



Single Public Service Pension Scheme

Relevant Authority Training Webinar Module F: Purchase and Transfer facility

Wednesday, 20th November 2024





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 Webinar will run from 10:30am to 12:30pm with tenminute break at 11:30am.

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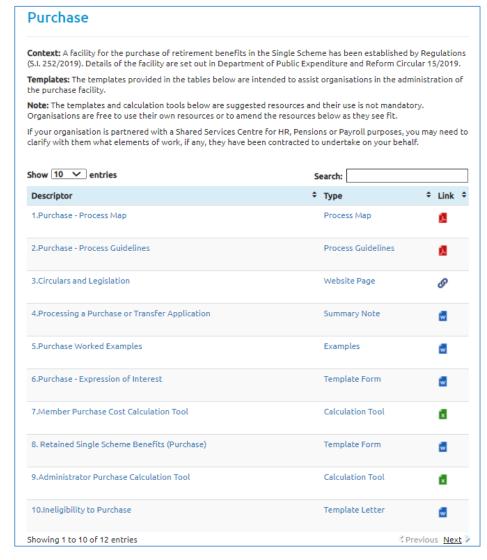
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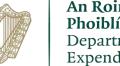
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Purchase and Transfer Toolkits



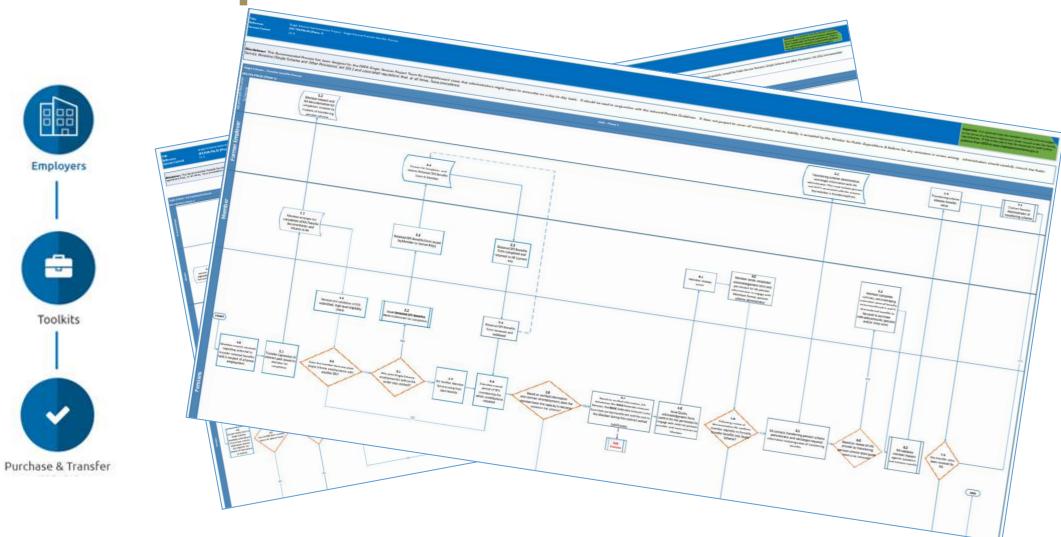


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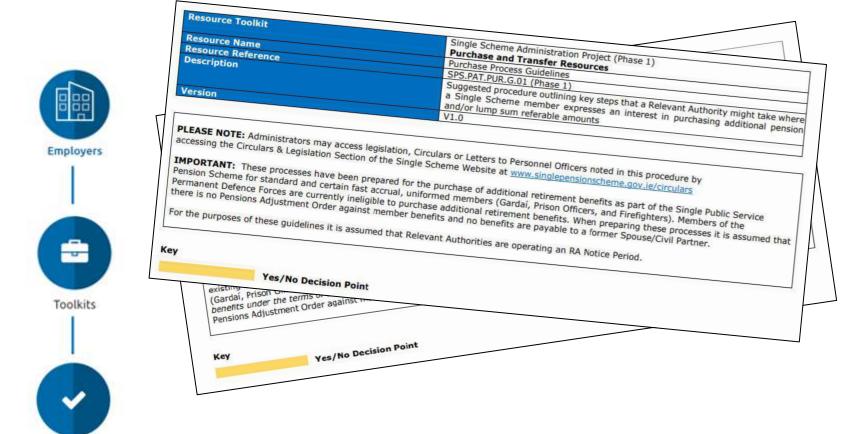
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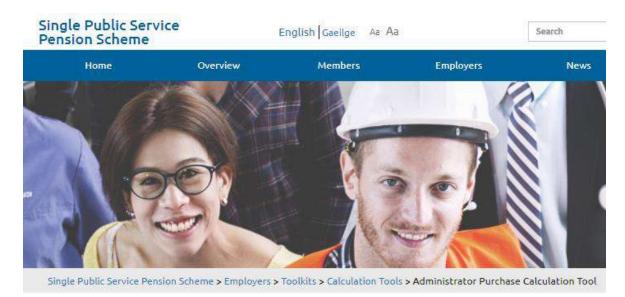
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Purchase & Transfer

Purchase Calculation Tool







Administrator Purchase Calculation Tool

This tool is designed for use in conjunction with Circular 15/2019 and Circular 06/2020,

It assists pension administrators to calculate:

Purpose (1) the limits that apply to the purchase of additional pension and/or lump sum

referable amounts by a Single Scheme member at a particular point in time; and

(2) the cost of purchasing pension and/or lump sum referable amounts for that

Single Scheme member at that point in time

Document Name Administrator Purchase Calculation Tool
Date of Issue April 2020



(Excel, 145 KB)

Tool will assist Administrators in calculating:

- 1. Purchase limits and
- 2. Purchase Costs for members

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Member Purchase/Transfer Calculation Tool







Member Purchase Cost Calculation Tool

The Single Scheme Member Calculation tool is a spreadsheet based calculator designed to give **active** Single Scheme members an indication of the cost of purchasing additional benefits under the Scheme provided for by regulations made in S.I. 252 of 2019 / S.I. 73 of 2020 and information set out in Circular 15 of 2019 / Circular 06 of 2020. The calculation tool can also be used to calculate the value of benefits transferable into the Single Scheme from another Revenue approved occupational pension scheme.

This calculation tool does not calculate the limits that apply to a Scheme member's purchase purchase by way of transfer.

You should notify your Pensions Administrator or, if applicable, Shared HR/Pensions/Payroll Centre if you wish to formally initiate the purchase of additional benefits under the Single Scheme or make formal arrangements to transfer benefits from another Revenue approved occupational pension scheme into the Single Scheme,

Document Name Single Scheme Member Purchase/Transfer Calculation Tool

Date of Issue April 2020



Purpose

Member inputs:

- Standard or fast accrual membership category
- Date of Birth
- Amount member wishes to spend

Calculation tool outputs:

- Value in pension referable amounts
- Value in lump sum referable amounts

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Purchase Facility - Overview



Purchase - Overview

 Pensions Act 1990 requires employers to facilitate transfer of benefits and enable eligible members to pay extra contributions and augment their benefits

• Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012 – no specific provision for purchase

 Ministerial commitment given to staff representatives to provide for purchase & transfer





What is the Single Scheme purchase facility?

A means by which eligible members can buy extra retirement benefits from their own resources in addition to those built-up over the course of a member's pensionable employment







Rules of the purchase facility applicable to **majority** of Single Scheme member categories made under:

S.I No. 252 of 2019 and Circular 15 of 2019

Rules of the purchase facility specifically for members of the **Permanent Defence Force** made under:

S.I No. 73 of 2020 and Circular 6 of 2020



Purchase - Overview

- Operates on a cost-neutral basis to the Exchequer
- Cost to member is based on actuarially calculated cost to the Exchequer
 of paying purchased benefits at a member's normal retirement age
- Pension and lump-sum costing tables depending on member's normal retirement age
- Normal Retirement Age is currently 66 years of age for all standard accrual members – see Circular 24 of 2020.
- Use Table 5 (pension) and Table 6 (lump-sum) only for purchase cost calculations in respect of standard accrual members.

Tables 1 to 4 not currently applicable!

Purchase - Overview



- Actuarial tables set out cost to buy €1 of extra pension or lump-sum retirement benefits on the basis of:
 - Standard Accrual member's Normal Retirement Age of 66 and,
 - age the member will be on his/her birthday in the
 12- month contract period
- Purchased pension and/or lump sum benefits added to a member's accrued pension and lump sum referable amounts built up over the course of pensionable employment





Purchased referable amounts treated in the same way as referable amounts built up in pensionable employment:

- be included on member Annual Benefit Statements and,
- purchased benefits uprated in line with CPI



Purchase – 12-month Contract Period?

Purchase - 12-month contract period

- Regulations make legal provision for a 12 month-contract period, determined by individual Relevant Authorities, within which the calculated cost to purchase benefits must be paid by an eligible member
- Referable amounts may be purchased by way of a once-off lump-sum payment <u>only</u> within the 12-month contract period
- Relevant Authority "Notice Period" may assist Relevant Authorities with the practical administration of the Scheme



Purchase – Member Eligibility



Purchase – Member Eligibility

To be eligible a Scheme Member must

- have completed the 24-month vesting period prior to the start of the 12-month contract period
- have the capacity for 9 FTE years service to the member's Normal Retirement Age or contract end date. This means, for example, a member working to an FTE of 0.50 would be required to have the capacity to work for 18 calendar years.

One purchase only permitted per 12-month contract period only





- The purchase limit is the maximum in pension and/or lump-sum benefits that an eligible member is permitted to purchase. Limits for some members may be calculated as a minus figure meaning the member cannot purchase extra benefits
- Where a calculated limit is a minus figure, this means the member in question is ineligible to purchase additional retirement benefits



Column 1	Column 2
Total period, in FTE years, as a Single Scheme Member to Normal Retirement Age	Purchase Multiplier
9	1
10	2
11	3
12	4
13	5
14	7
15	9
16	11
17	13
18	15
19	17
20 or more	20

Purchase limits are calculated on the basis of a series of factors which include the **Purchase Multiplier**, arrived at by assessing **FTE years** as a Single Scheme member from:

- start date in pensionable employment to,
- Normal Retirement Age or contract-end date as applicable
- Years to the Normal Retirement Age or contract-end date are rounded down, whole years only



- Period of Scheme membership restored as a result of repayment of refunds under scheme can be included
- Members are assumed to remain on current FTE workpattern to the Normal Retirement Age or contract-end date as applicable
- Depending on member category Permanent Defence Force or all other member cohorts – applicable circular contains table with purchase multiplier

Purchase Limits – Calculation Factors

Α	Member's Annual Pensionable Remuneration (<u>always</u> FTE 1.0 value) at the end of the " <i>most recent year"</i>
В	Annual State Pension (Contributory) rate at end of most recent Scheme Year*
С	Total Pension Referable Amounts accrued (and purchased) since membership of scheme commenced to end of most recent Scheme Year*
D	Total Pension Referable Amounts accrued in most recent Scheme Year
E	Total lump sum Referable Amounts accrued (and purchased) since membership of scheme commenced to end of most recent Scheme Year
F	Total lump sum Referable Amounts accrued in most recent Scheme Year
G	Time (in whole years) to NRA from end of most recent scheme year

*The "most recent year" is the January to December year before the commencement of the 12-month contract period



Pension Referable Amount Limit



Pension referable amount purchase limit is the lesser of

or...

x purchase multiplier



Lump-sum Referable Amount Limit



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or...

x purchase multiplier



Purchase Costing



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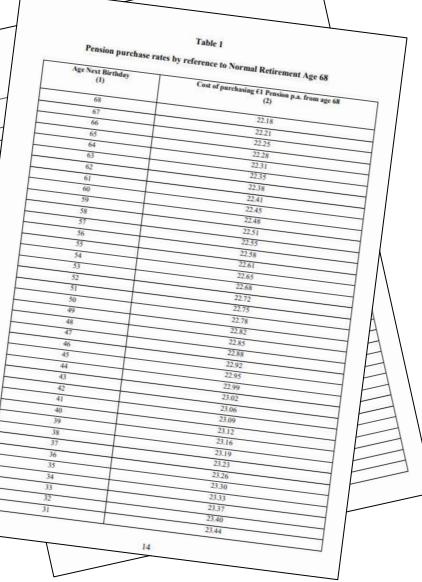
Circular 6/2020:

Permanent Defende

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Circular 15/2019:

All other members



Circulars contain separate costing tables:

- Normal Retirement Age of 66
 years of age for all standard
 accrual members (Tables 5 and 6)
- Member "age next birthday" i.e. age in the 12-month contract period
- Cost to purchase €1 pension referable amount
- Cost to purchase €1 lump sum referable amount



Purchase Costing

- 1. Complete purchase eligibility assessment
- If eligible, source additional HR/Payroll/Pension data(Factors A G)
- Determine applicable purchase multiplier from Circular 15 of 2019
- **4.** Determine the applicable maximum pension referable amount that can be purchased and cost to purchase €1 pension referable amounts during contract period
- **5.** Determine the applicable maximum lump sum referable amount that can be purchased and cost to purchase €1 lump sum referable amount during contract period
- **6.** Prepare and issue peer-reviewed purchase quotation to member





Variable	Value
Member Category	Standard accrual



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Start date in pensionable employment	15 February 2015
Contract terms	Permanent, Full-time (FTE 1.0) since date of appointment



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Date of purchase enquiry	14 October 2020
Member date of birth and age at date of enquiry	15 April 1966, 54 years of age at date of purchase enquiry
Member's Normal Retirement Age	66 years of age



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Member Category	Standard accrual
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Contract terms	Permanent, Full-time (FTE 1.0) since date of appointment
Date of purchase enquiry	14 October 2020
Member date of birth and age at date of enquiry	15 April 1966, 54 years of age at date of purchase enquiry
Member's Normal Retirement Age	66 years of age
Period in Single Scheme to date	5.67 years
Period remaining to Normal Retirement Age	11.5 years



Has member completed the Single Scheme vesting period? Yes

Has member contractual potential to complete 9 FTE years to the Normal Retirement Age?

- Remaining contractual term of some 11.5 years
- 5.67 years as a full-time member of Scheme
- Potential for 16 years total scheme membership

Years to the Normal Retirement Age or contract-end date are rounded down, whole years only



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A	Annual Pensionable Remuneration (expressed on full-time basis) for <i>most recent year</i>	€52,000.00	Payroll



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	State Pension (Contributory) rate at end of "most recent year"	€12,956.29	DEASP / Payroll



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С	Total pension referable amounts earned (and purchased) up to end of most recent year	€1,595.10	Annual Statement



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D	Pension referable amounts earned in <i>most recent</i> year	€332.29	Annual Statement



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В	State Pension (Contributory) rate at end of "most	€12,956.29	DEASP / Payroll
	recent year"		
С	Total pension referable amounts earned (and	€1,595.10	Annual Statement
	purchased) up to end of <i>most recent year</i>		
D	Pension referable amounts earned in most recent	€332.29	Annual Statement
	year		
E	Total lump sum referable amounts earned (and	€9,172.44	Annual Statement
	purchased) up to end of <i>most recent year</i>		



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	recent year		



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F	Lump sum referable amounts earned in <i>most</i> recent year	€1,943.27	Annual Statement
G	Time (in whole calendar years, rounded down) to date of retirement (NRA) from end of most recent year	11 years	Calculation



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	recent year		
G	Time (in whole calendar years, rounded down) to	11 years	Calculation
	date of retirement (NRA) from end of most recent		
	year		

*The "most recent year" is the January to December year before the commencement of the 12-month contract period, in this case 2019



Column 1	Column 2
Total period, in FTE years, as a Single Scheme Member to Normal	Purchase Multiplier
Retirement Age	
9	1
10	2
11	3
12	4
13	5
14	7
15	9
16	11
17	13
18	15
19	17
20 or more	20

In this example the member has the potential for 16 years total scheme membership



Pension Referable Amount Limit



Pension referable amount purchase limit is the lesser of

or...

x purchase multiplier

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Purchase Example – Pension Referable Amount Limit

Α	В	С	D	G	Purchase Multiplier
€52,000	€12,956.29	€1,595.10	€332.29	11 years	11

Formula 1: (A /2) - B - C - (D x G)

Formula 1: (£52,000/2) - £12,956.29 - £1,595.10 - (£332.29 x 11) = £7,790.42

Formula 2: x purchase multiplier

Formula 2: (€332.29 x 11)

= €3,655.19

Pension Referable Amount Purchase Limit is lesser amount



Purchase Example - Cost

Table 5

Pension purchase rates by reference to Normal Retirement Age 66

	Age Next Birthday (1)	Cost of purchasing €1 Pension p.a. from age 66 (2)	
	66	23.89	
Member age,	65	23.92	Cost to buy
next birthday in	64	23.96	€1 in
the 12-month	63	24.00	pension
contract period	62	24.03	referable
	61	24.07	amounts
	60	24.10	
	59	24.14	
	58	24.17	
	57	24.21	
	56	24.25	=======================================
-	55	24.28	
			



Lump-sum Referable Amount Limit



Lump-sum referable amount purchase limit is the lesser of

or...

x purchase multiplier

Purchase Example – Lump-sum Referable Amount Limit

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Α	Е	F	G	Purchase Multiplier
€52,000	€9,172.44	€1,943.27	11 years	11

Formula 1:

$$(A \times 1.5) - E - (E \times G)$$

Formula 1: $(\le 52,000 \times 1.5) - \le 9,172.44 - (\le 1,943.27 \times 11)$

= €47,451.59

Formula 2:



x purchase multiplier

Formula 2: (€1,943.27 x 11)

= €21,375.97

Lump-Sum Referable Amount Purchase Limit is lesser amount



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Purchase Example

Table 6

Lump-sum purchase rates by reference to Normal Retirement Age 66

	Age Next Birthday	Cost of purchasing €1 Lump-sum from age 66	
	(1)	(2)	
	66	1.00	
	65	1.00	
Member age		1.00	
next birthday i the 12-month contract period	0.3	0.99	Cost to buy €1 in lump-sum
	62	0.99	referable
	61	0.99	amounts
	60	0.99	
	59	0.98	
	58	0.98	
	57	0.98	
	56	0.98	
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Pension Referable Amount Purchase Limit:

Calculated at €3,655.19

Cost to purchase €1 in extra pension referable amounts: €24.28 to purchase €1 in extra pension referable amounts

Lump-sum Referable Amount Purchase Limit:

Calculated at €21,375.97

Cost to purchase €1 in extra lump-sum referable amounts: €0.97 to purchase €1 in extra

lump-sum referable amounts

Member in this example may purchase any amount from €1 up to the calculated limits



Pension Referable Amount Purchase Limit: Calculated at €3,655.19

Cost to purchase €1 in extra pension referable amounts: €24.28 to purchase €1 in extra pension referable amounts

To purchase limit in pension referable amounts:

€24.28 x €3,655.19 =

€88,748.01

Lump-sum Referable Amount Purchase Limit:Calculated at €21,375.97

Cost to purchase €1 in extra lump-sum referable amounts:€0.97 to purchase €1 in extra
lump-sum referable amounts

To purchase limit in lump-sum referable amounts:
 €0.97 x €21,375.97 =
 €20,734.69



Purchase - Refund Scenarios

Two scenarios where full or partial refund of cost to purchase pension referable and/or lump sum referable amounts may be payable

Scenario 1 - full refund where member

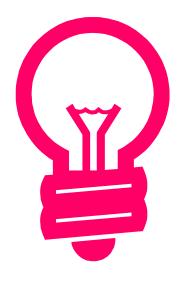
- ceases to be a Scheme member and
- hasn't met eligibility requirement to be a Single Scheme member for 9
 FTE years

Scenario 2 - partial refund where member

- meets the 9 FTE years requirement but
- leaves pensionable employment prior to reaching his/her normal retirement age



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In order to be eligible to purchase, a member of the Single Scheme must meet which primary eligibility criteria?

- A. Must have the capacity for 9 FTE years as a member of the Scheme only
- B. Must be vested only
- C. Must be vested and must have the capacity for 9 FTE years as a member of the Scheme

C, vested and capacity for 9 FTE years



True or False:

The requirement for 9 FTE years as a member of the Scheme means that a member working to a pattern of 50% since commencement of pensionable employment would need to be in pensionable employment for 18 calendar years:

True



The "purchase multiplier" used in calculating purchase limits is arrived at by assessing what?

- A. Period in whole, FTE years from start date in pensionable employment to the Normal Retirement Age
- B. Period in whole, FTE years from vested date in pensionable employment to the Normal Retirement Age
- C. Period in whole, FTE years from start date in pensionable employment to the maximum retirement age of 70

A, period in whole FTE years from start date to NRA

Transfer Facility



Benefits under an occupational pension scheme approved by Revenue such as:

- Certain European bodies provided for by Section 18(a) of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012
- Buy-out-Bond (BoB) / Personal Retirement Bond (PRB) approved by Revenue
- PRSA / AVC PRSA approved by Revenue
- Revenue approved overseas pension scheme however transfers in from UK are currently not allowed



- Operates on a cost-neutral basis to the Exchequer and allows members to use retirement benefits built up elsewhere to:
 - Purchase pension and/or lump sum referable amounts
 - by way of an external Transfer Value (calculated by Trustees of transferring pension scheme)
- Transfer of benefits accrued under pre-2013 public service pension schemes **not** permitted



 Transfer value can be used to purchase additional Single Scheme retirement benefits up to the calculated pension and lump-sum limits

 Full-transfer of benefits only, partial transfers not permitted

 Any transfer value amount in excess of the calculated limits is foregone



- A transfer-in of benefits, once effected, is irrevocable
- Referable amounts purchased by way of a transfer value are treated in the same way as referable amounts built up in pensionable employment:
 - included on member Annual Benefit Statements,
 - benefits purchased by transfer value uprated in line with CPI



Transfer – Member Eligibility

To be eligible members must have the capacity to complete the 24-month vesting period prior to reaching the Normal Retirement Age



Transfer - Limits

- The calculated limits are the maximum in pension and/or lump-sum benefits that an eligible member is permitted to purchase by way of a Transfer Value
- One limit calculation formula for pension benefit purchase and one limit calculation formula for lumpsum benefit purchase
- Transfer purchase limit calculations based on HR/Payroll/Pension variables





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Pension referable amount purchase limit is the output of:

Transfer - Limits



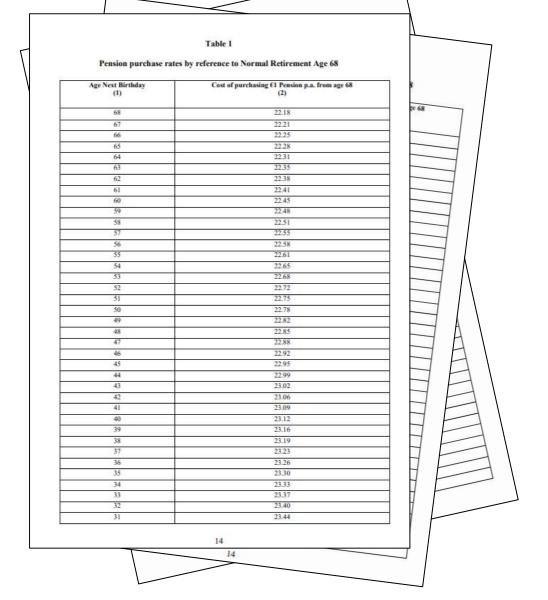
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Lump-sum referable amount purchase limit is the output of:









Circulars contain separate costing tables:

- Normal Retirement Age, currently 66 years of age for standard accrual members – use Tables 5 and 6 only
- Member "age next birthday"
- Cost to purchase €1 pension referable amount
- Cost to purchase €1 lump sum referable amount



Transfer Example

Variable	Value
Member Category	Standard accrual



Transfer Example

Variable	Value
Member Category	Standard accrual
Start date in pensionable employment	15 February 2018
Contract terms	Permanent, Full-time (FTE 1.0) since date of appointment



Transfer Example

Variable	Value
Member Category	Standard accrual
Start date in pensionable employment	15 February 2018
Contract terms	Permanent, Full-time (FTE 1.0) since date of appointment
Date of transfer enquiry	14 October 2022



Variable	Value
Member Category	Standard accrual
Start date in pensionable employment	15 February 2018
Contract terms	Permanent, Full-time (FTE 1.0) since date of appointment
Date of transfer enquiry	14 October 2022
Member date of birth and age at date of enquiry	15 April 1967, 55 years of age at date of transfer enquiry
Member's Normal Retirement Age	66 years of age



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Member's Normal Retirement Age	66 years of age
Period in Single Scheme to date	4.67 years
Period remaining to Normal Retirement Age	11.5 years
Current Value of Pension Fund	€120,000
Current Value of AVCs added to Scheme	€75,000
Total Value	€195,000



Is member part of eligible membership category?

Standard accrual member

Has member the capacity to complete the Single Scheme vesting period?

Vesting achieved on 15 February 2020

Is the transferring benefit an approved Revenue Scheme Under Chapter 1 of Part 30 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997?

Formal documentation provided confirming that transferring scheme is Revenue approved



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	purchased) up to end of <i>most recent year</i>		
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*The "most recent year" is the January to December year before the commencement of the 12-month contract period, in this case 2021



Transfer Example – Pension Limit

Α	В	С	D	G
€52,000	€12,956.29	€1,595.10	€332.29	11 years

Limit Calculation Formula:

Limit Calculation Formula: (€52,000/2) - €12,956.29 - €1,585.10 - (€332.39 x 11)

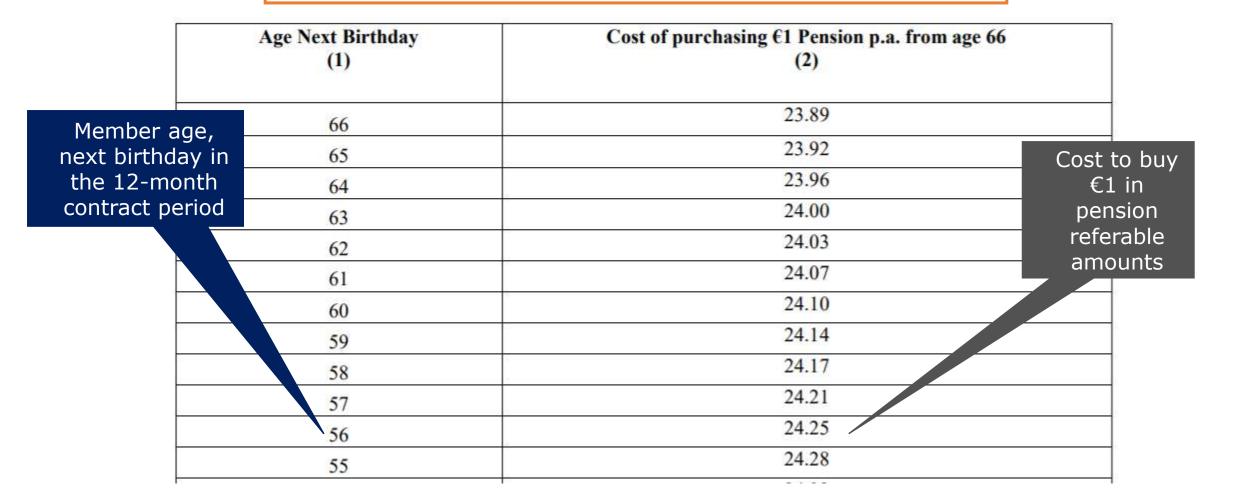
= €7,802.32



Transfer Example - Cost

Table 5

Pension purchase rates by reference to Normal Retirement Age 66







Transfer Value: €195k

Pension Referable Amount Limit: €7,802.32

€24.25 to buy €1 in pension referable amounts

€7,802.32 in pensionable referable amounts would consume €189,206.26* of the Transfer Value

*€7,802.32 x €24.25



Transfer Example – Lump Sum Limit

Α	E	F	G
€52,000	€9,172.44	€1,943.27	11 years

Limit Calculation Formula:

Limit Calculation Formula: (€52,000 x 1.5) - €9,172.44 - (€1,943.27 x 11)

= €47,451.59

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Transfer Example

Table 6

Lump-sum purchase rates by reference to Normal Retirement Age 66

	Age Next Birthday (1)	Cost of purchasing €1 Lump-sum from age 66 (2)	
	66	1.00	
	65	1.00	
Member age, next birthday in the 12-month contract period	64	1.00	_
		0.99	Cost to buy €1 in
	62	0.99	lump-sum referable amounts
	61	0.99	
	60	0.99	diffourts
	59	0.98	
	58	0.98	
	57	0.98	
1	56	0.98	
	55	0.97	
		0.07	





Transfer Value: €195k

Lump-sum Referable Amount Limit: €47,451.59

€0.98 to buy €1 in lump-sum referable amounts

€47,451.59 in lump-sum referable amounts would consume €46,502.56* of the Transfer Value

*€47,451.59 x €0.98



Pension Referable Amount Purchase Limit:

Calculated at €7,802.32

Cost to purchase €1 in extra pension referable amounts: €24.25 to purchase €1 in extra pension referable amounts

To purchase limit in pension referable amounts: €24.25 x €7,802.32 = €189,206.26

Lump-sum Referable Amount Purchase Limit:

Calculated at €47,451.59

Cost to purchase €1 in extra lump-sum referable amounts: €0.98 to purchase €1 in extra

lump-sum referable amounts

To purchase limit in ump-sum referable amounts €0.98 x €47,451.59 = **€46,502.56**



Transfer - Example Overview

Pension Referable Amount Purchase Limit: Calculated at €189,206.26

Lump-sum Referable Amount Purchase Limit: Calculate at €46,502.56

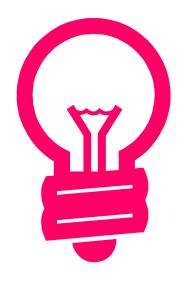
Total Cost of Purchasing Maximum Amount: €189,206.26 + €46,502.56 = **€235,708.82**

As the Total Transfer Value (€195,000) is less than the Total Cost (€235,708.82), this means that the member can transfer the full value of their previous pension scheme to the Single Scheme

If the Total Transfer Value was greater than the Total Cost, the member would have to forego the difference



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To be eligible for transfer a member

A. must be vested in the Single Scheme?

B. must have the capacity to complete the vesting period

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True or False:

Transfers from UK registered pension schemes into the Single Scheme are permitted?

False



True or False:

Once an inward transfer of benefits to the Single Scheme has been completed, a member may change their mind? When sourcing Factors A to G for purchase or transfer, the data required relates to the "most recent Scheme Year." What is the "most recent Scheme Year" where a Relevant Authority 12-month purchase contract period will start in Jan 2021?

A. 2019

B. 2020

C. 2021

Purchase/Transfer - Impact on benefits

Category	Reduction Required?	Comments
Cost Neutral Early Retirement (CNER)	Yes	Circular 18 of 2017
Ill-Health Retirement	No	Purchased referable amounts used in calculation of IHR pension and lump sum
Death in Service	No	Purchased referable amounts at date of death can be used in calculation of Spouse/Child Benefits





Payments relating to purchased referable amounts whether by way of actual purchase or transfer must be included in ongoing remittances by Relevant Authorities to the Minister for Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform



Finally....

- Members should be advised to seek independent financial advice whether seeking to purchase or transfer-in benefits.
- There may be better optimised options for members outside of the purchase facility ...
- Administrators not permitted to provide advice to members







Administrator FAQs

Purpose Current Administrator FAQs for Single Pension Scheme. Administrator FAQs should

be read with Scheme Booklet.

Document Name Administrator FAQs
Date of Issue 19 June 2019



(PDF, 587 KB)



Welcome to the Single Public Service Pension Scheme website. Please click on the relevant area below to access scheme information and resources most appropriate to your needs





Standard Accrual Members

Purpose Scheme Booklet providing an overview of the Single Scheme

for Standard Accrual members

Document Scheme Booklet – Standard Accrual

Date of Issue 28 November 2022 (revised)

Type (PDF, 3.00 MB)



Fast Accrual (Uniformed) Members

Purpose Scheme Booklet providing an overview of the Single Scheme

for Fast Accrual (Uniformed) members

Document Scheme Booklet – Fast Accrual (Uniformed)

Date of Issue 7 May 2020

Type (PDF, 2.00 MB)



Members of the Judiciary

Purpose Scheme Booklet providing an overview of the Single Scheme

for Members of the Judiciary

Document Scheme Booklet – Members of the Judiciary

Date of Issue 12 March 2021

Type (PDF, 3.66 MB)

Members may access Scheme information below. If the material on this website does not address your particular query, you must contact your Local HR/Pensions Section directly.



Scheme Information



Scheme News



Useful Links



List of Relevant Authorities



Other Queries

www.singlepensionscheme.gov.ie





Recruitment - Pension Scheme Membership Assignment

Context: This training video focuses primarily on the Applicant Declaration Form template available in our Recruitment Toolkit. It also references the other Employer resources available on our website as well as the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012 referred to as the "2012 Act" throughout the video.

Purpose: The purpose of this video is to provide Administrators with an overview of the information needed at the recruitment and onboarding stage in order to make the right decision on which pension scheme to assign a new recruit to a pensionable post into. The video is complemented by a table linking to other important resources on this website that Administrators may wish to refer to for further guidance.



Toolkits



Training Resources



Further Resources

- 1. Applicant Declaration Form
- 2. Recruitment Toolkit
- 3. Administrator FAQ
- 4. Circulars and Legislation

Suite of Training Videos covering:

- Recruitment and Onboarding/Pension Scheme Assignment
- **Annual Administration Activities**
- Leaving Employment
- Contributions and Referable Amount Calculations
- Purchase of Single Scheme Retirement Benefits
- Single Scheme Transfer Facility





Single Public Service Pension Scheme > Employers > Circulars & Legislation > Circular 15/2019: Purchase and Transfer of Retirement Benefits under the Single Public Service Pension Scheme

Circular 15 of 2019

Purpose
This Circular provides details of a facility introduced to allow Single Scheme
members to purchase additional retirement benefits and also provides a facility
for members to transfer retirement benefits accrued in certain other Revenue

approved Schemes and PRSAs into the Single Scheme.

Document Name Circular 15 of 2019 Date of Issue 12 June 2019

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This Circular sets
out provisions
applying to **most members** of the
Scheme who wish to
purchase/transfer







Circular 6 of 2020

This Circular provides details of a facility introduced to allow Single Scheme members serving in the **Permanent Defence Force** to purchase additional

Purpose retirement benefits and also provides a facility for members to transfer retirement

benefits accrued in certain other Revenue approved Schemes and PRSAs into the

Single Scheme.

Document Name Circular 6 of 2020 Date of Issue 13 March 2020



(PDF, 593 KB)

This Circular sets
out provisions
applying to Single
Scheme members of
the Permanent
Defence Force only

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Member Information Video

Click here to go to YouTube to watch a Single Scheme member information session video, which will give you valuable information on your pension scheme.

Context:

This video presentation gives Single Scheme members valuable information on their pension scheme. It covers the benefits they enjoy as Single Scheme members, the contributions they pay to enjoy those benefits and other rules and obligations of the Single Scheme. It also explores options such as Purchase and Transfer that are available to members to increase their Single Scheme benefits.

It is a useful overview for Single Scheme members to gain more knowledge of their occupational pension rights and entitlements and should be explored alongside the other resources available in the Members section of the Single Scheme website.



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Single Public Service Pension Scheme

Relevant Authority Training Webinar Module F: Purchase and Transfer facility

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