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LGPS Annual Benefit Illustration 2026

The Annual Benefit Illustration (ABI) 2026 mailing will be issued to active scheme members on 28 August 2026. The artwork for both the illustration and the accompanying newsletter is attached to the email with which this newsletter has been distributed.

Members can also view their ABI online through My Pension, our secure member portal. Employers may wish to signpost staff to My Pension as a quick and convenient way to access their pension information.

Please note that any queries relating to pay figures shown on the ABI have been directed to employers in the first instance. If a member contacts you regarding their pay and you subsequently need to make amendments to the End of Year information submitted to us, please let us know as soon as possible.

Returned Annual Benefit Illustrations

Any ABIs returned to the Pension Fund because a member has moved address will be placed in a secure, named envelope and sent to you for onward distribution to the member concerned.

Each envelope will contain:

- The member's Annual Benefit Illustration.
- A letter asking the member to update their address details with the Pension Fund.

When passing these documents on, you may also wish to take the opportunity to update the member's address on your payroll system, where appropriate.

McCloud Underpin

Unfortunately, we are still unable to include McCloud underpin calculations within this year's ABI figures. This is due to our software provider not delivering the required system updates in time for the ABI production schedule.

The software upgrade is currently due to be installed at the end of August, which is too late for the statutory deadline for issuing ABIs. As a result, members whose benefits are expected to increase as a result of the McCloud underpin will receive a revised ABI in the autumn, once the necessary calculations can be completed.

We anticipate that this will affect approximately 5% of members who are within scope of the McCloud remedy. Therefore, even where a member is in scope, it is likely that their projected benefits will not be affected and they will not receive a revised illustration.

LGPC bulletin 281

The LGPC have published [Bulletin 281](#) on the bulletins page of www.lgpsregs.org.

Items of particular interest to employers may be:

- 2025 Actuarial Valuations – Board Summary published

Annual Allowance pay requests

Employers will shortly begin to receive pay requests for Annual Allowance calculations. These requests relate to members who have been identified, from the End of Year submission data, as either exceeding or approaching their Annual Allowance limit. Requests will be issued to your employer group work tray on the employer portal.

We would be grateful if you could respond to these requests as promptly as possible. The Pension Fund has a limited timeframe in which to calculate and issue Annual Allowance information to affected members, with communications sent at the beginning of October.

SCAPE Rate Change Update

On 19 May 2026, the Government announced a change to the SCAPE discount rate, resulting in a review of the actuarial factors used for a range of LGPS calculations, including early retirement and transfer calculations.

The updated factors are being released in stages. The first set of factors has already been implemented in our pension administration system. The second release, which includes early and late retirement factors, has now been installed in our test environment and is scheduled to be moved into the live system next Friday.

The factors used for Additional Pension Contribution (APC) contracts are included in the second set of factors. We will be writing to members who have contracts due to extend past 31 March 2026 with their new contribution amounts in the autumn.

Important dates for your diaries 2026

Please see dates below for employer training up to October 2026.

If you would like to register to attend any of the above training events, please email lgpsemployers@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Employer Portal Training

Thursday 17 September 13:00—14:30

Pensionable Pay Training

Thursday 1 October 12:30—15:00

Pensions Liaison Officer Group (PLOG) Meeting for 2026

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.

- Thursday 15 October 10:30—12:00

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