

Notes on joining the 50:50 section (temporarily reducing LGPS contributions)

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Please read these notes of guidance carefully before completing the form.

This form should NOT be completed if you are not yet a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

Fill in this form if you wish to join the 50:50 section of LGPS. Once the form has been processed by your employer's payroll department, you will start to build up half your full pension benefits in the 50:50 section from the next available pay period. To go ahead with your choice, you will need to complete this form and **return it to your employer.**

How does the 50:50 section work?

There are two sections in the LGPS. They are known as the main section and the 50:50 section. The main section is where you pay full contributions and get your full pension build up. Under the 50:50 section, you choose to pay half your full contributions and build up half your full pension during this period. If you join the 50:50 section, you will still have the same death in service and ill health cover as a member who pays full rate contributions in the main section.

If you have more than one job, you can choose to join the 50:50 section in one, some or all of those jobs. If you are in the LGPS with more than one employer, a separate form must be completed and returned to each employer where you wish to join the 50:50 section.

How long can I stay in the 50:50 section?

The 50:50 section is designed to be a short-term option to help you during periods of financial hardship. There is no time limit on how long you can stay in the 50:50 section. However, as part of the automatic enrolment process, your employer will bring you back into the main section every three years on the full contribution rate. If you want to stay in the 50:50 section, you will need to complete a new 50:50 form. Don't forget to return the completed form to your employer's payroll department.

If you are receiving no pay due to sickness or injury, your employer will move you back into the main section. You will build up pension benefits at the full rate, even though you are not paying pension contributions whilst you are receiving no pay.

You can choose to move from the 50:50 section to the main section at any time. To re-join the main section, you must put this in writing to your employer. You can use the **re-joining the main section** form to confirm your choice. You will be moved to the main section from the next available pay period after your employer receives your signed form.

How will my pension compare under the 50:50 section?

(Example based on annual pay of £24,000)	Main section	50:50 section
Gross annual contribution:	£1,392 (5.80%)	£696 (2.90%)
Annual pension build up:	£489.80 (1/49th)	£244.90 (1/98th)
Death in service cover:	£72,000 (3 x £24,000)	£72,000 (3 x £24,000)

Will the 50:50 section affect the additional contributions that I am currently paying?

If you are paying additional contributions or are thinking about paying additional contributions in the future, please contact the Clwyd Pension Fund to find out more about how the 50:50 section may affect this.

Can my employer ask me or force me to join the 50:50 section?

Your employer can't ask you or force you to join the 50:50 section. If you feel your employer is encouraging you to join the 50:50 section, please tell The Pensions Regulator (TPR). You can do this through their website:

www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk



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Member Details:

Full Name:					
NI Number:		Date of Birth:			
Address:					
		Postcode:			
Email Address:		Telephone No:			
Language Preference: I wish to receive ALL future correspondence in (Please ✓ the box relevant to you to show your choice)					
Welsh	<input type="checkbox"/>	English	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bilingual	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications Preference: I wish to receive ALL future correspondence in (Please ✓ the box relevant to you to show your choice) (Please select only ONE option)					
Electronic *Please make sure you have registered to use Member Self-Service to receive correspondence electronically: https://mss.clwydpensionfund.org.uk			Paper	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Your employment details: (please confirm the details of the job in which you wish to move to the 50:50 section. If you wish to move to the 50:50 section in more than one job, you will need to complete a form for each of your jobs).

Employer:	
Job Title:	
Payroll Reference No:	
Job Reference (A,B,C, etc):	

Declaration:

I have read the notes of guidance and I wish to join the 50:50 section of the LGPS from the next available pay period. I understand that I will pay half my full contribution to build up half my full pension during this time. I can go back into the main section of LGPS at any time by telling my employer in writing. I will then start to build up full benefits from the next available pay period. My employer will re-enrol me into the main section of the LGPS every three years because of automatic enrolment rules. I have NOT been forced or asked by my employer to join the 50:50 section of LGPS. I understand that the choices I make now are important in planning for my retirement and if I choose to join the 50:50 section, I will receive a lower pension when I retire, rather than if I was a member of the main section of the LGPS.

I will return this form to my employer.

Signature:		Date:	
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