# CALCULATE AND QUOTE PENSION SCHEME DEATH BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

You must show you can:

- 1. Use the correct personal details from the member's record
- 2. Show the full range of requested **options** which are allowed based on the member's record, the **scheme** rules and legislation
- 3. Apply **scheme** definitions accurately
- 4. Take into account any supplementary and discretionary benefits
- 5. Apply all relevant legislation correctly according to the reason for death and the dates of joining and leaving the scheme
- 6. Set out the **calculations** for each **option** according to accepted procedures
- 7. Carry out the **calculations** manually for each **option** without arithmetical errors
- 8. Show when lump sum benefits are **payable** at the Trustees' discretion or to the deceased member's Estate
- 9. Calculate and provide information relating to HM Revenue & Customs Regulations, as appropriate
- 10. **Write a letter** to the beneficiary, sponsor or Trustee and quote benefits which match your **calculations**•
- 11. Show the benefit options in an approved format and in accordance with accepted procedure
- 12. Provide complete and accurate information to accompany the quotation and requested payment details

#### **SCOPE**

In meeting the performance criteria you must show you can:

- (A) Identify and apply **scheme** rules and definitions for all of the following:
  - (i) Final salary
  - (ii) Career average revalued earnings (CARE)
  - (iii) Money purchase
  - (iv) Not contracted-out of SERPS/S2P
  - (v) Contracted-out of SERPS/S2P
- (B) Take into account <u>all</u> of the following **supplementary and discretionary benefits**:
  - (i) Split accruals and breaks in service (including part time service)
  - (ii) Transfers-in
  - (iii) Retained benefits
  - (iv) Additional voluntary contributions
  - (v) Augmentations
- (C) Set out and provide fully worked manual **calculations** for <u>all</u> of the following death benefits:
  - (i) Refund of contributions
  - (ii) Lump sum (life assurance/5 year guarantee)
  - (iii) Spouse's pension
- (D) Set out and provide fully worked manual **calculations** for <u>all</u> of the following death benefit categories:
  - (i) Death in service
  - (ii) Death in deferment
  - (iii) Death in retirement
- (E) Identify when lump sum benefits are **payable**:

- 13. Give instructions to the addressee on the response you require
- (i) At the Trustees' discretion
- (ii) To the deceased member's Estate/Legal Personal Representative(s)
- (F) Determine the **options** open to members taking into account <u>all</u> of the following:
  - (i) The member's record
  - (ii) Scheme rules
  - (iii) Relevant legislation
- (G) Use the **calculations** from <u>two</u> of the case studies completed to **write a letter** to the beneficiary, sponsor or Trustee

#### **EXPLANATION**

•Calculations <u>could</u> include recalculating benefits to ensure minimum contracting-out requirements are met or suggesting a course of action if Lifetime Allowance limits are exceeded

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## **Knowledge and Understanding**

You need to show that you know and understand:

- K1 The scheme rules for each of the schemes used in the case study examinations covering the payment of death benefits
- **K2** How to apply actuarial factors
- **K3** How to apply annuity rates
- K4 The effects of overriding legislation on the benefits and options payable including the requirements of the HM Revenue & Customs and the Department for Work and Pensions
- **K5** How the benefit is made up: refund of contributions, lump sum (life assurance/5 year guarantee) and spouse's pension (including child pensions)
- **K6** How to apply statutory increases on deferred pensions for the period between date of exit and date of death
- **K7** How to apply statutory increases on pensions in payment
- **K8** The Disclosure requirements
- **K9** The distinction between giving financial information and financial advice (in accordance with the latest Financial Services and Markets Act)
- **K10** The distinction between paying lump sum benefits at the Trustees' discretion or to the deceased member's Estate or Legal Personal Representative(s)
- **K11** What information and documentation is required before the scheme can settle the benefits