

**The Local Government Pension Scheme  
(England & Wales)  
Trivial Commutation**

**Lump Sums paid on or after 30 November 2011**

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## **1 Introduction**

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- 1.1 Regulation 39 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 (SI 2007/1166) (“the Benefit Regulations”) permits administering authorities to pay a lump sum representing the capital value of a small pension to a member, or surviving dependant of a deceased member. Regulation 39(2) of the Benefit Regulations states that the lump sum is calculated in accordance with guidance issued by the Government Actuary. Regulation 156 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997 (SI 1997/1612) (“the 1997 Regulations”) covers small pensions for pension credit members.
- 1.2 The purpose of this note is to provide guidance to administrators referred to in Regulation 39(2) of the Benefit Regulations and Regulation 156(3) of the 1997 Regulations. It has been prepared by the Government Actuary’s Department (GAD) for the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) for onward transmission to administering authorities.
- 1.3 The Government Actuary has approved the release of this guidance

### **Implementation and Review**

- 1.4 The factors should be reviewed periodically, depending on external circumstances, for example when changes in the actuarial assumptions adopted for other scheme factors take place, or following each triennial cycle of future valuations of the LGPS.
- 1.5 These factors are effective immediately.
- 1.6 This guidance replaces the previous guidance dated 26 March 2010.

### **Limitations**

- 1.7 This note should not be used for any purpose other than to determine the lump sum to be paid in the event of trivial commutation.
- 1.8 This note should be considered in its entirety as individual sections, if considered in isolation, may be misleading, and conclusions reached by a review of some sections on their own may be incorrect.
- 1.9 This note only covers the principles around the calculation of the lump sum to be paid on trivial commutation. Any legal or tax advice in this area should be sought from an appropriately qualified person or source.
- 1.10 Administrators should satisfy themselves that a trivial commutation lump sum complies with all legislative requirements including, but not limited to, taxation and contracting-out requirements.
- 1.11 Third parties should not rely on this guidance, but should separately seek their own actuarial advice where appropriate.

## **2 Commutation of a Member's pension**

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- 2.1 Payment of a trivial commutation lump sum in respect of a pension discharges administering authorities from their liability for any pension payable to the member, or pensions or lump sums which may become payable on the member's death (including children's pensions).
- 2.2 The factors are given in Appendix A.
- 2.3 Table A gives age/sex specific factor to be multiplied by the member's total pension (including any GMP). The factors in Table A have an implicit allowance for contingent spouse's, civil partner's or nominated cohabiting partner's pension.
- 2.4 The lump sum capital value payable should be determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Member's Pension} \times F$$

Where:

F factor applied to Member's pension in payment – taken from Table A

- 2.5 The example in Section 6 illustrates such calculations.

### **3 Commutation of a Partner's pension**

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- 3.1 Administering authorities may commute the pension which is payable to any surviving spouse, civil partner or nominated cohabiting partner or to (or in respect of) an eligible child or children to pay a trivial commutation lump sum death benefit.
- 3.2 Table B gives age/sex specific factors for the surviving spouse, civil partner or nominated cohabiting partner. These factors are multiplied by their total pension (including any GMP) to give the lump sum capital value payable.
- 3.3 The lump sum capital value payable should be determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Partner's Pension} \times F$$

Where:

F factor applied to Partner's pension in payment – taken from Table B

## **4 Commutation of Children's pension**

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- 4.1 Table C gives the factors to be multiplied by the pension payable to or in respect of children. This table should be used to value a pension which is payable to, or in respect of, an eligible child or children. Factors for children aged up to 15 are based on the child's age, and are independent of gender. The factors for those aged 16 and over are provided on the basis of the length of time that the child concerned is expected to remain in full-time education – these factors are independent of both age and gender. Administering authorities should determine this period and it should reflect the individual child's circumstances.
- 4.2 The expected period must last no longer than the period to the child's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.
- 4.3 Where a factor is required for a child aged 16 and over which does not relate to a whole number of years, this should be rounded up to the nearest integer.
- 4.4 No factors are provided to value a pension to a child who is incapacitated. Children's long-term pension should not be commuted where one of the children in the family who is receiving a pension is under age 17 and incapacitated. A case involving a child over age 17 who is not in full-time education but is still an eligible child because he is incapacitated should be referred to DCLG, for onward transmission to GAD, with full details.
- 4.5 The lump sum capital value payable should be determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Children's Pension} \times F$$

Where:

F factor applied to Children's pension in payment – taken from Table C

## **5 Commutation of a Pension Credit Member's pension**

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- 5.1 Administering authorities may commute the pension payable to a pension credit member into a trivial commutation lump sum.
- 5.2 Table B should be used to capitalise lump sum benefits for pension credit members.
- 5.3 The lump sum capital value payable should be determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Pension Credit Member's pension} \times F$$

Where:

F factor applied to Pension Credit Member's pension in payment – taken from Table B

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## 6 Example

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### Former member's pension already in payment at capitalisation date

Sex: Male  
Date of birth: 15 March 1945  
Effective capitalisation date: 26 March 2010  
Age in complete years on effective capitalisation date: 65

Total pension in payment: £500 pa.

Member's Pension	500
F	18.01

Capitalised lump sum payable:

Member's Pension  $\times$  F

= £500 \* 18.01

**= £9,005**



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## Appendix A: Factors

**Table A: Factors for member's pension - Male members**

Capital value of an annual pension of £1 to the member

<b>Member's age last birthday at the date of commutation</b>	<b>Factor to apply to whole of pension</b>
60	19.83
61	19.49
62	19.14
63	18.79
64	18.42
65	18.01
66	17.54
67	17.07
68	16.59
69	16.11
70	15.63
71	15.14
72	14.66
73	14.18
74	13.72

**Table A: Factors for member's pension - Female members**

Capital value of an annual pension of £1 to the member

<b>Member's age last birthday at the date of commutation</b>	<b>Factor to apply to whole of pension</b>
60	19.82
61	19.46
62	19.09
63	18.71
64	18.33
65	17.90
66	17.44
67	16.97
68	16.49
69	16.00
70	15.51
71	15.02
72	14.52
73	14.02
74	13.52

The factors in the tables above contain an allowance for contingent spouse's, civil partner's or nominated cohabiting partner's pension.

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**Table B: Factors for surviving adult dependant's and pension credit member's pension - Women**

Capital value of a long-term annual pension of £1 payable to a female surviving dependant or a female pension credit member

<b>Age last birthday of woman</b>	<b>Factor to apply to whole of pension</b>
20	28.89
21	28.75
22	28.60
23	28.45
24	28.29
25	28.13
26	27.96
27	27.79
28	27.62
29	27.44
30	27.25
31	27.06
32	26.87
33	26.67
34	26.47
35	26.26
36	26.05
37	25.83
38	25.60
39	25.37
40	25.14
41	24.90
42	24.65
43	24.40
44	24.14
45	23.87
46	23.60
47	23.32
48	23.03
49	22.74
50	22.44
51	22.13
52	21.82
53	21.50
54	21.17
55	20.84
56	20.50
57	20.15
58	19.79
59	19.42

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<b>Age last birthday of woman</b>	<b>Factor to apply to whole of pension</b>
60	19.05
61	18.66
62	18.27
63	17.87
64	17.46
65	17.04
66	16.61
67	16.18
68	15.74
69	15.30
70	14.85
71	14.39
72	13.93
73	13.46
74	12.99
75	12.52
76	12.05
77	11.58
78	11.11
79	10.64
80	10.18
81	9.72
82	9.27
83	8.83
84	8.39
85	7.96
86	7.54
87	7.13
88	6.73
89	6.33
90	5.95
91	5.58
92	5.22
93	4.87
94	4.54
95	4.22
96	3.91
97	3.62
98	3.35
99	3.10
100	2.87

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**Table B: Factors for surviving adult dependant's and pension credit member's pension – Men**

Capital value of a long-term annual pension of £1 payable to a male surviving adult dependant or a male pension credit member

Age last birthday of man	Factor to apply to whole of pension
20	28.52
21	28.36
22	28.21
23	28.04
24	27.88
25	27.70
26	27.53
27	27.34
28	27.16
29	26.97
30	26.77
31	26.57
32	26.37
33	26.16
34	25.94
35	25.72
36	25.50
37	25.27
38	25.03
39	24.79
40	24.55
41	24.30
42	24.04
43	23.77
44	23.50
45	23.22
46	22.93
47	22.63
48	22.32
49	22.00
50	21.68
51	21.35
52	21.01
53	20.66
54	20.31
55	19.95
56	19.58
57	19.21
58	18.82
59	18.43

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Capital value of a long-term annual pension of £1 payable to a male surviving adult dependant or a male pension credit member

Age last birthday of man	Factor to apply to whole of pension
60	18.03
61	17.63
62	17.21
63	16.79
64	16.37
65	15.94
66	15.50
67	15.06
68	14.62
69	14.17
70	13.72
71	13.26
72	12.80
73	12.34
74	11.88
75	11.42
76	10.96
77	10.50
78	10.04
79	9.59
80	9.15
81	8.71
82	8.29
83	7.88
84	7.48
85	7.09
86	6.71
87	6.34
88	5.98
89	5.63
90	5.30
91	4.98
92	4.67
93	4.38
94	4.10
95	3.82
96	3.56
97	3.31
98	3.07
99	2.84
100	2.63

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**Table C: Factors for children's pension**

Capital value of an annual payment of pension of £1 payable to a child other than an incapacitated child

Age last birthday of child	Capital value of £1 per annum to a child £
0	14.31
1	13.72
2	13.12
3	12.50
4	11.86
5	11.20
6	10.52
7	9.82
8	9.10
9	8.36
10	7.59
11	6.81
12	6.00
13	5.16
14	4.30
15	3.42

Capital value of an annual payment of pension of £1 payable to a child, aged between 16 and 23, other than an incapacitated child. The factor should be chosen according to the time (in years) that the child is expected to remain in full-time education.

Number of years remaining in full-time education	Capital value of £1 per annum to a child £
7	6.32
6	5.50
5	4.65
4	3.77
3	2.87
2	1.94
1	0.99
0	0.00