

NHS Pensions - Pension Sharing Orders FAQs

Why do NHS Pensions charge for pensions on divorce/dissolution of a civil partnership?

National charging legislation* permits schemes to recover costs for providing pensions on divorce information and putting a Court Order into operation.

*The Pensions on Divorce (Charging) Regulations 2000 [SI2000/1049]

Who will the charges affect?

Some members requesting a Cash Equivalent Transfer Value for divorce purposes and all members where the Court Order was received by NHS Pensions.

How will I pay the charges?

Members requesting a Cash Equivalent Transfer Value for divorce purposes need the Pensions on Divorce or Dissolution of a civil partnership Cash Equivalent Transfer Value request (PD1) form which is available to download from our website. If you are in receipt of a Court Order the Implementation of a Pension Sharing Order/Attachment Order (PD3) form is available to download from our website. This must be completed and sent to NHS Pensions together with the Court Order and cheque for the full amount. All cheques should be made payable to 'NHS Business Services Authority'. You can also pay the charges electronically. More information can be found on the PD1 or PD3.

What should I do if I cannot pay the charges?

If the Pension Sharing Annex states the charges are to be split but one party chooses to pay the charge in full we must receive confirmation in writing that this has been agreed between both parties.

You should write to the Pensions on Divorce/Dissolution of a Civil Partnership Team, NHS Pensions, PO Box 2269, Bolton, BL6 9JS to explain your circumstances. NHS Pensions will not implement a Pension Sharing Order without full upfront payment.

How often will increases in charges occur in the future?

NHS Pensions will review the charges each year in line with the guidance from the Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association (formerly the National Association of Pension Funds).

Who is the Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association (formerly the National Association of Pensions Funds)?

The Pensions and Lifetime savings Association (formerly the National Association of Pensions Funds) is one of the most influential industry bodies in pensions. They represent all types of pension scheme including defined benefit, defined contribution, group personal pensions and statutory schemes such as those in Local Government.

Their website is www.plsa.co.uk

How do I complain?

You should write in the first instance to the Pensions on Divorce/Dissolution of a Civil Partnership Team, NHS Pensions, PO Box 2269, Bolton, BL6 9JS.