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Are you aware of Scheme changes?

It's important to be aware of Scheme changes that will apply from 1 April 2022. From this date all active members will be placed in the career average scheme including those who were protected members in 2015.

To help you understand if you're affected we've put together a range of resources including [case studies](#) and [videos](#).

Find out more



Family benefits

One of the benefits of your teacher's pension is that death benefits are payable to your loved ones if something should happen to you.

A death grant (a one off payment) will be paid out to the person(s) you choose to nominate. It's important to note that a long term pension will only be paid to a qualifying partner or spouse (and children/dependant family member in certain circumstances).

Read our Family benefits guide

Contact us on WhatsApp

Following on from your feedback, we've launched secure web messaging and WhatsApp for members!

This means that you can get in touch about



your personal and account details without needing to call us.

You can find all the information, including the phone number and opening hours on our website.

[Find out more](#)



Changes to online forms

When completing online forms, some members have been using the 'save' function rather than submitting them fully at the end. Unless you've submitted your form it won't be processed. We also automatically delete any saved forms after 12 months. If you think you've any saved forms please log in to My Pension Online to review and submit them.

We've now removed the save button, excluding on the retirement form, to make the process clearer.

[Log in to MPO](#)



Is your service history correct?

It's important to ensure your service history is recorded correctly by your employer. This means that when it comes to retirement, we've the right information to calculate your pension.

To help you with this we've asked your employer to complete a checklist. Once they've done this, next time you log in to My Pension Online you'll be asked to check your service history. Once you've reviewed your service, you'll be able to tick a box to say it's correct.

If you find any errors or missing service, you'll need to speak to the relevant employer and ask them to update your details.

[Check your service history](#)



Increasing your pension

Please remember that if you wish to make or renew a Faster Accrual election, your application will need to be with us before 31 March 2022, to allow it to start on 1 April 2022. We recommend sending your application through as soon as possible to ensure it's processed in time. The easiest way to do this is through MPO.

If you're a protected member who had remained in the final salary scheme but will be moving into career average scheme for the first time on 1 April 2022, please be aware you have until 30 April to make a Faster Accrual election. Also, you have six months from 1 April to make a Buy Out election.

[Find out more](#)



Understand your pension

Pensions can be a daunting topic and there's a lot to understand. We've recently created some new videos to help you understand key parts of your pension.

These include what to do if you're new to teaching, looking for information on Annual Allowance or seeking help on how to retire.

Why not check them out and find out more about your pension?

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