



Single Public Service Pension Scheme Annual Administration Activities

Tuesday, 4 April 2023



Annual Administration Activities



- 1. Website Resources for Administrators
- 2. Relevant Authority Responsibilities
- Scheme Calculations
- 4. CPI
- 5. Annual Benefit Statements
- 6. Pensioner Declaration
- 7. Annual Survey of Single Scheme
- 8. Close





Housekeeping

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

 Mics will be muted for duration of delivery but plenty of opportunities for questions. Please use "Q & A" or "Chat" function to submit a question and we will review at various intervals.

Webinar part of suite of other resources available on our website – www.singlepensionscheme.gov.ie

Objectives



- Better understanding of:
 - Scheme calculations (contributions and benefits)
 - CPI and how it is applied
 - Relevant Authority obligations and practicalities to do with Annual Benefit Statement issue
 - Pensioner Declaration exercise and
 - DPER Annual Survey of Single Scheme membership

Availability of online resources and supports





Website Resources



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Annual Administration Activities Toolkit



Single Public Service Pension Scheme > Employers > Toolkits > Standard Forms and Checklists > Annual Administration Activities

Annual Administration Activities

Annual Administration Activities

Context: Organisations have certain key administrative activities that must be carried out annually.

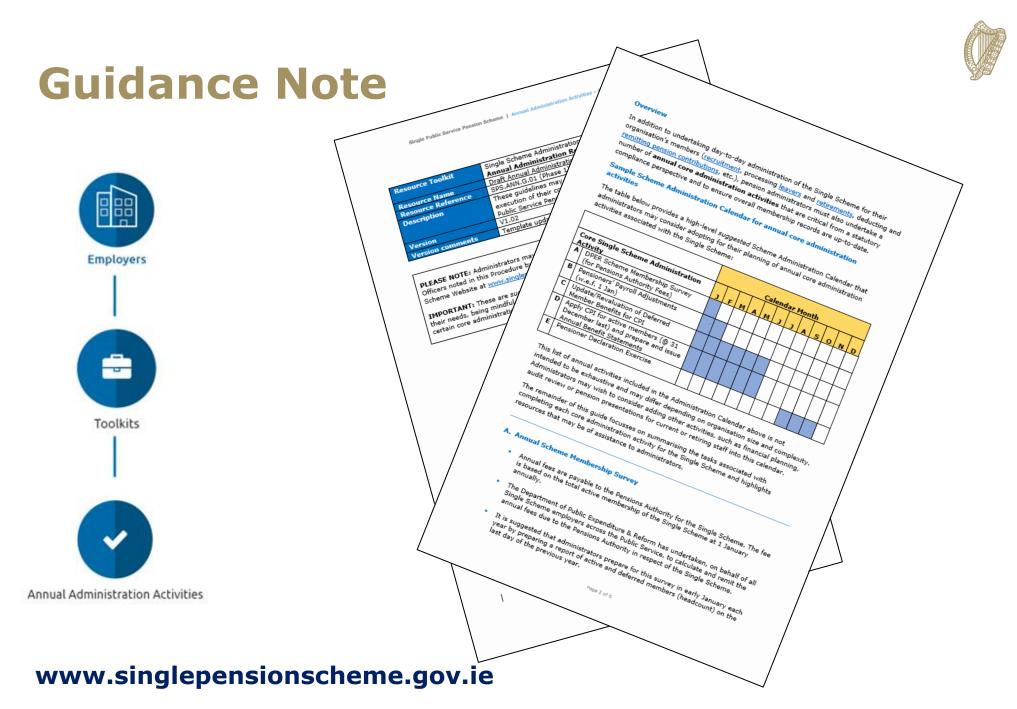
Resource Toolkit: The resources provided in the table below may be used to help identify and plan for those recurring activities.

Note: The items below are suggested resources and their use is not mandatory. Organisations are free to continue to use their own, existing resources or to amend the resources below as they see fit.

If your organisation is partnered with a Shared Services Centre for HR, Pensions or Payroll purposes, you may need to clarify with them what elements of work, (if any), that they have been resourced to undertake on your behalf.

Training Resources: Administrators can access a soft-copy of the "Leaving Employment and Annual Administration Activities" training booklet provided at workshops delivered as part of the Single Scheme Project Team programme of training for Relevant Authorities. Please click here to access this page.

Descriptor	Туре	Link
1.Annual Administration Activities Guidance Note	Guidance Note	w
2.Circulars and Legislation	Website Page	Ø
3.Annual Benefit Statement Template	Template Statement	w
4.Pensioners' CPI	Calculation Tool	×
5.Contributions and Referable Amounts Calculation Tool	Calculation Tool	×



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Toolkits



Annual Administration Activities

Single Public Service Pension Scheme Annual Benefit Statement at 31 December 2019

issued by <<insert Relevant Authority Name>> on <<insert date of issue>>

Part A - Personal Information

Member Name	
PPS Number	
Start date of Single Scheme	dd/mm/yyyy
membership in this employment	****
Date of Birth	dd/mm/yyyy
Normal Retirement Date	dd/mm/yyyy
Home Address	
Civil Status	< <single, civil="" married,="" partnered,<="" th=""></single,>
	Co-Habiting, Separated, Divorced, Widowed,
	Surviving Civil Partner,
	A former Civil Partner>>
Pensions Adjustment Order	< <no or="" yes="">></no>
(granted under the Family Law Acts) 1	
Membership Category	Select from dropdown

Part B - About your Statement

What is the purpose of my Annual Benefit Statement?

Your Annual Benefit Statement is an important document. It shows the benefits that you have earned under the Single Public Service Pension Scheme up to 31 December in this employment. It also confirms the regular contributions that you have paid during this employment up to 31 December last, as well as:

- any extra contributions you may have paid into the Scheme from your own resources
 up to 31 December last during this employment to purchase additional benefits under
 the Scheme in accordance with DPER Circular 15 of 2019; and/or
- any Transfer Value accepted and paid into the Scheme up to 31 December last during this employment from an external pensions arrangement in accordance with DPER Circular 15 of 2019.

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- · the Scheme Booklet and "At-A-Glance" guides available at
- www.singlepensionscheme.gov.ie
- · the Important Notes at the end of this Statement

Part C – Summary of all Contributions paid and Benefits Earned to the end of last

Retirement benefits consist of a once-off lump sum and an annual retirement pension. Each time you pay contributions into the Single Scheme, you earn amounts based on your pensionable pay towards your potential retirement benefits. In addition, any extra contributions that may be paid into the Scheme (see Part G), will increase your potential retirement benefits under the Scheme.

The table below provides a summary "snapshot" at 31 December last of the total contributions paid (including any extra lump sums or Transfer Values received) and retirement benefits earned by you in this employment.

Summary of your Single Scheme Contributions in this employment to the end of last year		
Total contributions	€0.00	
Summary of your total Retirement Benefit Amounts in this employment to the end of last year		
Once-Off Retirement Lump Sum	€0.00	
Annual Retirement Pension	€0.00	

The amounts that you earned under the Scheme in this employment in earlier years, if applicable, have been increased to take account of inflation. Contributions paid (including any extra lump sums or Transfer Values received) and benefits earned after 31 December last will be included in next year's Annual Benefit Statement.

IMPORTANT:

- You will only have a future entitlement to benefits if you pay contributions to the Scheme for at least 2 years (see Part 1).
- Retirement Benefit amounts earned in earlier tax years have been increased to take inflation into account. These may be further increased to take account of any future increases in inflation. You can find further details of how your contributions and retirement benefits are calculated in your Scheme Booklet.

Part D – Breakdown of Contributions paid and Benefits Earned to the end of last

The table below provides a more detailed breakdown of the contributions paid and the retirement benefits² earned by you under the Scheme during your employment with us up to 31 December last:

- in the last calendar year
- in earlier calendar yéars (if applicable)

If, in this period of employment, you have repaid pension contributions that were previously refunded to you in earlier Single Scheme employments, these amounts and the corresponding benefits restored are also included.

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Pensions-in-Payment Uprating Tool



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Date of Issue 1 June 2017



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Scheme Calculations



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Single Public Service Pension Scheme > Single Scheme Circulars and Legislation > Circular 11 of 2014

Circular 11 of 2014

This Circular re-confirms, with worked examples, how Single Scheme contributions and benefits should be calculated by employers. It also includes a template Annual

Benefit Statement. Clarifications are also provided on the processing of refunds

for certain Scheme members whose membership ends within 2 years.

Document Name Circular 11 of 2014 **Date of Issue** 19 May 2014



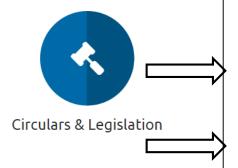
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Appendix B - Single Scheme contribution and accrual rates for all member groups

Single Scheme Contribution and Accrual Rates				
	Contribution Rate (1)		Accrual Rates	
	Pensionable	Net pensionable	Pension	Lump Sum
	remuneration	remuneration		
	%	%	%	%
Standard (most public service grades)	3%	3.5%	0.58% up to 3.74 x CSP & 1.25% above 3.74 x CSP	3.75%
Uniformed: - Gardaí - Defence Forces - Prison Officer - Career firefighter	3.3%	4.2%	0.58% up to 3.74 x CSP & 1.43% above 3.74 x CSP	4.29%
Judge	13%	-	2.5%	7.5%
TD / Senator	13%	-	2.5%	7.5%
Minister	13%	-	5.0%	-
President	13%	-	7.14%	-
Designated office holder – full PRSI (2)	4.3%	5.7%	0.58% up to 3.74 x CSP . & 1.67% above 3.74 x CSP	2.5% or 5.0%
Designated office holder – modified PRSI (2)	10%	-	1.67%	2.5% or 5.0%
Comptroller and Auditor General – full PRSI	6%	7%	0.58% up to 3.74 x CSP & 2.5% above 3.74 x CSP	7.5%
Comptroller and Auditor General – modified PRSI	13%	-	2.5%	7.5%

- Appendix B of Circular 11 of 2014
- Sets out Single Scheme membership categories and contribution and referable amount accrual rates



Scheme Calculations - Contributions



Key HR and Payroll Variables

 Required for the calculation of Scheme Contributions and Benefits (termed "Referable Amounts")

These variables are:

Pay Frequency: how often a member receives

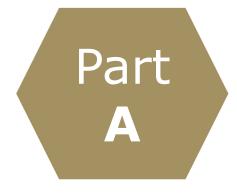
pensionable remuneration

Pensionable Remuneration: basic scale salary plus any approved

pensionable allowances

FTE or "pension multiplier:" pattern of attendance

State Pension (Contributory): current rate for a single person





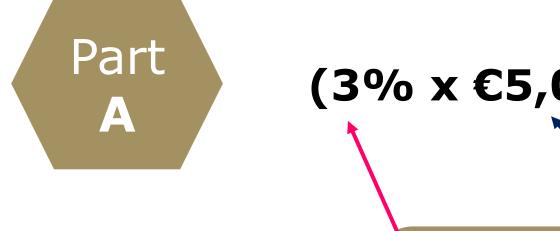
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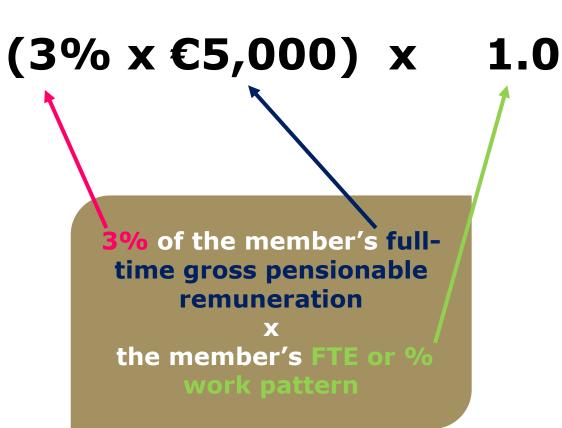
3% of the member's full-time gross pensionable remuneration x the member's FTE or % work pattern

3.5% of the member's full-time net pensionable remuneration x the member's FTE or % work pattern

Variable	Value
Pay Frequency	Monthly
Pensionable Remuneration	€60,000 full-time annual pensionable remuneration or €5,000 per month
FTE	1.0
State Pension (Contributory)	€13,843.35 per annum or €1,153.61* per month

^{*(€13,843.35/12)}





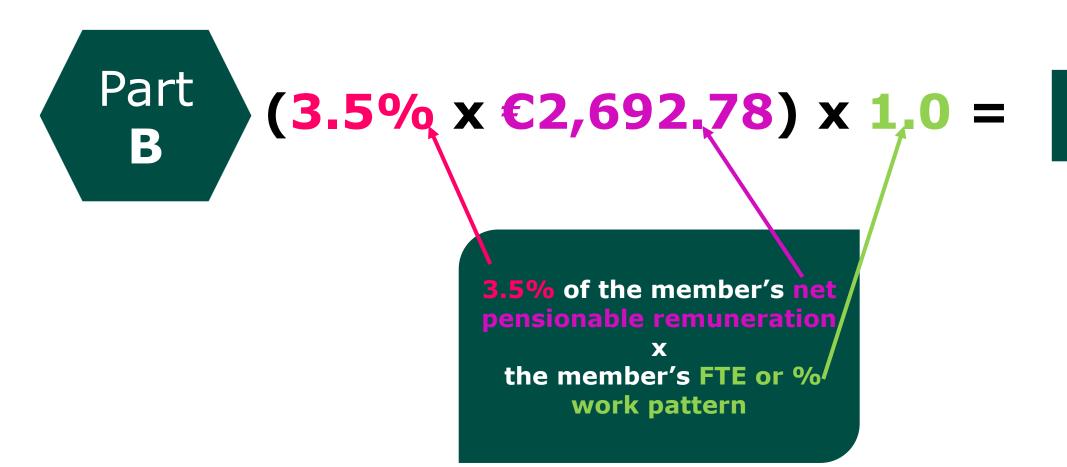
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"Net Pensionable Remuneration" or "NPR" is gross pensionable remuneration (FTE 1.0) less twice the rate of the State Pension (Contributory)

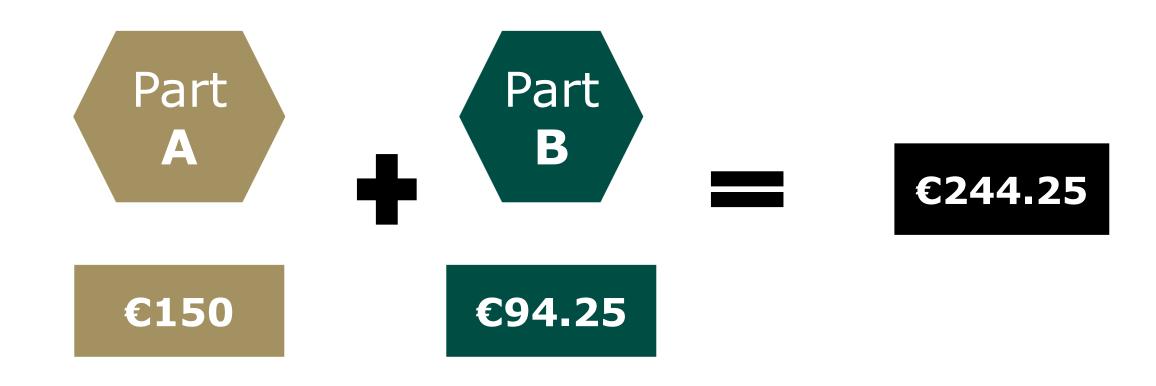
Gross pensionable remuneration (monthly) of $\mathbf{\mathfrak{C5,000}}$ less $\mathbf{\mathfrak{C2,307.22}}$ ($\mathbf{\mathfrak{C}1,153.61}$ \times 2)* =

Net Pensionable Remuneration of €2,692.78





€94.25



Part-time / FTE less than 1.0

Member with FTE of 1.0 / Work-pattern 100% =

€244.25

If working to an FTE of 0.6 / Work-pattern 60% say, then

0.6

€244.25

X

€146.55

Employer Contributions



- Payable by employer in certain cases
- Three times employee contributions per pay-period
- Circular 28 of 2016:
 - Predominantly self-financing
 - Predominantly non-Exchequer funded

Remittance of Contributions



- All Scheme contributions remitted to DPER
- Must be remitted by 20th day of the month following deduction
- Refer to "Letter to Personnel Officer, 7 November 2013" for further guidance



Scheme Calculations - Benefits

0.58% of all pensionable remuneration up to 3.74 x State Pension (Contributory)

and where applicable...

1.25% of any pensionable remuneration above 3.74 x State Pension (Contributory)

Lump-sum Referable Amounts

3.75% of all pensionable remuneration



Standard Accrual Member Benefits

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0.58% of all pensionable remuneration up to 3.74 x State Pension (Contributory)

$$(£13,843.35 \times 3.74)/12 = £4,314.51$$

Pension Referable Amount at lower accrual rate =

€25.02



1.25% of any pensionable remuneration above 3.74 x State Pension (Contributory)

$$(\mathbf{1}3,843.35 \times 3.74)/12 = \mathbf{1}4,314.51$$

Monthly Pensionable Remuneration is €5,000 so:-

$$(£5,000 - £4,314.51) = £685.49$$

Pension Referable Amount at higher accrual rate

€685.49

X

1.25%

€8.57



0.58% of all pensionable remuneration up to 3.74 x State Pension (Contributory)

Pension Referable Amounts @ 0.58% = €25.02

Pension Referable Amounts @ 1.25% = 68.57

Total Pension Referable Amounts in the month are

€33.59



Pension Referable Amounts Part-time / FTE less than 1.0

0.58% of all pensionable remuneration up to 3.74 x State Pension (Contributory)

Total FTE 1.0 Pension Referable Amounts in the month are €33.59

If working to an FTE of 0.6 / Work-pattern 60% say, then

€33.59

X

0.6

€20.15



3.75% of all pensionable remuneration

€5,000 x 3.75% =

€187.50



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Administrators' Contributions and Referable Amounts Calculation Tool



Purpose

Date of Issue

This calculation tool will assist administrators to calculate the contributions and benefits on a pay period basis for a non-complex standard grade member of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme. Please read the Disclaimer and Explanatory Notes tabs prior to undertaking calculations.

Document Name Administrators' Contributions and Referable Amounts Calculation Tool 21 January 2020



(Excel, 343 KB)

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CPI

What is CPI?



Determined by CSO

 CPI is used to measure inflation in Ireland by seeing how the average level of prices that we pay for goods and services changes over time

 DPER notify Relevant Authorities of CPI annually by way of Circular



What is CPI?



- Single Scheme active/deferred member benefits linked to Consumer Price Indexing (CPI) or "inflation"
- CPI applied to:
 - Single Scheme pensions in payment
 - Active and Deferred member referable pension and lump sum amounts accrued at 31 December of previous year e.g. Referable Amounts accrued by active members at 31 December 2021 uprated by CPI increase notified by DPER Circular 1 of 2023
- Single Scheme Referable Amounts increased where positive CPI increase from December Year 1 to December Year 2

Where CPI is zero or negative it is <u>not</u> applied to Referable Amounts





- Pensioners are those in receipt of
 - Retirement Pensions
 - Spouse/Civil Partner Pensions
 - Eligible Child Pensions
 - Designated Beneficiary Pensions (PAO)
- Positive CPI is applied immediately to pensions in payment on 31 December of the previous year unlike active/deferred members
- Circular or Letter from DPER is the official instruction to Pension Paying Authority to apply positive CPI



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Date of Issue 1 June 2017



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Letter to Scheme Administrators – Notification of Negative CPI December 2019 to December 2020

Purpose

Arising from negative annual changes in the rate of inflation (CPI), this Letter to
Administrators confirms that no upward Single Scheme adjustments are to be
made to (i) pensions awarded / in payment on 31 December 2020 and (ii)
cumulative benefits earned by members up to 31 December 2019.

Letter to Scheme Administrators – Notification of Negative CPI Dec 2019 to Dec

Document NameLetter to Scheme Administrators – Notification of Negative CPI Dec 2019 to Dec 2020

Date of Issue 23 Feb 2021



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Contributions and Retirement Benefits Calculations







Context: This training video focuses on how to calculate contributions and retirement benefits under the terms of the Single Public Service Pension Scheme. While it uses standard accrual members in the examples provided, the mechanisms set-out also apply to other membership categories listed in Appendix B of Circular 11 of 2014.

Purpose: The purpose of this video is to provide Administrators with an overview of the key HR and Payroll variables needed in order to calculate member contributions and retirement benefits under the terms of the Single Scheme. 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.



Further Resources

- 1. Calculation Tool 2020
- 2. Circular 11 of 2014
- 3. Administrator FAQ
- 4. Circulars and Legislation



Annual Benefit Statements



What is an Annual Benefit Statement?

Important document showing key member information including:

- Relevant Personal Information
- Contributions paid
- Referable amounts earned by a Single Scheme member up to 31 December of the relevant Scheme Year
- CPI, where applicable, applied to referable amounts earned in years prior to the most recent Scheme Year



Legal Responsibilities

• Relevant Authorities are legally required to issue an Annual Benefit Statement (**ABS**) to members within six-months of the end of a calendar year and by 30 June at the latest.

 Where a shared service / third party is contracted to administer Single Scheme, legal responsibility for ABS issue lies with the Relevant Authority

Who should get an Annual Benefit Statement?

Relevant Authority's are responsible for the issue of ABS to

- all active members in pensionable employment on 31 December
- Deferred/Preserved members
- Non-vested members who did not apply for a refund of contributions and
- Beneficiaries of Pension Adjustment Orders (PAOs)



Annual Benefit Statements

 Where concurrent pensionable employments more than one ABS should issue from each Relevant Authority employer

Single Scheme year is the same as current tax year:
 1 January -31 December

 Pensions Authority – Audit of Relevant Authority Compliance







By which date each year should Annual Benefit Statements issue to active members at 31 December of the previous year?

30 June



Should an Annual Benefit Statement issue to a non-vested member who did not apply for a refund?

Yes



Annual Benefit Statement template

Suggested Annual Benefit Statement Template



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Single Public Service Pension Scheme | Annual Administration – Annual Benefit Statement

Single Public Service Pension Scheme Annual Benefit Statement at 31 December 2019

issued by <<insert Relevant Authority Name>> on <<insert date of issue>>

Part A - Personal Information

Member Name	
PPS Number	
Start date of Single Scheme	dd/mm/yyyy
membership in this employment	
Date of Birth	dd/mm/yyyy
Normal Retirement Date	dd/mm/yyyy
Home Address	
Civil Status	< <single, civil="" married,="" partnered,<="" th=""></single,>
Civil Status	Co-Habiting, Separated, Divorced, Widowed,
	Surviving Civil Partner,
	A former Civil Partner>>
Pensions Adjustment Order	< <no or="" yes="">></no>
(granted under the Family Law Acts) 1	
Membership Category	Select from dropdown

Part B - About your Statemen

What is the purpose of my Annual Benefit Statement?

Your Annual Benefit Statement is an important document. It shows the benefits that you have earned under the Single Public Service Pension Scheme up to 31 December in this employment. It also confirms the regular contributions that you have paid during this employment up to 31 December last, as well as:

- any extra contributions you may have paid into the Scheme from your own resources
 up to 31 December last during this employment to purchase additional benefits under
 the Scheme in accordance with DPER Circular 15 of 2019; and/or
- any Transfer Value accepted and paid into the Scheme up to 31 December last during this employment from an external pensions arrangement in accordance with DPER Circular 15 of 2119.

Benefits you earn or contributions paid into the Scheme after 31 December last will appear in next year's Annual Benefit Statement.

Your Statement also provides you with an opportunity to check the personal information that we have on record for you. It should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

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What information does my Statement contain?

Your Statement contains information on the following:

Part A	This confirms the personal information that we hold for you. You should review this now to make sure that it is correct.
	If any information is not correct, you should make contact with your Pensions Officer (see Part H) as soon as possible because the benefits on your Statement may need to be reviewed.
Part C	This provides a summary "snapshot" of contributions paid and your benefits earned during this employment as a member of the scheme at 31 December last and confirms:
	 total contributions that you have paid up to 31 December last, including summary details of any lump sum amounts or Transfer Values from external pension arrangements that have been paid into the Scheme; total retirement benefit amounts, termed "referable amounts." that
	you have earned or purchased up to 31 December last.
Part D	This provides a more detailed breakdown of the contributions paid and the retirement benefits that you have earned and/or purchased up to 31 December last under the Scheme in this employment.
Part E	This provides information on benefits that may be payable if you die in service.
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Part A, Personal Information



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Single Public Service Pension Scheme Annual Benefit Statement at 31 December 2022

issued by <<insert Relevant Authority Name>> on <<insert date of issue>>

Part A - Personal Information

Member Name	
PPS Number	
Start date of Single Scheme	dd/mm/yyyy
membership in this employment	
Date of Birth	dd/mm/yyyy
Normal Retirement Date	dd/mm/yyyy
Home Address	
Civil Status	< <single, civil="" married,="" partnered,<br="">Co-Habiting, Separated, Divorced, Widowed, Surviving Civil Partner, A former Civil Partner>></single,>
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Part C – Summary of contributions and benefits earned to end of last year



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Part C – Summary of all Contributions paid and Benefits Earned to the end of last year

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Annual Retirement Pension	€0.00			

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Part D – Breakdown of all contributions paid and benefits earned to the end of last year



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- in the last calendar year
- in earlier calendar years (if applicable)

If, in this period of employment, you have repaid pension contributions that were previously refunded to you in earlier Single Scheme employments, these amounts and the corresponding benefits restored are also included.

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	In 2019	Before 2011
Your regular contributions	€0.00	€0.0
Refunded contributions repaid during this employment	€0.00	€0.0
Extra contributions paid by lump num(s) from your own resources	€0.00	N/s
Transfer Value(s) received from external pension arrangement(s)	€0.00	N/I
Total	€0.00	€0.0
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Earned in respect of this employment only	60.00	£0.00
Once off lump sum benefit restored where	60.00	60.00
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Transfer Value(s) received from external pension arrangement(s)	€0.00	N/I
Total Retirement Lump Sum ²	€0.00	€0.0
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Earned in respect of this employment only	€0.00	€0.0
Annual pension benefit restored where contributions receid	€0.00	€0.00
Extra contributions paid by lump num(s) from your oun resources	€0.00	N/A
Transfer Value(s) received from external pension arrangement(s)	€0.00	N/I
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Part D – Breakdown of all contributions paid and benefits earned to the end of last year



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Breakdown of all contributions during this employment to the end of last year:			
	In 2022	Before 2022	Total
Your regular contributions	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
Refunded contributions repaid during this employment	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
Extra contributions paid by lump sum(s) from your own resources	€0.00	N/A	€0.00
Transfer Value(s) received from external pension arrangement(s)	€0.00	N/A	€0.00
Total	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00

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Extra contributions paid by lump sum(s) from your	60.00	N/A
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Referable Amounts earned towards your <i>once-off retirement lump sum</i> at the end of last year:			
	In 2022	Before 2022 (Adjusted) ³	Total
Earned in respect of this employment only	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
Once-off lump-sum benefit restored where contributions repaid	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
Extra contributions paid by lump sum(s) from your	60.00	NI/A	60.00

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Carned in respect of this employment only	€0.00	60.00
Once off lump-sum benefit restored where contributions repaid	€0.00	€0.00
Extra contributions paid by lump sum(s) from your	€0.00	N/A
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	In 2022	Before 2022 (Adjusted) ³	Total	
Earned in respect of this employment only	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	
Annual pension benefit restored where contributions repaid	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	
Extra contributions paid by lump sum(s) from your own resources	€0.00	N/A	€0.00	
Transfer Value(s) received from external pension arrangement(s)	€0.00	N/A	€0.00	
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Part E – Benefits payable in the event of death in service



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Part E - Benefits payable in the event of your death in service

If you die while serving as a member of the Scheme, the following death in service benefits may be payable:

Death Gratuity

This is equal to the value of two times your pensionable pay in the year before your death and is payable to your Legal Personal Representative.

You should note that the Death Gratuity may be reduced if you have a separate entitlement to a lump sum under any other public service pension scheme.

Survivor's Pension and/or Children's Pension 4

If you have completed two years as a member of the scheme at the time of your death, in addition to the payment of a Death Gratuity, your Spouse/Civil Partner may be entitled to the payment of a Survivor's Pension. This is usually half the value of your pension benefit at the date of your death.

A Child's Pension may also be payable to an eligible child as defined in the Important Notes at Part H of your Statement.

Further information on death in service benefits is available in your Scheme Booklet, at www.singlepensionscheme.gov.ie or from your employer's Pensions Officer (see Part H) Port 6 - Benefiting population in the errors of your departs in sourcise

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Part G – Increasing your benefits under this Scheme



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- use funds from their own resources to purchase extra benefits under this Scheme;
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Part H - If you have further queries

You should consult the documentation referred to in Part 8 of your Statement. If you st have queries, you should contact your employer's Pensiona Officer:

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a) has not reached the age of 16 years,
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Part H – If you have further queries



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Part I – Important notes

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(Part A)

If a Pensions Adjustment Order has been issued by a Family Law Court and applies to your benefits under this Scheme, the benefits noted in this Statement make allowance for this. Further information on your Pensions Adjustment Order can be obtained from your legal advisor. General information on Pension Adjustment Orders is also available from the Pensions Authority at www.pensionsauthority.ie

(Parts C & D) ² In order to be entitled to a long-term retirement benefit, members must have paid contributions into the Scheme for a combined period exceeding 24 months (2 years) in order to be entitled to a benefit at retirement age. This is called the Vesting Period.

(Part D)

3 Annual retirement pension and once-off lump sum referable amounts are increased where the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform notifies public service bodies that there has been an increase in the Consumer Price Index (inflation) for a given scheme year. This also applies to additional annual retirement pension and once-off lump sum referable amounts purchased by you from your own resources and/or by Transfer Value from an external, Revenue approved pension benefit(s).

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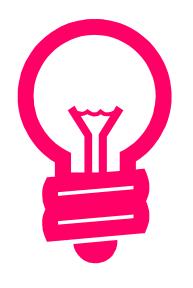
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What is the official instruction to apply CPI to referable amounts earned by active members of the Scheme and to Single Scheme pensions in payment?

DPER Circular or Letter



Who is legally responsible for the issue of Annual Benefit Statements?

Relevant Authority



Other Annual Administration Activities



Pensioner Declaration Form

- Audit requirement / best practice (Pensions Authority guidelines)
- Declaration form issues to <u>all</u> pensioners pre and post 2013
- Hold placed on payment of pension where form not returned to Pension Paying Authority
- Reminder:
 - Retirement Pensions
 - Spouse/Civil Partner Pensions
 - Eligible Child Pensions
 - Designated Beneficiary (PAO)



DPER Annual Survey of Membership

- For administrative ease, DPER calculates and remits fees to the Pensions Authority on behalf of all Relevant Authorities
- Fee payable is based on active membership of Single Scheme at 1 January
- Annual survey requesting membership data issues at the start of each year by Single Scheme Project Team
- Important that this is completed in a timely manner
- Allows DPER to examine membership data across the public service and measure compliance

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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



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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





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





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