
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Occupational Pension Schemes
(Disclosure of Information) Regulations 1996**

Availability of actuarial valuation, schedule of contributions, payment schedule and statement of investment principles

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the trustees of any scheme shall make provision in the manner specified in paragraph (3), for the disclosure of—

- (a) the latest actuarial valuation where required by regulations made under section 41(1) and (2)(c) of the 1995 Act;
- (b) where section 56 of the 1995 Act applies to the scheme, the latest actuarial valuation required under section 57(1)(a) of the 1995 Act;
- (c) the schedule of contributions or payment schedule (in either case whether or not revised) where required under section 58 or 87 of the 1995 Act; and
- (d) the latest statement of the principles governing decisions about investments where required under section 35 of the 1995 Act,

to persons and trade unions in the categories specified in paragraph (4).

(2) The requirements of this regulation do not apply to a public service pension scheme such as is referred to in regulation 6(2).

(3) A copy of any such document as is mentioned in paragraph (1), being the latest such document, shall, within 2 months of a request being made by a person or a trade union in the categories specified in paragraph (4)—

- (a) be made available free of charge for inspection at a place which is reasonable having regard to the circumstances of the request and of the person who or trade union which made it; or, at their option,
- (b) be furnished to such person or trade union, and where a charge is levied it shall not exceed the expense incurred in copying, posting and packing such copy.

(4) The categories of persons and trade unions mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (3) are the following, namely—

- (a) members and prospective members of the scheme;
- (b) spouses of members and of prospective members of the scheme;
- (c) beneficiaries under the scheme;
- (d) independent trade unions recognised to any extent for the purposes of collective bargaining in relation to members and prospective members of the scheme.

(5) When a copy of a document is furnished in accordance with paragraph (3), it shall be accompanied by a written statement that further information about the scheme is available, giving the address to which enquiries about it should be sent.