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Information request

My birth date is 22-06-1955. Since my mid-fifties I have seen my state pension age rise from 60 to 66. How many women have had the number of years to state pension age double due to the changes introduced by this and the previous government?

DWP response

No one has had the number of years to State Pension age doubled due to changes introduced by this and the previous Government.

Legislation to equalise women's State Pension age with men's was passed in 1995. Under the Pensions Act 1995, you had a State Pension age of 65.

The Pensions Act 2011 accelerated the equalisation process, so that it will now complete in 2018. The 2011 Act also brought forward the increase to State Pension age 66 (which was originally legislated for in the Pensions Act 2007, to complete by 2026) to complete by 2020. Under the 2011 Act, you have a State Pension age of 66, an increase of 12 months in comparison to the 1995 Act.

The maximum delay to their State Pension age which anyone experienced as a result of the Pensions Act 2011 was 18 months. The State Pension age timetables can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/state-pension-age-timetable>