



State Pensions and divorce or dissolution. Application for a valuation



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Pensions

If you get divorced or end your civil partnership, the court can treat your State Pension as a financial asset. They will decide if some of your State Pension should be shared with a former husband, wife or civil partner. The court will need details of the State Pension you get or could get. They will make a decision which is called a pension sharing order.

What part of your pension can be shared

This will depend on when you get to State Pension age and whether you get the old or new State Pension.

If you reached State Pension age **before** 6 April 2016 your Additional State Pension could be shared. This is the amount paid on top of any basic State Pension and Graduated Retirement Benefit and is based on your earnings.

If you get to State Pension age **on or after** 6 April 2016 and your divorce or dissolution proceedings started **on or after** 6 April 2016, then your Protected Payment could be shared. Your Protected Payment is the amount paid on top of the standard weekly rate of the new State Pension. To find out more about this go to www.gov.uk/new-state-pension/how-its-calculated

To help with the change between the old State Pension and the new State Pension, there are some temporary rules. These rules mean that if you reach State Pension age **on or after** 6 April 2016 but your divorce proceedings started **before** that date, then the Additional State Pension amount will be shared.

What happens to your state pension if the court makes a pension sharing order

Any additional State Pension or Protected Payment amount that you receive may go up or down depending on the decision of the court.

What you need to do

Once we receive your completed form we use your additional State Pension or Protected Payment amount to work out a valuation of what your pension is worth. We call this a Cash Equivalent Value. We will tell you this amount when we send you your valuation letter.

To get the Cash Equivalent Value we need information from you and the other person involved in the divorce or dissolution. Both of you need to complete your own copy of the BR20NSP form and send it to us.

Fill in all parts of the form in full with black ink and CAPITALS, giving as much information as possible. It is important to provide the date the divorce or dissolution proceedings started in **Part 2** of the form.

Then send it to:
The Pension Service 9
Mail Handling Site A
Wolverhampton
WV98 1LU

If you have any questions please call us on **0800 731 0175**.

Alternative Format Wording for Forms

We have many different ways we can communicate with you.

If you would like us to communicate with you by Braille, British Sign Language, a hearing loop, translations, large print, audio or something else please contact us. You can find our contact details by searching for the relevant benefit on gov.uk.

If you have speech or hearing difficulties, you can contact us using a textphone on **0800 731 0176**.

Calls to 0800 numbers are free from landlines and mobiles.

Why DWP needs personal information and how we treat it

We treat personal information carefully. We may use it for any of our purposes. To learn more about information rights and how we use information, please see our DWP Personal Information Charter at

www.gov.uk/dwp/personal-information-charter

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Part 1 About you

Please tell us about yourself.

Please fill in this form with black ink and in CAPITALS.

National Insurance (NI) number

Letters Numbers Letter

Title Mr, Mrs, Miss or other.

Surname or family name

Your first names

All other surnames or family names you have used

Date of birth

Address

 Postcode

Mobile or preferred phone number we can contact you on

Have you ever worked or paid National Insurance in the Isle of Man?

No
Yes

Part 2 About your pending divorce or dissolution of your civil partnership

Please give the date that the divorce proceedings or dissolution of your civil partnership started.

Are you divorcing or dissolving your civil partnership under Scottish Matrimonial Law?

No
Yes Please give the relevant date.

The relevant date is either:

- the date you and your spouse or civil partner stopped living together, or
- the date the summons for divorce or dissolution of a civil partnership was served, whichever is earliest

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Part 3 About your spouse or civil partner

Title Mr, Mrs, Miss or other

Surname or family name

Their first names

Date of birth

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National Insurance (NI) number

Letters	Numbers	Letter
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Address

 Postcode

Date of marriage or civil partnership.

If you converted or changed your civil partnership into a marriage, or married your civil partner, enter the date your marriage is treated as starting on.

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Has your spouse or civil partner ever worked in the Isle of Man?

No
Yes

Part 4 About your representative or legal adviser

If you want your Cash Equivalent Value sent to someone else, please tell us about them.

Surname and title

Organisation's name

if this applies

Address

 Postcode

Phone number

Reference number

Part 5 Declaration

I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete as far as I know and believe.

Signature

Date

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Part 6 What to do now

When you have filled in this form, please send it to the address on page 2 of the notes.

What happens next

We will send you your Cash Equivalent Value as soon as we can.