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LGPC bulletin 263

The LGPC have published [Bulletin 263](#) on the bulletins page of www.lgpsregs.org.

Items of particular interest to employers may be:

- Updates to guides and factsheets

LGPS 'Access and fairness' consultation launched

MHCLG has launched a consultation on changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) in England and Wales. The proposed changes are intended to improve fairness in and access to the LGPS. The proposals include:

- addressing survivor pensions and deaths grants
- addressing the Gender Pension Gap in the LGPS
- collecting data on how many members opt out of the scheme and why
- changes to forfeiture, aiming to tackle long-standing issues with forfeiture in the LGPS
- several technical changes to how the McCloud remedy operates
- a number of other miscellaneous changes, including changes to five-year refunds, pre 2014 AVCs and small pot payments.

The consultation also includes questions on the potential administrator burden and the Government's duty under Public Sector Equality Duty.

MHCLG has published a draft statutory instrument, the Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025, alongside this consultation. The consultation closes on 7 August 2025.

You can view the [consultation documents](#) on the scheme consultations page of www.lgpsregs.org.

You may wish to respond and bring this to your LGPS members' attention.

Open consultation
Local Government Pension Scheme in England and Wales: Access and fairness

From: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Published 15 May 2025

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Applies to England and Wales

Summary

This consultation on the Local Government Pension Scheme covers a number of proposals relating to pension benefits for scheme members.

This consultation closes at 11:59pm on 7 August 2025

Consultation description

This consultation covers a range of proposals relating to the Local Government Pension Scheme in England and Wales ('the LGPS').

The government believes that the LGPS is a good pension scheme which should be available to all those who provide the services for which local government is responsible. It provides security in older age for millions of members who have spent their lives in public service, many of whom have been low paid throughout their working lives. Much of this consultation focuses on equal access to the scheme and its benefits.

Documents

- [Local Government Pension Scheme in England and Wales: Access and fairness](#)
HTML
- [Draft Local Government Pension Scheme \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2025](#)
PDF, 878 KB, 27 pages

The Prudential's online Payroll Forum

The Prudential are providing an online Payroll Forum for Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) schemes. In these sessions they will be providing refresher training on submitting AVC payroll files and payments. There will also be time kept aside for questions.

For any employer who has scheme members paying into the AVC scheme, the Prudential are offering four sessions to choose from – each session is 45 minutes and you only need to attend one. You are able to sign up for a session, by clicking on one of the links below:

Wednesday 28 May at 10:00	Sign up with Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams
Wednesday 4 June at 14:00	Sign up with Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams
Wednesday 11 June at 10:00	Sign up with Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams
Wednesday 18 June at 14:00	Sign up with Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams

End of Year 2025

Thank you to all employers for sending in the End of Year information. These are now being processed and queries should either have been sent to you or will be sent shortly. These queries will arrive in your group Work Feed and you will need to assign them to the person who will be responding. Please remember that you can now bulk reassign cases by selecting all the cases at once that you wish to reassign. You may find our guide [How to... Respond to End of Year Queries](#) useful when dealing with your queries.



Important dates for your diaries 2025

Training events and meetings

Employer Portal training

Tuesday 9 September 13:00—14:30

Pensionable Pay training

Wednesday 18 June 10 - 12:30

LGPS employer responsibilities training

Friday 11 July 09:30—13:00

If you would like to register to attend any of the above training events, please email

lgpsemployers@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Pensions Liaison Officer Group (PLOG) Meeting for 2025

Links to the PLOG meetings have been sent to all recipients of the monthly newsletter. If you require the link to be sent to additional or new members of staff please email

lgpsemployers@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk .

- Friday 13 June 10:30—12:00
- Wednesday 15 October 10:30-12:00

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