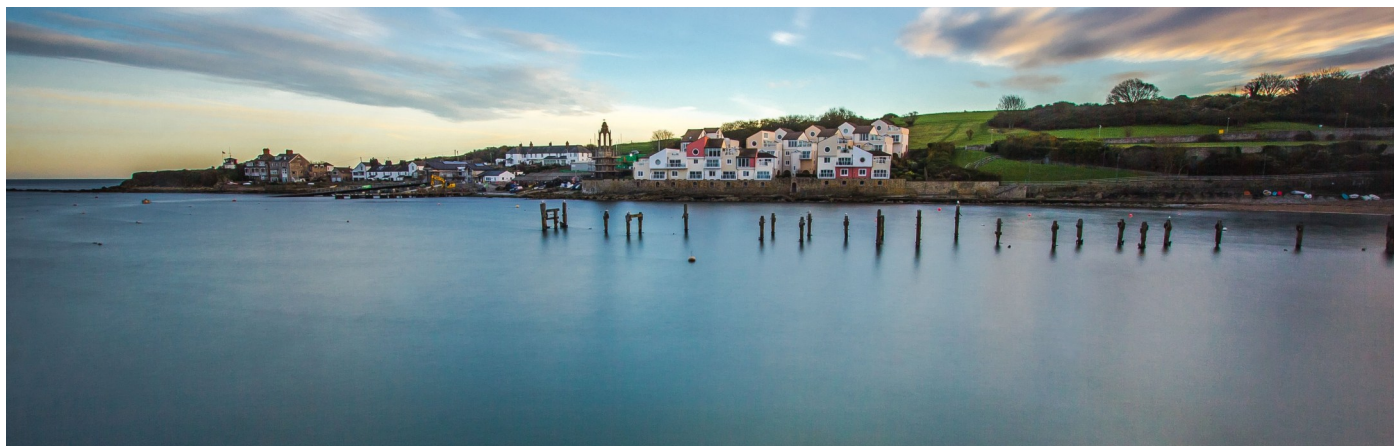


Dorset County Pension Fund

Pensioner Newsletter 2026



Welcome to your Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Pensioner Newsletter for 2026. This contains important information about your pension with effect from 6 April 2026 and other information you may find useful.

Your LGPS pension will rise by 3.8% from April 2026

Your LGPS pension will be increased in line with the change in the cost of living. The increases, which are approved by Parliament, take effect from 6 April 2026 if one or more of the following conditions apply to you.

- a) you are aged 55 or older, or
- b) you have retired due to ill health or injury, or
- c) you are receiving a spouse's, children's or dependant's pension.

Increases from 6 April 2026

Your April pay advice slip will show your full revised yearly pension. However, because the increase only applies from 6 April 2026, your payslip will include an adjustment to reflect this.

The percentage increase you receive depends on the date the former employee retired, resigned, or passed away. The annual pension will be increased by the percentage shown in the accompanying table, except for the Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) element, which is treated differently as explained below. GMP only applies if the pensioner reached State Pension Age before 6 April 2016.

If you started to receive your pension after this date and before 21 April 2025, you will receive full indexation.

- GMP earned up to 5 April 1988: Increases are paid with your State benefits, not by us.
- GMP earned after 5 April 1988: Dorset County Pension Fund (DCPF) pays increases up to 3%. Any increase above 3% is paid with your State Pension.

Dorset County Pension Fund will apply the percentage increase shown in the table to the remainder of your pension.

First day of retirement		% increase
Before 21 April 2025		3.80
22 April 2025	to	3.48
21 May 2025		
22 May 2025	to	3.17
21 June 2025		
22 June 2025	to	2.85
21 July 2025		
22 July 2025	to	2.53
21 August 2025		
22 August 2025	to	2.22
21 September 2025		
22 September 2025	to	1.90
21 October 2025		
22 October 2025	to	1.58
21 November 2025		
22 November 2025	to	1.27
21 December 2025		
22 December 2025	to	0.95
21 January 2026		
22 January 2026	to	0.63
21 February 2026		
22 February 2026	to	0.32
21 March 2026		

LGPS (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Member Benefits) Regulations 2026

Following a period of consultation the LGPS (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Member Benefits) Regulations 2026 have been laid before Parliament and will be introduced in two stages. The first phase of changes took effect on 1 April 2026.

Below is a summary of the changes most relevant to LGPS pensioner members:

☒ Equalisation of survivor benefits

Survivor pensions will now be calculated in the same way for all marriages and civil partnerships, regardless of sex or sexual orientation. This change has been backdated.

☒ removal of the upper age limit of 75 for death grant eligibility

A death grant will now be paid if a pensioner dies within 10 years of starting to receive their pension, regardless of age when they die. This change has been backdated to 1 April 2014.

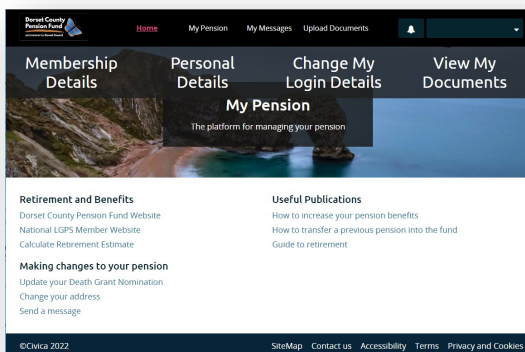
☒ Change to the two year rule for death grant payments

The requirement to automatically pay a death grant to a member's personal representatives, if the administering authority has not paid it within the two year period, has been removed. The 'two year period' is the two years after the member's death, or the two years after the date on which the administering authority could reasonably be expected to have become aware of the death.

Any adjustments and payments required as a result of these backdated changes will be identified, and if you are affected you will be contacted as soon as possible.

My Pension - your online pension portal

Pensioner members of the Dorset County Pension Fund are able to register for access to the My Pension portal at <https://mypension.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>



Through the My Pension portal, you can update your personal details, such as your address and bank account information, and upload any required documents.

If you are still eligible for a lump sum death benefit, you can also review and update your nominations, specifying who you would like to nominate to receive any death grant that may be payable.

Please note that you cannot currently view your pension payslips or payment amounts through the portal, as this feature is not available.

Lump Sum Allowance Statement

Your lump sum allowance is the maximum amount of tax-free cash that can be withdrawn from pension schemes. The standard limit is £268,275, which applies to the total tax-free lump sum you are able to take from all your pensions in your lifetime.

If you require information on the amount of lump sum allowance used when you took your DCPF pension benefits, this can be found on your My Pension account, under My Membership Details.

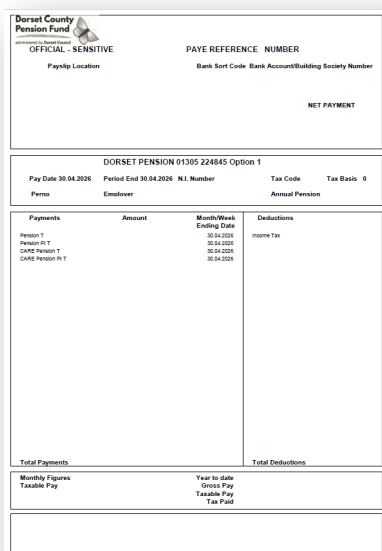
Dorset County Pension Fund RBCE Statement Statement of Lump Sum Allowance Used at this Retirement			
Name	Test Member		Pay Reference 123
NI Number	TN123456A		
Employer	Test Employer		
Date of Leaving	05/03/2011		Date of Retirement 06/02/2017
Crystallised Date	Life Time Allowance Percentage	Lump Sum Allowance Used	Lump Sum Death Benefit Allowance Used
30/04/2017	0.01%	£25.00	£100.00
28/03/2017	0.6%	£1,500.00	£6,000.00

Your Pension Pay Days in 2026/2027

Your pension is paid on the last working day of the month.

Thursday 30 April 2026	Friday 31 July 2026	Friday 30 October 2026	Friday 29 January 2027
Friday 29 May 2026	Monday 31 August 2026	Monday 30 November 2026	Friday 26 February 2027
Tuesday 30 June 2026	Wednesday 30 September 2026	Thursday 31 December 2026	Wednesday 31 March 2027

Issue of Pay Advice Slips and P60



A pay advice slip is issued to all pensioners in April, and you will find this included with your documents. During the year, a pay advice slip will only be provided if the net amount of your pension changes by £5 or more compared with the previous month's payment.

Your P60 is enclosed with this newsletter. The P60 shows the total pension paid to you and the tax deducted during the 2025/2026 tax year.

You can find an explanation of the codes used on your pay slip in the factsheet available on our website at

www.dorsetpensionfund.org/forms-and-publications/pensioner-pay-slips

Income Tax

Not sure if you are paying the correct amount of tax? All queries about the tax code applied to your local government pension must be directed to HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC).

Post: Pay As You Earn and Self Assessment, HM Revenue and Customs, BX9 1AS

Telephone: 0300 200 3300

Outside UK: +44 135 535 9022

You will need to use your National Insurance number as a reference number.

Returned Payments

If payments are returned from your bank, your pension will be suspended until we can obtain correct and up to date banking information.

Please contact our Pensions Payroll Team on 01305 224845 — option 1 if you have not received your monthly pension payment.

State Pension

We do not deal with your State Pension, therefore any queries concerning this should be directed to:

The Pensions Service

Telephone: 0800 731 0469

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-pension-service>



Need free and impartial guidance to help you make financial decisions?

The Money and Pensions Service (MaPS) is a Government sponsored body dedicated to ensuring everyone has access to reliable information when making important financial choices. Its service, MoneyHelper, offers completely free and impartial guidance.

Website: moneyhelper.org.uk

Telephone: 0800 138 7777 for money guidance or 0800 011 3797 for pension guidance

Important Reminders

Changes we need to know about

Change of Address/Bank Account



If you change address or bank/ building society details, you must inform us in writing by post or by email quoting your National Insurance number. Alternatively you can update this information on My Pension, the member portal at <https://mypension.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>

Change of Partnership Status



If your partnership status changes you should notify us as soon as possible and send us copies of the relevant documentation (such as marriage/civil partnership certificate or decree absolute/dissolution order) to enable us to update your records.

Power of Attorney



Some pensioners ask relatives or friends to help with their financial affairs. To enable us to take their instructions about a change of address or bank details, we require evidence of either a power of attorney or a Court of Protection order.

Nomination for death grant



A death grant may be paid if you die within 10 years of taking your pension benefits. Please ensure your Expression of Wish, nominating who you would like to receive any potential death grant, is up to date. The Expression of Wish form can be found on the fund website at www.dorsetpensionfund.org/forms-and-publications

Considering Re-employment?

If you start work with an LGPS employer or council, you must inform the Dorset County Pension Fund, even if you don't join the LGPS in that job. We will then check whether your new role affects your pension. If you do re-join the LGPS, you'll build up new membership and receive additional retirement benefits.

Fair Processing notice

Dorset Council as the administering authority of the Local Government Pension Scheme and the Dorset County Pension Fund values the privacy of those who provide personal data to it. We will only collect and process your personal data in accordance with our Privacy Notice. A copy of the Privacy Notice can be accessed by following this link

<https://www.dorsetpensionfund.org/forms-and-publications/privacy-policy/>

By proceeding/providing personal data to the Pension Fund, you confirm that you have read and understood the Privacy Notice, which describes what information we collect and how we use it.

For more information about how we process your personal data, please contact the Dorset County Pension Fund using the contact details set out in the Privacy Notice or below.

Further information and contact us

If you have any queries concerning your pension please contact us using the details below:

Post:	Pensions Payroll, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester DT1 1XJ
Telephone:	01305 224845 please select option 1 for pensions payroll
Email:	pensionspayroll@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
Website:	www.dorsetpensionfund.org