Click here to view with images
To ensure delivery to your inbox, please add us to your address book.

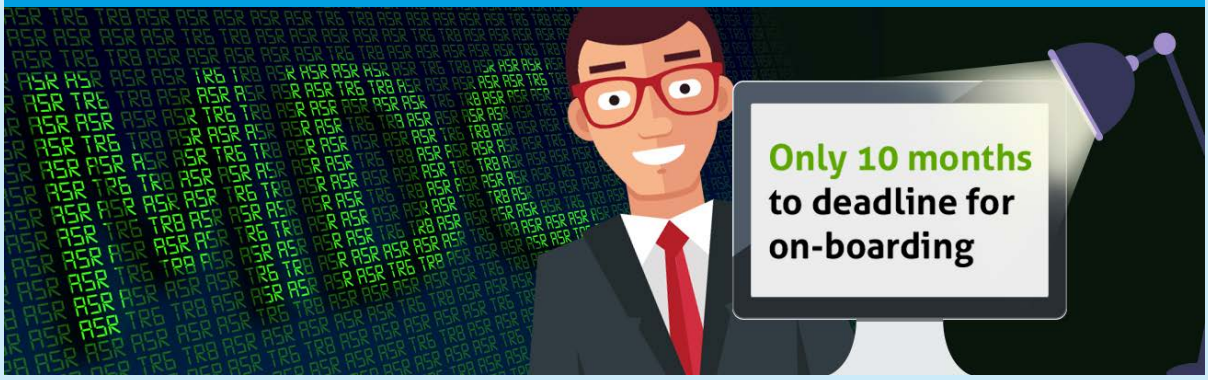


This month...

- MDC on-boarding update
- Auto Enrolment template requirement
- ASR - Get organised
- Supreme Court Ruling on Partner Nominations
- End of Year Certificate
- Live submissions on MDC
- Monthly Contributions/MDC reminder
- Member e-newsletter
- Employer Support contact number
- GMP consultation
- MAT's meeting
- Pilot with employers for My Pension Online Report
- Service returns reminder

Share this e-bulletin with a friend or colleague. They can sign up here.

MDC on-boarding update



We're now only 10 months away from the deadline date for on-boarding to MDC.

At the end of January only 859 establishments (representing 26,317 members) had yet to contact us regarding their on-boarding date. We're continuing to make contact with any establishment who has not yet contacted us to discuss their on-boarding plans. You can make your plans known by providing us with an activation form and returning it to mdc@teacherspensions.co.uk to secure an on-boarding date.

Our new detailed MDC webinar is proving popular and we'd encourage you to sign up and take part in this free training session. Dates for the webinar can be found on our website.

For employers who are currently going through the on-boarding process, we're receiving errors in relation to providing your monthly submissions. It's important that you submit monthly and not annual data on the MDC template.

Find out more >

Back to top

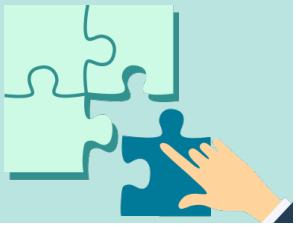
Auto Enrolment template requirement

It's important that an Auto Enrolment template is provided to all members who have reached their staging date, their re-enrolment date or are a previously assessed teacher (including those who opted out of contractual enrolment) who has become an eligible job holder.

Making sure this process is completed promptly is key to ensuring Auto Enrolment requirements are met.

Our enrolment journeys are useful in helping you understand the process for each individual circumstance of a member.

Find out more >



Back to top

ASR – Get organised

The time of year to start working on your 2016/17 Annual Service Return (ASR) is fast approaching for all employers who are not live on Monthly Data Collection. ASR returns will be required no later than 6 July 2017.

To be prepared for this, we'd suggest that you undertake some data housekeeping to ensure that the SCHEDPRINT we produce for you is as up to date as possible. This will help to ensure that your ASR submission runs smoothly. Guidance on completing the templates can be found in our ASR guide.

Find out more >



Back to top

Supreme Court Ruling on Partner Nominations

You may have seen the recent Supreme Court ruling, in relation to the Local Government Pension Scheme in Northern Ireland, for scheme members to complete a nomination form for their partner to receive an adult beneficiary pension in the event of their death.

We're currently in discussion with the Department for Education to assess the impact this ruling will have on the administration of the Teachers' Pension Scheme. Please make members aware that the Teachers' Pension Scheme regulations still require a nomination to be made.

Find out more >



Back to top

End of Year Certificate (EOYC)

EOYC - FY 2016-17
Following January's bulletin, we can confirm that we're still looking into ways the EOYC process can be modified and streamlined. We'll inform you of the proposed changes we're hoping to make, so you're ready for the submission for the Financial Year 2016-17.

Audited EOYC FY 2015-16 - Queries
Our Audit team are still busy processing your EOYCs in relation to FY15-16 and many of you may have received correspondence in relation to queries which have arisen. If you've recently sent us your response in the form of a revised submission, please bear with us as we continue to work through the responses.

EOYC FY 2015-16 - Outstanding
For those of you with audited returns outstanding, you must provide this to us or contact our Audit team to discuss further as you are in breach of your regulatory administration requirement to the Scheme.

Find out more >

Back to top

Live submissions on MDC

Amendments to service must be provided in the same format originally submitted (i.e. if provided in ASR format it should be updated in the ASR format on the MDC template).

An example can be found in the full news story.

Find out more >



Back to top

Monthly Contributions/MDC reminder

Establishments enrolled on MDC or who are currently setting up to do so, please remember to submit your monthly contributions breakdown form to Teachers' Pensions in relation to your payment each month as well as your MDC file.

Find out more >



Back to top

Member e-newsletter

We've had an excellent response with over 120,000 members having read the newsletter to date.

The first edition included stories on retirement planning and improving the online experience. You can view a copy on our website.

Find out more >



Back to top

Employer Support contact number

We want to remind you that the Employer Support contact number, 0345 3003756, is solely for employers.

We've had instances where the number has been given to members. Please ensure members are given the member enquiry contact number 0345 6066166 and advised that the line is open from 8.30am to 6.00pm.

Alternatively members can contact us via our secure member area in My Pension Online.

Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) reconciliation update

The GMP reconciliation for deferred and pensioner members is ongoing with good progress being made. 160,000 records have been investigated and we continue to work with HMRC on queries relating to service.

Further details regarding employer contact to resolve queries will be published via the Bulletin.

Find out more >



Back to top



Back to top

MAT's meeting

The next Multi Academy Trust Stakeholder group meeting is on 20 March 2017 from 1pm to 3pm. The meeting is being held in two locations (London and Sheffield) with a video link to connect them together.

The purpose of these meetings is for MAT employers to work with us to improve the working relationship and processes within Teachers' Pensions.

The session is an open forum and you can register your interest in attending by contacting Barry Bailie at barry.bailie@capita.co.uk.

Find out more >



Back to top

Pilot with employers for My Pension Online Report

We're developing a monthly report to identify members who don't have a My Pension Online account to help you to encourage them to register. This report would be generated by us and made available via the Employer Portal.

We'll be launching a pilot stage over the next few months and will keep you up to date on

Service returns reminder

As previously advised, from 2016/17 pension schemes are required to align their Pension Input Period (PIP) for pension savings statements, with the tax year. Therefore we must be provided with information that allows us to calculate a member's pension savings statement, in line with the tax year.

For establishments using MDC, we'll advise

our progress.

Find out more >



Back to top

the actions that you need to take shortly.

Find out more >



Back to top

You can keep up-to-date with important news, events and much more via our social media channels. Click the icons to follow us.

BACK TO TOP

The content of this email is based on our understanding of the current legislation governing the Teachers' Pension Scheme. In the event that there is a disagreement between the content of this email and the overriding Regulations, then the content of the Regulations will take precedence. The benefits of the Teachers' Pension Scheme, and the tax treatment of pensions may be subject to change in the future.