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## Information request

A question about JSA, Part-time work and pension contributions and calculating the "earnings" to deduct from your JSA allowance.

If you contribute to a pension then half of the pension contributions are deducted from your "earnings" when working out your JSA entitlement.

What happens if you are contributing to TWO pensions while doing part-time work?

Is 50% of the total of both the pension contributions deducted from your earnings?

If not can the claimant choose which pension contributions are taken in to account?

## **DWP** response

In the situation described, the pension contributions would be added together and the 50% deduction would be taken from the aggregated amount.