

Pension sharing – Charges made by the NHS Pension Scheme

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

National charging legislation (The Pensions on Divorce (Charging) Regulations 2000 [SI2000/1049]) permits schemes to recover costs for providing pensions on divorce information and implementing a court order.

The charges apply to:

- some members requesting a cash equivalent transfer value (CETV) for divorce purposes
- all members where the court order was received by us, NHS Pensions.

Paying the charges

Members requesting a CETV for divorce purposes need the 'Pensions on divorce/dissolution of a civil partnership cash equivalent transfer value (CETV) request (PD1)' form which is available to download from our website. Information on how to pay can be found on the PD1 form.

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 us, NHS Pensions, 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 PD3.

If you are unable to pay the charges

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. We will not implement a pension sharing order without full upfront payment.

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.

Charges may increase

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

The PLSA 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