

Re-joining the Main Section form

Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013

Employer name:			
<p>Complete this form if you wish to leave the 50:50 Section of the Scheme and move to the Main Section of the Scheme.</p> <p>Please read the notes overleaf before completing and returning your form.</p>			
Title: Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Mx	Name:		
Former name(s):			
Date of birth:		NI Number:	
Home address:			
Preferred email address:			
Telephone number:			
<p>Your employment details</p> <p>Please provide details below of the job(s) you hold with your employer in which you wish to elect to re-join the Main Section.</p> <p>If you've more than one job in which you're in the 50:50 Section, you can opt to re-join the Main Section in one, some or all of the jobs. You should only provide details below of the job(s) in which you wish to elect to re-join the Main Section. If you wish to re-join the Main Section in more than 2 jobs, you'll need to complete and return an additional form. If you hold jobs in the LGPS with different employers, you'll need to complete and return a separate form to each employer.</p>			
	Job title/location	Payroll number (if known)	
Job 1			
Job 2			
<p>Declaration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I've read and understood the notes overleaf. 2. I confirm that I wish to move to the Main Section in the job(s) I've listed above. 3. I understand that I'll stop paying half rate pension contributions in that job and my contribution rate for that job will increase to my normal full rate. 4. I understand that during the period I'm in the Main Section for the jobs I've listed above, I'll be building up my normal pension in that post/those posts of 1/49th of my pensionable pay. 5. I'm aware that, at any time whilst I'm eligible for membership of the LGPS, I can choose to opt back into the 50:50 Section of the LGPS by making an election and giving it to my employer. 			
<p>Once signed, this form should be sent to your employer's HR section – see page 2</p>			
Signed: _____		Date: _____	

For HR/Payroll use	
Action	Date
Form received by Employer/HR/Payroll:	
Notification sent to payroll / actioned:	
Notification of move to Main Section issued to the Fund: Yes / No If yes, enter date sent:	
Date rejoined Main Section:	Main Section contribution rate: %
Authorised Signature: _____	Date:

Please return all forms to your respective employer below.

Existing Environment Agency employees:

- Please submit the completed form to SSCL via a 'service request' (SR) in SOP using the category 'ENV Pension Administration' and problem type 'Pension Administration Form'.
- Raise a [Service Request](#)

Environment Agency external new starters or employees who don't have access to EA systems:

- Email your completed form to ea_askhr@gov.sscl.com

Steria employees:

HR Helpdesk
420 Thames Valley Park
Reading
Berkshire
RG6 1PU

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) employees:

People Services
Maes Y Ffynnon
Penrhosgarnedd
Bangor
LL57 2DW

It's important that you fully complete this form. If it's incomplete, or you do not provide sufficient detail for your employer to identify the job(s) in which you wish to re-join the Main Section, the form will not be accepted as a valid request and will be returned to you for clarification.

Purpose for which this form will be used

This form once completed and returned to your employer's Human Resource department, will be used to stop your contributory membership in the 50:50 Section of the Local Government Pension Scheme; you'll then start your contributory membership in the main section of the Local Government Pension Scheme, where you'll pay your normal, full, pension contributions, as per your instructions on this form. The form will be kept as a record of your election to re-join the Main Section of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Notes

Please read before completing the Re-joining the Main Section Form

1. **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** – The Environment Agency Pension Fund (EAPF) is a Data Controller under the General Data Protection Regulations. This means we store, hold and manage your personal data in line with statutory requirements to enable us to provide you with pension administration services. To enable us to carry out our statutory duty, we're required to share your information with certain bodies, but will only do so in limited circumstances. For more information about how we hold your data, who we share it with and what rights you have to request information from the Fund, please visit www.eapf.org.uk/privacy-policy

2. **How does the Main Section work?**
 - a) There are two sections in the LGPS from 1 April 2014 – the Main Section and the 50:50 Section. The Main Section is where you pay normal contributions and get your normal pension build up. In the 50:50 Section you pay half your normal contributions and build up half your normal pension during the period you're in that section. Regardless of which section you're in, you get full life assurance cover, full ill health cover and full survivor benefit cover in the event of your death.
 - b) You can elect to move from the 50:50 Section to the Main Section at any time. An election to re-join the Main Section must be made in writing to your employer. This form can be used as your election. You'll be moved to the Main Section from the next available pay period after your employer receives your signed election.
 - c) If you've more than one job in which you're contributing to the 50:50 Section you can elect to re-join the Main Section in one, some or all those jobs.
 - d) If you're in the LGPS with more than one employer, a separate election form must be completed and returned to each employer where you wish to re-join the Main Section.

3. **How long can I remain in the Main Section?**
 - a) You can remain in the Main Section for as long as you're in employment that qualifies you for membership of the scheme and are under age 75.
 - b) At any time whilst you're in the Main Section, you'll have the right to choose to move back to the 50:50 Section of the scheme (provided you're under age 75 and you remain in an employment that qualifies you for membership of the scheme).

You'll need to make and send an election to your employer to move back to the 50:50 Section and an election form to do so can be obtained from the EAPF. You'd then be brought back into the 50:50 Section from the next available pay period after your employer receives the completed election form, and you'd then start to pay half your normal contributions and build up half your normal pension during the period you're in that section.

4. If you want any further information, please contact the Environment Agency Pensions Team at Capita, 11b Lingfield Point, Darlington, DL1 1AX or telephone 0800 121 6593.