

Local Government Pension Scheme

**London Pensions
Fund Authority**

Absence due to trade dispute (ie strike)

Part 1

This form has been given to you because you have been absent from work as a result of a trade dispute and you were a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme immediately before the start of the dispute. This period of absence will not usually count for pension purposes. However, you may buy back the period of absence by paying contributions at the rate of 16% of the difference between any pay you received for the period of absence from which pension contributions were deducted and the amount which you would have received had you been at work.

If you wish to buy back the membership in respect of your absence through strike, please complete Part 2 of this form and return it to your employer within 30 days of your return to work, or the date you ceased to be employed if you do not return to work. Please note however, that if your employment was terminated as a result of the trade dispute you may only purchase the period of absence if you again become an employee of the same employer and a member of the Scheme not later than the day after the dispute ends.

If you are paying additional _____ contributions to the Scheme to increase your benefits and wish to continue with this arrangement, you must continue to pay the contributions throughout your period of absence unless your contract is terminated. If this is not practicable, you must arrange with your employer to pay them as soon as possible on your return to work. If you do not wish to continue with the arrangement you may elect to terminate it by writing to the (LPFA) and to your employer. You will be credited with the membership purchased to the date of your election to cease payment.

If you are paying additional voluntary contributions (AVCs) through the Scheme, you may choose whether or not to pay these during your absence. Please advise your employer accordingly.

Part 2

To: *(Enter name and address of your employer)* _____

Date period of absence commenced _____

Date period of absence ended _____

I wish to pay pension contributions at the rate of 16% in respect of my absence due to a trade dispute. Please deduct the amount due from my pay / I wish to pay by cheque in full*

Signed _____ Date _____

Surname _____ Forenames _____

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/other* _____ National Insurance number _____

**Delete as appropriate*

Note to Employer: (a) Please collect the appropriate contributions