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Annual Benefit Statement & Retirement Modeller

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The front page shows the **member number**. It also has our contact details and useful reference points on our website.



Date: 8 January 2021

Your Annual Benefit Statement

Dear Mr

Please find enclosed your 2020 Annual Benefit Statement. This shows the pension benefits you've built up so far in Civil Service Pension scheme, based on the latest information supplied by your employer as at 31 March 2020. Ple remember, this statement is an illustration and not a guaranteed statement of your entitlement.

More information is available on the Civil Service Pensions website – visit: www.civilservicepensionscheme.org.uk/annual-benefit-statement/

Benefits at a glance

Page 3/4 gives an overview of the **benefits accrued as of 31st March** and the normal pension age they can be claimed from.

Your benefits at a glance Statement as at: 31 March 2020

The value of your benefits in this statement are worked out up to the statement date shown above.

They do not include any projected pension benefits.

Your annual alpha pension: £2,794

You'll be able to claim your full alpha pension from your State Pension age, or age 65 if your State Pension age is less than 65.

Your State Pension age is currently 67 Years 4 Months.

Your annual classic pension: £3,709

You'll be able to claim your full classic pension from age 60.

Your standard classic lump sum: £11,127

Death benefits

Estimates of the **death benefit amounts** are also shown on page this page.

You can see a detailed breakdown of what is included in these figures in the 'Your benefits' section at the back of this statement.

Your death in service lump sum:

£49,636

This amount has been worked out as 2.0 times £24,818 which is the actual pensionable earnings we he you at the date of the statement. If you work part-time, the figure shown will be your actual rate of pensi earnings and not your full-time equivalent. The actual lump sum amount your nominee or estate could r will be based on your final pay on the date of your death.

Your total survivor's annual pension:

£4,997

Death benefit nominee

The following page shows the details of whoever has the member has **nominated** for the death benefit lump sum.

Your death benefit nomir

Name: Address:

If this section is blank, we don't have any death benefit nominees on your record.



If you want to add a nominee, or change your nominee details you can find a nomin form on the Member forms page of the Civil Service Pensions website: <u>http://www.civilservicepensionscheme.org.uk/members/member-forms</u>

More information about your death benefit nominee(s) is available in the Important section at the back of this statement.



The 'your pension and tax' section shows how much of the lifetime allowance limit has been used up by the members civil service pension.

Your pension and tax

Your pension is subject to certain tax limits.

Lifetime Allowance (LTA) is the limit on the amount of pension benefit you can build up in your lifetime before you have to pay a tax charge. From 6 April 2019, the standard Lifetime Allowance is £1.055m

Percentage of standard Lifetime Allowance used by benefits in this statement:

13.37%

There is also an annual limit on the amount of pension savings you make in any tax year before you have to pay a tax charge; this is known as the Annual Allowance (AA).

Career average

The following 2 pages show how the members alpha pension (if applicable) has increased over the 12 months prior to 31/03.

Your alpha benefits

The date you joined alpha:	1 April 2015
Years you have contributed to alpha:	5
Your alpha Normal Pension Age:	67 Years 4 Months
Your pensionable earnings in the period covered by this statement:	£22,573

Not all pay necessarily counts towards a Civil Service Pension. In this statement, we refer to your pensionable earnings – i.e. the earnings that do count towards your pension. If you work part-time, this will be the actual amount you earned rather than the full-time equivalent. For more information about pensionable earnings, please refer to the Important notes section at the back of this statement.

Your Normal Pension Age benefits in alpha earned to the date of this statement

Your annual alpha pension:

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£2,794

Career average

How your alpha benefits have changed

Benefit type	Opening balance	Added this year	Annual adjustment 1.7%	Closing balance
Main alpha pension	£2,223 pa	£22,573 x 2.32% = £523 pa	£46 pa	£2,794 pa
Total	£2,223 pa			£2,794 pa

Final salary

The following page shows a breakdown of their previous scheme's benefits

The date you joined classic:	17 June 2002
Your last day in classic:	31 March 2015
Your qualifying service in classic:	12 Years 277 Days
Your reckonable service in classic:	11 Years 349 Days
Your classic Normal Pension Age:	60 Years 0 Months
Your earnings on 31 March 2020:	£24,818

Your classic pension earned to the date of this statement

Your annual classic pension:	£3,709
Your standard lump sum:	£11,127

Additional benefits

Any added pension, added years or transferred in service will show on this page.

Your additional premium benefit

Benefit type	Opening balance	Added this year	Annual adjustment 2.4%	Closing balance
Added pension (self and dependants) each year	£916 pa	£5,236 / 17.1930 = £304 pa	£29 pa	£1,250 pa
Total	£916 pa			£1,250 pa

These benefits are included in the total premium pension on the previous page.

Annual adjustments for premium added pensions are set by HM Treasury Orders and are based on changes to prices. You can read more about these in the Important notes section at the back of this statement.

Are the figures reflective of divorce?

Pension sharing orders	Yes
Earmarking orders	No

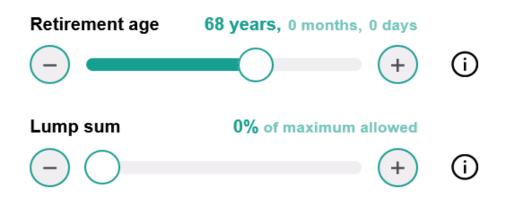
Maximum lump sum

The maximum lump sum is not shown on benefit statements. To get this figure members should refer to the retirement modeller.

Your estimated total annual pension is £11,521

Your estimated cash lump sum is **£0**

Your estimated results





Retirement modeller

The same member, choosing to take their maximum lump sum.

Your estimated total annual pension is £7,406

Your estimated cash lump sum is £49,374

Your estimated results

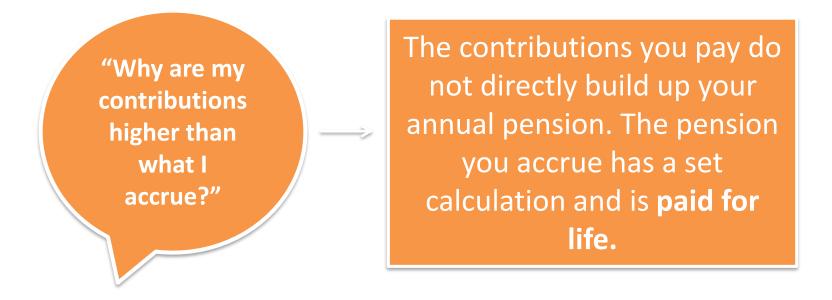


Queries

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Common queries

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Visit our 'alpha contributions explained' guide on our website for more information.

https://www.civilservicepensionscheme.org.uk/members/publications/

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 Only continuous service is shown on these statements (unless aggregated).
Deferred awards from previous periods of service aren't included. You can contact us to request a statement for this.

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This may be due to an **internal transfer between employers, aggregation** or a **gap in service.** As long as the reckonable service/pension accrued seems correct then this won't affect the pension calculation.



Members can view their most recent benefit statement online. The **pension portal** is the one stop shop for all things pension!

Active registration code: CSPSACT1

Key Points to Remember

- All Annual Benefit Statements will be produced for active members by the 31st August 2022
- ABS MI list will be issued to Pension Leads by the 9th September 2022
- Any queries on this data need to be received by the 31st December 2022
- Any member queries received by the 31st December 2022 will be responded to by the 28th February 2023
- Uptake for the active portal is currently at 43% for the scheme

Any questions?

Hot Topics – What's coming up for Employers?

