

Additional State Pension top up

Government proposes a new class of voluntary National Insurance contributions – Class 3A – to enable pensioners to boost Additional Pension.

At Autumn Statement 2013 the government announced its intention to introduce a scheme to allow pensioners to top up their Additional State Pension by paying a new class of voluntary National Insurance contribution, to be known as Class 3A.

The scheme will open in October 2015 and will be available to all pensioners who reach State Pension age before the introduction of the single tier pension in April 2016.

Class 3A will give pensioners an option to top up their pension in a way that will protect them from inflation and offer protection to surviving spouses. In particular, it could help women, and those who have been self-employed, who tend to have low Additional Pension entitlement.

The government will now work with stakeholders on the detailed design of the scheme. More details will be announced at a later date.

If you would like to register your interest in the scheme please email paid.caxtonhouse@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

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