

## Local Government Pension Scheme

### Annual pension and compensation payment increase

Public sector pensions use the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous September to determine increases to pension payments. Your pension (assuming you fulfil the qualification criteria) will increase from **8 April 2024** (a lower, pro-rata increase will apply to pensions that started after 23 April 2023).

#### Does my pension qualify for an increase?

Your pension will increase if it began on or before 23 March 2024 and:

- (a) You are aged 55 years or more
- or (b) Your pension is a dependant's pension
- or (c) Your pension is an ill health pension, and you qualify for pensions increase

#### How much will my pension increase by?

Your pension will increase by 6.7% if it began on or before 23 April 2023. The full 6.7% increase will apply to any pension built up in the Career Average scheme from 1 April 2014 (unless you were a councillor).

In certain circumstances your pension will not increase by 6.7%.

1. If you reached your State Pension Age before 6 April 2016 and your pension includes any Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) that was accrued before 6 April 1988, this element of your pension will not increase. The increase on this part of your pension is included in your state pension. If your pension includes GMP accrued after 6 April 1988 to 5 April 1997, this element of your pension will be increased by 3%.
2. Pensions increase applies from the day after your scheme membership ended, except for a dependant's pension. The pensions increase on a dependant's pension applies from the day after the last day of scheme membership of your late spouse/partner or parent/legal guardian. Therefore, if the scheme membership ended on or after 24 April 2023 a smaller, part-year increase will apply.
3. In exceptional cases we may have been instructed to use a previous years pay to calculate your pension. If this is the case, the date your pension increase 'began' could be from a previous year. If you are in receipt of two or more pensions, each pension may have a different start date.

#### 2024-25 pension payment dates

Month	Pay day
April*	Tuesday 30th
May	Friday 31st
June	Friday 28th
July	Wednesday 31st
August	Friday 30th
September	Monday 30th

Month	Pay Day
October	Thursday 31st
November	Friday 29th
December	Friday 20th
January 2025	Friday 31st
February 2025	Friday 28th
March 2025	Monday 31st

\* Pension increases take effect on the 8th of April. The April payment has been calculated to include 7 days at the previous rate of pension and 23 days at the new rate.

## **Your pension and income tax**

If appropriate, income tax is deducted from your pension in accordance with HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) guidelines. Any tax queries should be directed to HMRC.

**Write:** Pay As You Earn, HM Revenue & Customs, BX9 1AS

**Phone:** 0300 200 3300 (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm)

You should quote the East Sussex Pension Fund (ESPF) reference of 334/EZ61724, your payroll reference number and National Insurance number (shown at the top of the pay advice slips we provide).

## **'My Pension' – secure, online access to your pension record**

'My Pension' provides secure access to your pension record online including the ability to view, download or print your monthly payslips and annual P60 (unless you have opted to receive these by post, in which case you will receive payslips between March and May each year, and when your pension changes by greater than £5).

If you need to register for 'My Pension' you can do so by visiting <https://mypension.eastsussex.gov.uk/> and selecting 'request one' from the options on the screen. Support information, including how to register is available from the homepage of our main website (address detailed below).

## **Changing your address and bank / building society details**

'My Pension' allows you to change address and bank details online. Alternatively, address and bank details must be provided in writing and sent to the address below. We cannot process these over the phone or via email.

## **National Fraud Initiative and existence checking**

Please note that key pension data may be provided to bodies responsible for auditing and administering public funds for the purposes of preventing and detecting fraud. We will also carry out existence checking to verify continued entitlement to pension payments.

## **Contact information**

**Write:** East Sussex Pension Fund, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE

**Phone:** General enquiries: 0300 200 1022  
My Pension Portal Enquiries: 0300 200 1027  
Our phone lines are open from 9am to 4pm

**Email:** [pensions@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:pensions@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Website:** [www.eastsussexpensionfund.org](http://www.eastsussexpensionfund.org)