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## Annual Service Returns (ASR) now overdue

We'd like to congratulate Langley Park Primary School and Langley Park School for Girls, who were the first employers to submit their ASR, this year.

Despite the deadline of 6 July 2017 having now passed, there are still a substantial number of employers who have not returned their ASR. 1,391 of 8,762 employers have not provided a return which means we don't have up to date service history for over 229,258 members.

Employers who fail to meet their responsibilities, as set out under the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014, may be reported to The Pensions Regulator, who may choose to impose sanctions on the employer. If you need support completing your Annual Return, our website is a great resource.



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#### Monthly Data Collection (MDC) update

At the end of June over 2,500 establishments were live on MDC, representing 198,406 members, with another 3,995 going through the on-boarding process. 880 establishments have not yet confirmed their on-boarding date.

We're now unable to take any further employers for November and December, therefore the last date to sign up to start on-boarding is October 2017.

If you're not able to use an automated solution for April 2018 you'll be required to manually complete the MDC template each month. Please <u>email</u> your <u>activation form</u> if you haven't already done so.



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#### Starters and leavers information to members

One of the key outcomes of the Employer Review was for Teachers' Pensions to take over the responsibility for providing starter and leaver information directly to members.

From the next school calendar year we'll start to directly contact members who are starting or leaving the Scheme, where they've a My Pension Online account or we've an email address. All members will receive a bespoke email and information with their starting or leaving details.

To ensure that we can directly make contact with these members it's important for us to have their email address or that they have signed up to My Pension Online.



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MPO Report and My Pension Online

As previously advised a pilot report has been delivered to let employers know which of their employees have not yet registered for a My Pension Online (MPO) account. This report is automatically generated monthly and issued to you via the Employer Portal.

The report is now live to all employers. As such we'll be sending you an email alert to notify you when your report is available to download, along with a link to an email template to help encourage your employees to register for MPO. Summer deadline reminder - Monthly Contributions Payments and Admin

It's still important that you send your monthly contributions payments and breakdown forms by the Scheme deadlines, even if you've now entered or are entering the summer holiday period.

Please note that failure to provide contribution payments and monthly contributions forms will result in interest charges, chaser phone calls and emails within your establishment and the potential to be reported to the Department for Education and The Pensions Regulator for non-compliance.

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# Teachers' Pensions Reference number information

We've had an increase in the number of teachers getting in touch asking what their Teachers' Pensions Reference number is. Also some have been told that their employer is unable to provide it.

The number can be found via the Employer Portal through the Member Print search.

If a member requests their number, please can you check the Member Print initially before advising them that they contact us.

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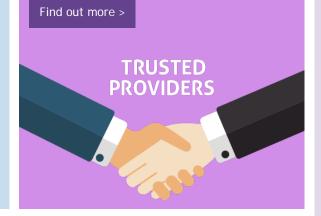


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# Monthly Data Collection (MDC) Trusted Providers

We know that employers will be looking for Payroll and Software Providers to provide a solution for them to deliver Monthly Data Collection (MDC). Through the on-boarding and live stages of MDC, we've worked with both employers and providers and this has helped us to create a list of trusted providers.

If you're an employer who is looking for support from a supplier, you can view our current Trusted Providers list on our website, along with the criteria they've met.



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#### End of Year Certificate 2016/17

Thank you to those establishments who've submitted their un-audited End of Year Certificate (EOYC) to us. If you've still not issued the un-audited version you must ensure that this is submitted via the Employer Portal.

## Premature Retirement Compensation (PRC) reminder

Please ensure that all invoices issued to you by Teachers' Pensions are settled by the deadline stated on the invoice. To help you there are a number of options that can be used to ensure that payment is made.

Failure to pay these invoices promptly can

You should now be preparing for your EOYC to be audited and returned to us by 29 September 2017 (30 November 2017 for LA establishments). More details about the EOYC process can be found on our <u>website</u>. ultimately affect pensioner payments made on your behalf and could result in a breach report to The Pensions Regulator for not adhering to scheme regulations.

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#### Training

We'll be taking a break from training in August as we know many people are on holiday. During this period we'll be working on the programme of training for the next scholastic year with the intention to hold four seminars across the country in September.

Make sure you don't miss the opportunity to book a place on one of our free training events, by visiting our <u>website</u>.



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## Monthly Contributions/Month Data Collection reminder

This is our monthly reminder to all establishments that you must submit monthly contributions breakdown forms to us in addition to your Monthly Data Collection file each month.

If you have any queries regarding this process or if you've been provided with alternate instructions contact either the <u>Contributions Team</u> or the <u>MDC Team</u> for further advice.



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