

The New LGPS scheme

You may be aware that there is a new Local Government Pension Scheme being introduced from April 2008.

A further newsletter will be produced prior to its introduction giving the details and how you can expect it to affect you, when it is finalised.

Nomination Forms

You can nominate a beneficiary/ies of any death grant that becomes payable as a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

If you would like a nomination form or have any questions regarding the information given in this newsletter, please contact your appropriate pension office. The contact details are given below.

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Further changes to The Local Government Pension Scheme 2006



How will the further changes to the LGPS made on 1 October 2006 affect me?

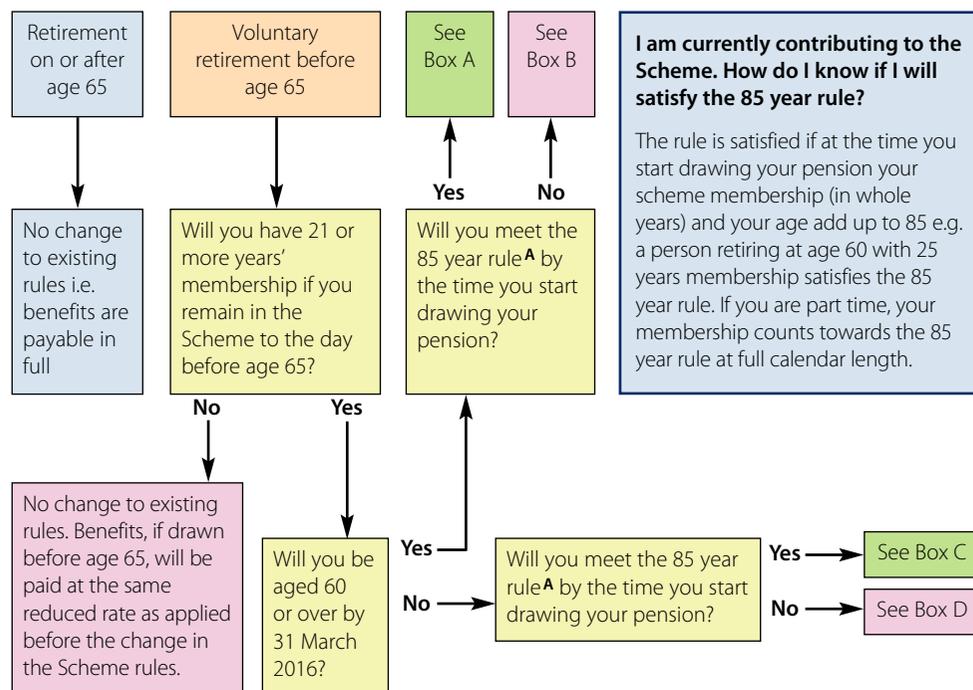
Since the last newsletter was produced outlining changes to the current pension scheme, there have been further changes which extends the dates of protections and amends the level of AVCs that you can pay.

AVC contributions

Regulations regarding AVCs are also amended to only allow you to pay up to 50% of your monthly pay towards your AVC fund. This is on top of the normal contribution rate that you currently pay.

Extended Protections

The revised flow charts shown on these pages sets out the current position as a result of the extended protections. By following the flow charts you will be able to see how the revised changes affect you. Further details of the scheme can be obtained from your authority's pension section.



A. or meet an earlier Normal Retirement Date which some members who joined the Scheme before 1 April 1998 have under previous regulations.

Box A

None of the benefits you accrue up to 31 March 2016 will be reduced.

However, any benefits you accrue after that date will be reduced to take account of the fact that the benefits are being drawn before age 65. The size of the reduction will depend on how many years before age 65 you draw your benefits.

Box B

The benefits you have accrued up to 31 March 2016 will be reduced but the reduction will be the same as under the old rules (i.e. based on the number of years you are short of meeting the 85 year rule 'B').

The benefits you accrue after 31 March 2016 will be reduced but the reduction will be higher than under the old rules to take account of the fact that the benefits are being drawn before age 65. The size of the reduction will depend on how many years before age 65 you draw your benefits.

Box C

None of the benefits you accrue up to 31 March 2008 will be reduced.

However, any benefits you accrue after that date will be reduced to take account of the fact that the benefits are being drawn before age 65. The size of the reduction will depend on how many years before age 65 you draw your benefits.

If you will be aged 60 between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2020 and meet the 85 year rule by 31 March 2020 please see note 'C'.

Box D

The benefits you have accrued up to 31 March 2008 will be reduced but the reduction will be the same as under the old rules (i.e. based on the number of years you are short of meeting the 85 year rule 'B').

The benefits you accrue after 31 March 2008 will be reduced but the reduction will be higher than under the old rules to take account of the fact that the benefits are being drawn before age 65. The size of the reduction will depend on how many years before age 65 you draw your benefits.

If you will be aged 60 between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2020 and meet the 85 year rule by 31 March 2020 please see note 'C'.

Please note that no reduction will be applied to any of your benefits if you draw them on or after age 65.

B. or the shortfall to any earlier Normal Retirement Date which some members who joined the Scheme before 1 April 1998 may have had under previous regulations.

C. if you are aged 60 between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2020 and meet the 85 year rule by 31 March 2020, the benefits you build up between 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2020 will be reduced, but the reduction will not be the full amount.