

Monthly Data Collection (MDC) Submissions and Checklists

We'd like to remind you to ensure that you return your MDC submission on or before the 7th of each month, or on the last working day prior to this if it's a non-working day.

If you receive an error file from us, please ensure you correct any errors and return a new file no later than the last day of the month. If you receive a checklist, please complete the service information and update any withdrawal indicators and dates and return as soon as possible.

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HEADLINES

McCloud case



Update on McCloud case

We've previously informed you of the outcome of the legal case brought by members of the Judicial and Firefighters' pensions schemes, which found that transitional protection arrangements were discriminatory. The ruling will also apply to all main public service schemes, including the Teachers' Pension Scheme.

It's too early at this stage to speculate the outcome of the developing changes to pension schemes; however, the Government has committed to ensure every member is treated equally and keep benefits that they have already accrued.

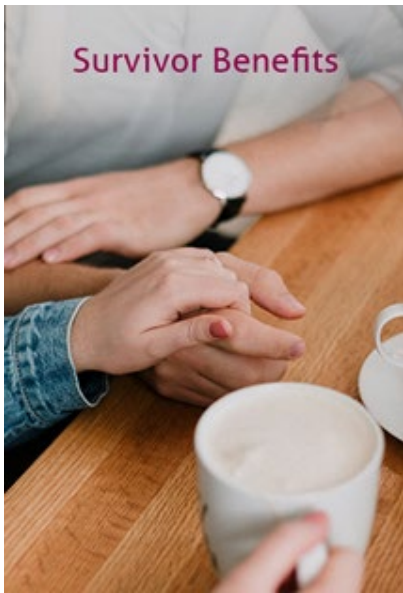
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Monthly Contributions Reconciliation (MCR) hot topics - stop errors

One of the main changes to be introduced with MCR will be 'stop errors', which will result in your file submission being rejected. There are different reasons why these errors will occur; an incorrect format in the data, the data item doesn't match the expected value, or a mandatory value is missing. Further errors can also be highlighted once your file is submitted and validated by us.

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Opposite sex (mixed sex) civil partnerships

Following the introduction of opposite sex civil partnerships in England and Wales from 31 December 2019, there've been recent changes made to the Teachers' Pensions Regulations (TPR) in relation to survivor benefits.

An opposite sex civil partner will now qualify for survivor benefits and will be aligned to those available to the spouse of a member who was in an opposite sex marriage.

We're working on a guide to help members understand their family benefits which will be added to our website when it's available.

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FURTHER NEWS

Outstanding End of Year Certificates (EOYC)

We'd like to thank those of you who've submitted your EOYC for the financial year of 2018/19. Due to a number which are still outstanding and differing timeframes of receipt, we'd like to ask if you could please resend your return as soon as possible to us via [email](#).

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Reporting of overtime

In order to ensure that your Monthly Data Collection (MDC) submissions are accurate, please ensure that overtime is not included in the full-time annual salary for a member.

Overtime that is included in the full-time annual salary creates inaccurate benefits when the member comes to retire.

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Contributions monthly breakdown forms

We've [previously](#) advised you that it's important you provide monthly breakdown forms each month for all payments made in respect of contributions. Not providing breakdown forms for all your contributions could affect the year end processing such as the End of Year Certificate.

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OTHER ITEMS

Arrears of Contributions

Recently, we've seen instances where invoices for arrears of contributions have been issued and, subsequently, service lines have been updated to '02' status (non-pensionable service) without any explanation.

If you have any amendments that need to be made following the issue of an arrears invoice, please advise us via [email](#) and we'll investigate the reason for this.

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Contributions ratio queries

We have to ensure that the correct value of contributions are being received as part of our monthly checks. You'll be aware that when completing the monthly breakdown form, if contributions are out of variance on a tier, a 'No' message will be returned, and you'll need to provide a reason for this.

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