

# Have your say



## Take part in the government consultation

Back in July we let you know that the government was planning a consultation exercise to look at how to address the discrimination caused by the transitional protection arrangements, when the career average arrangement was introduced in 2015. This consultation has now gone live and will run until 11 October 2020. You can find out more about the case and how to take part on our [website](#).

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## Changes to survivor benefits

Following a recent claim brought against the Teachers' Pension Scheme (the Scheme), the Department for Education has accepted that there is direct sexual orientation discrimination within the Scheme rules, as the benefits payable to a

surviving male spouse or male civil partner of a female Scheme member may be less than would be payable if that member was in a same-sex marriage or same-sex civil partnership. This could affect beneficiaries of female members who had pensionable service prior to April 1988. You can find out more about this ruling and the actions being taken on our [website](#).



## Get the most from MPO

One million members are using [My Pension Online](#) to stay up to date with their pension.

With MPO you can check your Benefit Statement and service history, along with updating your nominee and address details.

We hope you find it simple to use, however if you need any help we've [FAQs](#) and a [video](#) to point you in the right direction.

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## Be scam aware

Your pension is likely to be your main source of income once you reach retirement, so it's important to do all you can to keep it safe from scammers. During COVID-19 there's been a significant increase in general scam activity. A cold call, email or text regarding your pension is illegal and is a scam warning sign. The Pensions Regulator has more [information](#) on how to spot the warning signs of a scam.

You can also find out more about how to protect yourself and your pension via our [Scam Awareness video](#).



## Need help understanding your pension?

We understand that pensions can be complicated, especially if you've a few different pots. We're doing what we can to make understanding your teacher's pension as simple as possible.

As part of this we've created a webinar to go through the basics of your deferred member pension. You can view it [here](#).



## Thinking of returning to teaching?

Each year thousands of former teachers return to the profession. If you're thinking of returning, there's expert advice, support and resources to help you with your decision and based on the subject you teach.

You can find out more about the different support available on our [website](#).

Don't forget - if you return to teaching you can also return to the Scheme and start building up your teacher's pension again.

[www.teacherspensions.co.uk](http://www.teacherspensions.co.uk)



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