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MDC update

We're getting closer to the deadline for all employers to have on-boarded to Monthly Data Collection (MDC). If you've not provided your on-boarding date you must contact us immediately.

We've also recently updated the MDC Guidelines document on our website and included a version with tracked changes to see what's been updated.

As we move MDC forward in the future we'll be looking at any potential variance issues between service and contributions and introducing a pilot with employers.

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Outstanding Annual Service Return (ASR) submission

Despite passing the 6 July deadline for the ASR we still have 398 employers who haven't provided a return. This means we don't have up to date service history for over 98,450 employees. It's extremely important that this activity is completed and returned to us as soon as possible.

It's also important to ensure that only individuals who are employed by a participating employer are included on the Annual Return.

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Member opt out - online only from January 2018

With effect from 1 January 2018, members will only be able to opt out online (unless they have requested otherwise). To be able to complete the opt out they will need to register for My Pension Online (MPO) in order to access the form.

In the meantime members will still be able to opt out of the Scheme via a paper or online form. We'll provide further information regarding the changes to the opt out process over the coming months.

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My Pension Online Report

The MPO Report is available via the Employer Portal and provides details of all members who have an MPO account. If members don't have an account we'll be unable to contact them with important information about their pension.

We'd like you to check the Report and use the email templates provided to encourage your employees to sign up. There are additional email templates available on our website.

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Starters and leavers process is now live

The new starters and leavers process, introduced in September, is now live with members receiving bespoke communications directly from us. However, we're only able to contact members where they have a My Pension Online (MPO) account, or if we hold their email address.

EOYC Process FY16/17

Teachers' Pensions has recently engaged with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) in respect of this year's EOYC audit guidance document for both LA/non-LA employers. Version (4) is now available.

As there has been a delay in issuing this

Therefore please encourage members to register for MPO. The MPO Report, available in the Employer Portal, is updated on a monthly basis and can help you with this. Examples of the information sent to members can be found on our website.

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revised guidance, we can confirm the non-LA deadline of 30 September 2017 has been extended to 30 November 2017. This extension in the deadline relates to 2017 only. The deadline for LAs remains unchanged at 30 November 2017.

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Data protection and the new GDPR

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is new European Union legislation. On 25 May 2018 the GDPR will replace the UK's Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) without the need for further national legislation. All organisations will need to be compliant by that date. This is the biggest change to Data Protection legislation in a generation.

We'll provide future updates on the GDPR and will be helping to ensure that you're aware of your own responsibilities in relation to the protection of data.



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Auto Enrolment on a member record

You must complete the enrolment template when auto enrolling members on your staging date or your re-enrolment date in the Teachers' Pension Scheme.

It is important that this exercise is completed so that the pensionable status of the member is changed from non-pensionable to pensionable. Failure to do so will mean service will not be recorded correctly and will cause problems if the member wishes to opt out. More information on enrolment can be found on our website.



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Updates to templates

Improved upload history on the Employer Portal

We've updated four of our employer templates to improve the validation exercise.

The change relates to the validation of a member's date of birth, with the template now allowing the age span to include from 16 (it was previously from 18).

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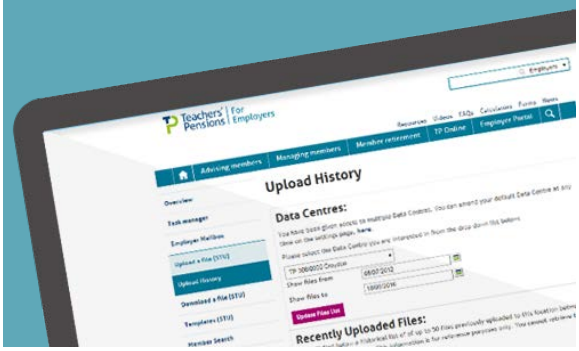


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We've made improvements within the Employer Portal to make it more user friendly for you.

The improvements include; the ability to search for any historical files, a new section to host previously uploaded files and increased upload speed.

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Family benefits for unmarried partners

In February a high-court judgement was made that an unmarried partner nomination form isn't required in order to qualify for a dependant's pension. We've recently updated our website to reflect the qualifying criteria.

A thorough search of our records has been conducted to identify unmarried partners who may now qualify for dependant's benefits. There may be some cases we don't know about so we'd appreciate it if you could pass this information onto anyone you think may now be able to apply for a dependant's pension.

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Training and Teachers Retirement Agency

Our webinars and seminars started again in September, with seminars taking place in London, Nottingham, Llandudno and Brighton. In October events will be run in Leicester, Ely, Darlington and London.

Our webinar programme has also re-started and will cover MDC and Auto Enrolment. Why not look at our training schedule for more details.

We're also receiving queries about seminars provided by the 'Teachers Retirement Agency' etc. Please be advised that these seminars are not being delivered by

GMP update for the September bulletin

Good progress continues to be made with the service reconciliation of Active members with 120k completed to date.

A large number of queries have been raised with HMRC relating to service conflicts. Similar queries for Deferred and Pensioner members are continuing to be returned from HMRC and we continue to determine if these have now been resolved.

We're also experiencing issues matching National Insurance numbers provided by HMRC to those on our records. We'll only contact you when all other avenues have

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