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Information request

You state that state second pension does not have a minimum qualifying period but did not say if it had ever had a minimum qualifying period. Can you state if it did or did not you just stated state second does not.

You state the DWP is not responsible for paying increases on contracted out scheme pensions. I can't understand this for the following reason. It states on page 51 of a guide to state pensions (NP 46 dated April 2005) Protection against inflation. Each year the part of your pension earned from 6 April 1978 that replaces additional state pension will be reviewed to ensure that it is protected .against inflation. Occupational pensions built up before 6 April 1988 will in general, have all the increases keep up with inflation added directly to your additional pension. The next paragraph then states for occupational pension built up from 6 April 1988 to 6 April 1997 and personal pensions built up from 6 April 1987 to 5 April 1997 will at least be partly protected by the scheme up to a rate of 3% or rate of inflation if less. The rate of your additional state pension will, in general be increased by an amount that inflation goes up above 3%. The current addition of NP46 is not available on the internet so can you confirm what I have stated is still happening.

Is the DWP responsible paying the increases or not?

Can you please send me a note of the legislation that states the DWP will not be responsible for paying increases on all part of contracted out pensions when the flat rate pension starts in April 2016.

DWP response

The State Second Pension does not and did not have a minimum qualifying period.

Please refer to our previous response on this matter. No, the Department for Work and Pensions is not responsible for paying increases on contracted-out scheme pensions.