



# Member Factsheet

## 1 October 2024

### **Availability of ABS-RSS** **(Annual Benefit Statement combined with a Remediable Service Statement)**

#### **When will I get my ABS-RSS?**

The SPPA is working with Police Scotland to initially provide ABS-RSS to a limited number of police scheme members as part of a controlled launch. This will ensure that processes work effectively before making ABS-RSS available to all remaining members. If you haven't received yours yet, you will receive it soon.

#### **How will I know if I'm part of the controlled launch?**

The SPPA has sent an email to everyone in the controlled launch to advise them. The SPPA has selected a range of 2006 and 1987 legacy scheme members, different grades and ranks.

#### **When will I get my ABS-RSS if I'm not part of the controlled launch?**

If you are not part of the controlled launch, you will get an email from the SPPA when your ABS-RSS is available.

The SPPA is hopeful that the remaining ABS-RSS can be issued very quickly following the controlled launch barring any issues being identified.

## **What resources are available?**

The SPPA has published new information on its website about the impact of the 2015 Remedy on contributions: [2015 Remedy and Contributions](#)

Guidance is available on the website and a video. There is also access to a repayment calculator for members who may owe contributions.

ABS-RSS can be accessed on the SPPA's member self-service portal when available where action can also be taken about contribution adjustments as a result of the 2015 Remedy.

Please register if you have not already done so. It is very important that you register so that you can make a decision on correcting your contributions.

Sign up to the SPPA's member [self-service portal](#)

## **Background Information**

### **Your Annual Benefit Statement is Changing**

If you are eligible for the 2015 Remedy, you are going to get a new-look Annual Benefit Statement.

### **What is the 2015 Remedy?**

On 1 April 2015 public sector pension schemes were reformed and the Career Average Revalued Earnings (CARE) pension scheme was introduced.

Most pension scheme members were moved from their legacy scheme (final salary) to the reformed (CARE) scheme, but some protections were put in place for members who were close to their retirement date. These protections meant that older members stayed in their pre-reform schemes.

The Court of Appeal found that this discriminated against younger scheme members.

The government is removing this discrimination for the period between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2022. This is known as the remedy period.

Eligible members who choose to retire after 1 April 2022, will be entitled to both legacy and reformed scheme benefits.

## **Who is eligible?**

You will be eligible for the 2015 Remedy if you joined a public service pension scheme on or before 31 March 2012:

- and were still a member of the scheme on or after 1 April 2015, or;
- left the service after 31 March 2012 but returned within 5 years.

You will not be eligible if you:

- joined a public service pension scheme after 31 March 2012.

## **Why is my Annual Benefit Statement Changing?**

As you will have a choice of benefits when you retire between the legacy (final salary) and reformed (CARE) scheme, your Annual Benefit Statement (ABS) is being combined with a Remediable Service Statement (RSS) in a new document called an ABS-RSS. This is in effect a dual statement allowing you to keep track of benefits in both schemes so that you can make an informed choice when you retire.

Your ABS-RSS will also provide information about adjustments that will need to be made to your contributions as a result of the 2015 Remedy.