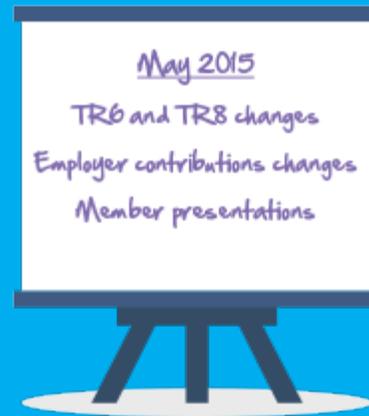




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Hello

In this month's edition of the Academies and Free Schools e-bulletin we cover an update about important changes to the TR6 and TR8 forms, the latest information about changes to employer contributions and news about the successful partnership with Prudential on member presentations.



Update on compulsory fields - TR6 and TR8 forms

After receiving feedback from employers in relation to concerns over the timescale being given to change systems to provide home and email addresses, the TR6 and TR8 forms have been amended and home and email addresses have gone back to discretionary.

We'll be consulting with our stakeholders to identify an appropriate timescale to deliver these system changes which will include the home address as a mandatory field. Email addresses will remain discretionary however we'd like to remind you of the importance of providing a work email address where possible. This enables us to contact your employees to encourage them to sign up to My Pension Online which will benefit both parties.

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Employer Contributions are changing soon -

are you ready?

As you'll be aware, employer contribution rates for the Teachers' Pension Scheme will increase from 14.1% to 16.48% (this includes the 0.08% levy) from September 2015. Until then the existing rate of 14.1% will be payable.

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Prudential - member presentations

As the preferred supplier of the Teachers' Additional Voluntary Contributions (TAVCs), Prudential are working with our Employer Relationship Manager (ERM) team to deliver member presentations.

The presentations cover the basics of the Teachers' Pension Scheme and provide an excellent opportunity for your employees to understand their pension and start thinking about their future. The demand for these presentations may mean you'll be waiting slightly longer than we'd like but don't worry the team will contact you!

If you'd like to register your interest for one of these presentations please contact your Employer Relationship Manager (ERM)

[Contact your ERM >](#)

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Helping you to help your members

Do your employees understand their member type and which arrangement they're in?

It's more important than ever that they do and whilst we're trying to communicate with those we have email addresses for, it never hurts for you to spread the word!

With this in mind we've created an easy to understand overview of everything your employees might need to know in handy email templates.

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Free training dates available

We have a range of training seminars across the country. Please ensure if you're new to administering the Teachers' Pension Scheme you attend one of these sessions. If you can't attend one, we hold webinars which can be accessed directly from your desk.

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Employer Portal - Known issues

Some users are experiencing issues with the Employer Portal timing out. We're aware of this issue and are working on resolving this as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience at this time.

Keep ahead of website downtime, known issues and planned development by regularly visiting our maintenance page.

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