Teachers' Employer Pensions BULLETIN

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McCloud update

The Court of Appeal recently determined that the McCloud case, regarding the transitional protection provided to some members when the career average arrangement was introduced, was discriminatory.

While we await a decision, the Government has confirmed that whatever changes are needed will apply across all the public service schemes, including the Teachers' Pension Scheme. Furthermore, the Government has confirmed that benefits accrued by members of these schemes will not be reduced as a result of any changes.



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HEADLINES

Audited End of Year Certificate (EOYC) deadline

We'd like to thank those of you who have already submitted your return and remind those who are yet to submit that the deadline is 30 September 2019.

If you've yet to submit your audited returns, please can you email the signed off copy to <u>us</u>. Don't use a courier service as this will help avoid unnecessary costs.



Possible missing service for potential retirees

We've reviewed the reminder process following feedback from Stakeholder groups and have amended the process for possible missing service.

The new process, which is due to start in October, will help by allowing additional time for you to respond when a member isn't imminently retiring.

Find out more >



Revision cases

We've seen a significant increase in the number of revisions currently being received. We're prioritising the case processing and apologise in advance for any delays your employees are experiencing.

Before submitting, please ensure that all revised information is sent in on the same day and is accurate as this will reduce the delays in processing applications and information requests.

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FURTHER NEWS -

Concurrent login issue

A few of you told us that you'd been experiencing problems with the Employer Portal, where you'd received a message saying you couldn't log in as you were already logged in.

We set up automated tests to try and replicate the issue but were still unable to find the problem and therefore required your additional support.

We sent details of what we needed to those affected, who helped to provide the information required to resolve the issue.

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Retiring members

Following feedback, we've recently updated the wording for the Retiring Members

file and email, to make it clear what you need to do. This should be useful if a member hasn't informed you that they've submitted a retirement application.

Find out more >

Monthly Contributions Reconciliation (MCR) update - Hot topics

A new data item has been included called a Role Identifier (RI), which will be required for all members when starting MCR submissions.

The RI is an employer generated number, based on the contractual arrangement between an employer and a member. It allows us to remove the need to supply concurrent service as a single row of data.

Find out more >

New Scheme factors

We've recently received <u>new factors</u> regarding calculations within the Scheme, which can now be found on our <u>website</u>.

We've yet to receive updated guidance for all factors, and the old guidance (identified as such on the website) is provided if this is the case. Therefore, if you're using the GAD Guidance documents from our website, please also ensure you refer to the <u>new factors spreadsheet</u>.

Employer Portal security question and answer

It's recently been highlighted that many of you don't have valid security questions and answers for your Employer Portal accounts.

Going forward you'll need to select a security question and answer and update any blank questions and answers that have been set.

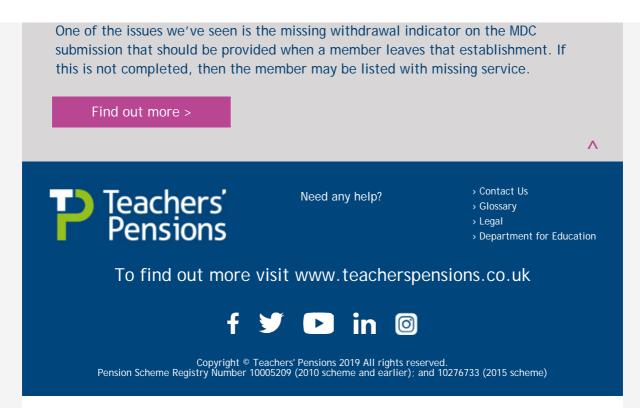
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OTHER ITEMS

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Monthly Data Collection (MDC) updates

Although we've seen a great improvement in the amount of data submitted and corrections completed, there are still some checklists which are not being addressed.



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