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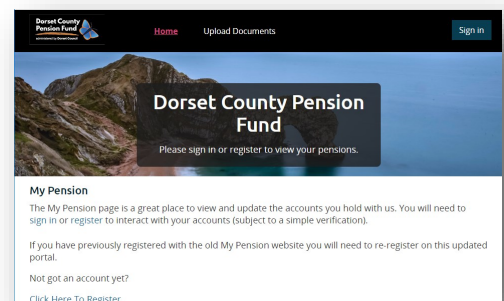
The LGPC have published [Bulletin 228](#) (August 2022) on the bulletins page of www.lgpsregs.org.

Items of particular interest to employer may be:

- Webinar – how to avoid the Ombudsman
- DWP confirms frozen refunds are out of scope for initial dashboards
- HMT consultation on public sector exit payments
- Supreme Court decision concerning term time workers

Member portal ‘My Pension’

The member portal ‘My Pension’ is a valuable resource for your LGPS members. They can use it to change their address, marital status and death grant nominee(s) and also upload supporting documents, saving you as the employer time. They can also perform retirement estimates for themselves, which is perfect for employees who would like to look at multiple dates or dates in the distant future. This would be good to signpost to your LGPS members who are thinking of retirement dates, as an alternative to requesting a formal estimate.



The DCPF have added extra content in the last month to My Pension, including pages showing;

- transfers in
- CARE accounts
- service history

Employer Portal Update

Please see below updates on the employer portal.

Issues resolved / new developments:

- Multiple document uploads on the Joiner process

Outstanding updates/issues:

- Excel documents to be visible on the submitted forms

Pension Taxation presentations for high earning active members

The Dorset County Pension Fund have arranged free pensions tax awareness presentations, provided by Barnett Waddingham's pensions tax expert. These sessions are aimed at high earners principally.

The presentations will outline the **Annual** and **Lifetime Allowance** provisions and will include an explanation about Pension Savings Statements. All DCPF members who are identified as being close to or breaching their Annual Allowance for 2022 will be sent an invite to the sessions. If you, as the employer, are aware of a member of the LGPS who is a high earner and / or has had significant pay raises, you may wish to bring these sessions to their attention.

A copy of the invite for the presentations has been attached to the email for your awareness.

DCPF Monthly pension data returns

A pensions data monthly return (different to the financial return sent to the investments team) is a snapshot of your payroll for the month. This process creates new starters, hour changes and raises a request for leaver forms if needed.

Full details on the monthly return can be found on the employer website here <https://dcpfemployers.org/monthly-returns/>

If you would like to start submitting monthly returns and have any questions, please email lgpsemployers@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or phone the team and they will be able to assist you.

LGA issued Pay training

The LGA have issued bite-sized training on Assumed Pensionable Pay and Final Pay calculations for employers.

Both Assumed Pensionable Pay and Final pay have several bite-sized video to watch, aimed at building up employer knowledge of these subjects. Also included on the pages are text only versions, which can be read if that suits your learning style better.

<https://www.lgpsregs.org/employer-resources/employer-bite-size-training.php>

These will be especially useful as a starting point for new staff to watch when it is convenient for them. It will help with the basics needed to provide the necessary pay details for your staff. The DCPF also provide pensionable pay training sessions which are more in depth, more will be scheduled soon.

Important dates for your diaries

Training events and meetings

General LGPS employer responsibilities workshop

- Thursday 29 September 10:00—13:00
- Friday 11 November 10:00—13:00

2022 Pension Liaison Officer Group meetings

- Thursday 13 October at 10:00am

Please email lgpsemployers@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk to request the link to join any training or meetings.

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