the benefit referred to in item 2(b) of this Schedule must, in accordance with the provisions of item 1(3)(b) or item 1(3)(c) of Schedule 5, either-
 - (i) be transferred to the living annuity account; or
 - (ii) be applied to purchase an annuity from a registered insurer in terms of item 3 of Schedule 5;
- (b) on the death of the preserved member, such benefit must become payable to his or her beneficiaries in terms of section 37C of the Pension Funds Act; or
- (c) the preserved member may elect at any time, in circumstances other than those described in (a) and (b) above that such benefit-
 - (i) be paid to him as a lump sum: Provided that the election is made prior to attainment of pension age; or
 - (ii) be transferred to another approved pension fund, an approved provident fund, an approved retirement annuity fund or, subject to the requirements of the South African Revenue Services, to a pension preservation fund.

4. Retirement benefits counselling

Before a benefit of a preserved member contemplated in item 2(b) of this Schedule is-

- (a) dealt with in terms of item 3(a);
- (b) paid in terms of item 3(c)(i); or
- (c) transferred to another fund in terms of item 3(c)(ii),

that preserved member must have access to retirement benefits counselling.

Schedule 7 (Regulation 56)

Laws repealed

Part A – Regulations made in terms of ordinances of the former Province of Natal

| Number and year of law | Title | Extent of repeal |
|---|---|------------------|
| Provincial Notice No. 180 of 1975 | Regulations governing the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement), 1975, as amended | The whole |

Part B – Rules issued in terms of Regulations made in terms of Ordinances of the former Province of Natal and enactments of KwaZulu-Natal legislature

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| Provincial Notice No. 273 of 1996 | Rules for the Management and Administration of the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Superannuation); the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement); and the KwaZulu-Natal Joint Municipal Provident Fund), 1996, as amended | Only to the extent that the Rules apply to the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund (Retirement) |