

PROCESS PENSION SCHEME TRANSFERS IN

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	SCOPE
<p>You must be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain authorisation for every transfer in request before further action is taken 2. Ensure all proposed transfers from another UK scheme are registered by HM Revenue & Customs. 3. Investigate and resolve any discrepancies or unusual features and ensure transfers can proceed 4. Provide relevant information to the Actuary or correctly calculate the transfer value, as applicable 5. Fully inform members of the options available to them with regard to their rights to transfer and seek their preference 6. Ensure transfer value is re-calculated if necessary 7. Take follow up action, where no response is received 8. Request payment of transfer values within timescales 9. Update member records to show details of the transfer 10. Conduct all communication within appropriate timescales 11. Follow procedures for maintaining security and confidentiality correctly according to organisational and regulatory requirements 	<p>In meeting the performance criteria you must show you can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Process <u>three</u> transfer in cases covering two of the following types: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Occupational pension (ii) Personal pension (iii) Club (iv) AVCs (v) Free standing AVCs (vi) Other (must specify on assessment) (B) Resolve <u>one</u> discrepancy or unusual features using any of the following methods: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Within limits of own job responsibility (ii) Another appropriate person (C) Ensure that <u>both</u> of the following timescales are met: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Regulatory (ii) Scheme or organisational service level agreement

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Knowledge and Understanding

You must show that you know and understand:

- K1** How to interpret and apply regulatory and scheme regulations following a transfer in request
- K2** How to validate scheme data in terms of completeness and appropriateness
- K3** How to identify sources of information for resolution of discrepancies
- K4** Awareness of regulatory, scheme and organisational timescales and schedules for updating, presentation and despatch of data, and the consequences of non-compliance
- K5** How to process scheme transfer benefits and options as specified in scheme regulations
- K6** How to apply calculation methods and standard practices
- K6** The current legislation concerning the difference between giving financial information and financial advice and understanding the consequences of non-compliance
- K7** The signatures and authorisations you need to settle benefits and/or to provide information
- K8** What is meant by the scheme being contracted out or not contracted out of the State Second Pension Scheme (S2P)
- K9** The procedures in place to maintain security and confidentiality including Data Protection Act, and why it is important to ensure information is kept secure and confidential
- K10** The circumstances under which benefits may need to be recalculated and the procedures to be followed