



Pensions In Partnership



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Actual retirements

To help us to prioritise correspondence about these above everything else coming into our mailbox, please insert "**Actual retirement**" as your email's Subject.

Automatic enrolment

The AE **thresholds for 2014 / 2015** along with social security / NI limits and thresholds are in LGPC Circular 278, see:

<http://www.local.gov.uk/web/workforcelibrary/lgpc-circulars>

The LGPC has produced V5.6 of its **guide to AE**, see

<http://www.local.gov.uk/web/workforcelibrary/technical-guides>

eComms: becoming deferred

If an employee member leaves the LGPS and becomes a deferred member, we advise them that full details of their deferred benefits are on **SPFOnline**. If they wish, they can still request hard copies.

Teachers leaving your employment

Please **check that you are not inputting our SCON (S2700211T) on termination notices**, as teachers are not in the LGPS.

Pensions politics

In the Budget the Government announced that it intends to introduce legislation to remove the option to **transfer** from a public service defined benefit scheme to a defined contribution scheme, except in very limited circumstances. It will consult on options including separate treatment of the LGPS. Any changes will be effective from 2015.

The government has published a paper about statutory control of **employer costs** in public sector schemes. Chapter 5 covers the LGPS, see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-service-pensions-actuarial-valuations-and-the-employer-cost-cap-mechanism>

Other news

Our website's **contribution calculator** has been updated for 2014 / 2015.

Visitors can also **Listen to our website**, see the bottom of every page on it.

The LGPC has issued **Bulletin 113**:
<http://www.local.gov.uk/web/workforcelibrary/lgpc-bulletins>

On page 10 it explains the impact on the LGPS of the Budget announcements about increased **trivial commutation and small pot payment limits**.

We'd like to remind you that you cannot be an employee member of the LGPS after **age 75**.