



Increasing your Pension

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<https://nespf.pensiondetails.co.uk>



Boosting your Pension

Increasing your pension savings could mean retiring earlier, compensating for a career break or a more comfortable retirement.

Two options to increase pension:

- **Additional Pension Contributions (APCs)** - Paid into your pension account at the North East Scotland Pension Fund along with your normal contributions
- **Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs)** - Paid into your own personal account with Prudential, our AVC provider



APCs

What are APCs?

- Extra contributions directly towards your NESPF account
- Tax-relief
- Contributions go towards purchasing a set amount of pension paid each year for life
- Maximum amount you can purchase is £8,568
- APCs can be paid monthly (minimum 1 year contract) or you can pay a one-off lump sum
- <https://www.scotlgpsmember.org/help-and-support/tools-and-calculators/> can help you see how much a certain value of pension will cost
- Can cancel APC contract at any time



APCs

What will I get?

- APCs will be paid alongside NESPF pension
- If you retire during your APC contract, you will only receive what you've paid for
- If you leave your employment, you will be credited with the proportion for which you have paid
- If you retire due to ill health, the extra pension will be paid in full
- If your NESPF pension is reduced due to retiring early, so will pension purchased through APCs



AVCs

What are AVCs?

- Extra contributions that are invested separately in funds managed by Prudential
- Can only pay AVCs monthly
- Some flexibility over how this is invested - <https://www.mandg.com/dam/pru/shared/documents/en/lavk10047.pdf>
- Tax-relief, possibly NI relief on Shared Cost AVC
- Flexible cost
- Recommend regularly monitoring investments to ensure they are delivering desired returns with any questions directed to Prudential / your financial advisor



AVCs

What will I get?

- When you receive your NESPF pension, you can take payment of up to 100% of your AVC fund as a tax-free lump sum if it is under 25% of your total pension value, if over 25%, you can take the rest as a taxable payment
- Can convert up to 100% of the AVC fund to extra pension
- Can combine above options
- Can also take payment directly from your AVC fund before you take payment from us, as long as you are over 55/57. However, you will only be able to take up to 25% tax free



Which one?

- NESPF cannot advise you of the best option
- Decision will depend on your own circumstances and preferences
- Consider taking advice from an independent financial advisor
- More information on both options on our website - www.nespf.org.uk/active-member/your-pension/increasing-your-pension/



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- *My Pension+* is our free, secure personal portal and can help you project your retirement figures
- Can help you make decisions about your pension
- Use the Retirement Calculator and Retirement Planner tools for an idea of how your retirement could look
- Visit <https://nespf.pensiondetails.co.uk> to login or register
- If you have issues, please contact us



Thank You

Q&A Session

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