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Annual Service Return

The Annual Service Return template is now available to download from the Employer Portal for completion. If you're an employer who has not yet on-boarded to Monthly Data Collection, you'll have been notified of the template being available.

HM Revenue & Customs require all employers to provide the data required in the template to Teachers' Pensions by the deadline date of 6 July.

For information about the Annual Return process please visit our dedicated area online. We've also updated our Annual Return Guidelines to support you when compiling your Return.

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Monthly Data Collection (MDC)

We've still not received all files from employers who stated they would like to join MDC during April. The deadline date for file submission was 7 May.

If you have notified us that you would like to join MDC in April and confirmed that you would make your first submission by 7 May but have missed this deadline, please make sure that you submit your return as soon as possible or re-arrange your on-boarding date by completing an Activation Form.

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Joining Monthly Data Collection (MDC) part way through a financial year

Have you joined MDC part way through the financial year? If the answer is yes you'll need to advise us of any periods of service not covered via MDC.

You can complete this backdating process in one of two ways, by providing either a backdated MDC file or a part Annual Service Return. The deadline submission date for backdated information is 6 July 2017. Should you require any support with this process you can find help in the MDC FAQ section.

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Join us at the Teachers' Pensions Action Forum (TPAF)

The first Teachers' Pensions Action Forum event for 2017 takes place on 6 June in York at the Park Inn by Raddison between 10am and 3pm. Places are limited to 30.

End of Year Certificate (EOYC) 2016-17 deadline

Those employers who are required to complete an EOYC will have received an email from us with your Cash Figure for the financial year 16/17.

The workshop will cover Monthly Data Collection (on-boarding and business as usual) and Employer Review / My Pension Online. Details of seminar topics will be sent to attendees before the event to allow them to research the topic. Why not register today?

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If you've not received this email, please complete the Contact and Declaration form via the Employer Portal and email our Audit team to request a copy of the EOYC information. Unaudited EOYC submissions are due no later than 31 May 2017.

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Congratulations to Carshalton College on first EOYC submission

Congratulations and well done to Carshalton College for being the first to submit their EOYC return.

Of the 7600+ establishments who need to complete an EOYC for the financial year 16/17, they not only successfully submitted the first online EOYC submission, but achieved this within 1 hour of the project going live.



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Monthly Contributions Breakdown Form – Date due field

A new monthly contributions breakdown form was made available prior to the start date of the 16/17 financial year.

Please ensure that the 'Date Due' field on the form specifies the deadline date of those contributions that are due, and not the date which contributions have been issued to us.

We've noticed a number of errors as a result of employers providing the date of issue, so please help us to reduce the number of errors and ensure your return is allocated appropriately.

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Issues with Certificate of Re-employment

If you've provided incorrect salary details on a Certificate of Re-employment form, which has resulted in an overpayment, you should not amend the service through the Employer Portal. An amended Certificate is required.

If you're now providing service information via Monthly Data Collection, whilst you're no longer required to complete a Certificate you must ensure that you complete both outstanding certificates and any which we may contact you directly about.

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Pensions Increase and associated annual changes - April 2017

A number of annual changes have taken place across the Scheme which took effect, mainly

from April 2017. Areas of the Scheme which have seen changes are:

- Pension Increase - The Pensions Increase increased by 1% for 2017 and took effect from 10 April 2017
- Revaluation of the career average arrangement of 2.6% for active members and 1% for deferred members
- Maximum extra pension allowance will be increased by 1% to £6,600 for the career average arrangement and £6,400 for the final salary arrangement
- Restricted Salary Provision - caps have changed
- Child pension – maximum remuneration from vocational training has been amended.

Please signpost members to the Updates section of the website for more information.

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Benefit Statements

During April and May we've delivered a campaign to active and deferred members to remind them that their Benefit Statement is available online. So far over 215,000 statement views have been generated online.

Please continue to advise employees about Benefit Statements only being available via My Pension Online (MPO) and to encourage them to register for MPO if they haven't done so already.

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Updated forms

We'd like to advise that the Monthly Service Return, TR28 Missing Service and Annual Service Return have been revised. Changes include new validation for alpha characters and ensuring that forenames and surnames are greater than one character.

These updated forms are available now therefore please ensure that you're using version six when completing and returning these forms to us.

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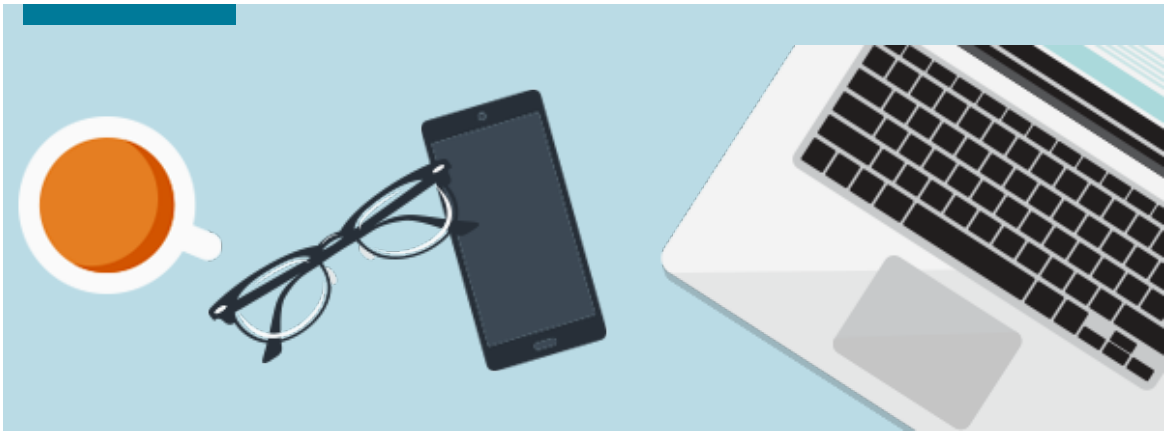
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Make the most of the free training opportunities – new webinar

We're introducing a new Annual Service Return webinar in June in addition to MDC and Auto Enrolment which we currently cover. Our webinars are free virtual training that you can take part in from the comfort of your own desk.

You only need a computer and a phone and they normally last around 30-40 minutes.

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