

Pension Schemes Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 1

PART 1

COLLECTIVE MONEY PURCHASE BENEFITS

Valuation and benefit adjustment

18 Calculation of benefits

- (1) A collective money purchase scheme must have rules about how the rate or amount of benefits provided under the scheme is to be determined.
- (2) The rules must include—
 - (a) rules for determining the available assets of the scheme and their value,
 - (b) rules for determining the required amount, and
 - (c) rules about how the rate or amount of benefits provided under the scheme is to be adjusted from time to time, including rules about when adjustments are to take effect.
- (3) In this section "the available assets of the scheme" and "the required amount" have the meaning given in section 2(2).
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the matters mentioned in subsections (1) and (2), including provision about the methods and assumptions to be used.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) making provision about the determination of the required amount may, among other things, make provision about—
 - (a) how past or proposed adjustments to the rate or amount of benefits provided under the scheme are to be treated;
 - (b) assumptions to be made about future adjustments to the rate or amount of such benefits.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (4) may, among other things-

- (a) provide for alternative methods and assumptions;
- (b) require or enable the trustees to decide which methods and assumptions are to be used;
- (c) specify matters that the trustees must take into account, or principles they must follow, in making such decisions.

(7) Regulations under subsection (4)—

- (a) may make provision applying in relation to rights under the scheme that have already accrued;
- (b) override the rules of the scheme to the extent that the rules conflict with the regulations.

(8) Regulations under subsection (4) are subject to affirmative resolution procedure.

Commencement Information

- II S. 18 in force at Royal Assent for specified purposes, see s. 131(3)(a)
- I2 S. 18 in force at 1.8.2022 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2022/721, reg. 3(a)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Pension Schemes Act 2021, Section 18.