



What the Autumn Budget 2025 means for you and your pension

You've likely seen the headlines about the Autumn Budget - but what really matters for you as a pension scheme member? We've pulled out the key points that could affect your retirement savings and explained what they mean in practical terms, plus where to find support if you need it.

### Salary sacrifice cap - coming in 2029

From April 2029, the total amount of employee pension contributions made through salary sacrifice that are exempt from National Insurance contributions will be capped at £2,000 a year. Salary sacrifice gives you the option to divert a portion of your salary straight to your pension – giving you income tax and national insurance relief. So if you 'sacrifice' less than £2,000 a year at the moment, this change won't affect you. Even so - this change is a few years away, and salary sacrifice will remain one of the most tax efficient ways to save for retirement.

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State Pension will increase
The full new State Pension will rise by 4.8% in April 2026, bringing it to £12,547.60 a year.

Inheritance Tax on Pensions from 2027

You may remember we wrote about this in last November's newsletter. As a reminder, from April 2027, unused pension savings and death benefits may count towards your estate for inheritance tax purposes. More details will follow nearer the time, and we'll keep you posted through our undates



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