**Pensionable Service**

The basis for determining the service to be used in calculating a pension for a member of a defined benefit scheme will be defined in the scheme rules, and will typically be the period from the date of joining the scheme to the date of leaving, retirement or death.

For death in service or ill health calculations, it is not uncommon for *pensionable service* to include the period of service projected to the member’s normal pension age.

Some common definitions of *pensionable service* might include:

Complete years and days

Complete years and complete months

Complete years and part months (1 day rounded up)

Complete years and part months (15 days rounded up)