

PENSION INCREASES WHEN YOU REACH STATE PENSION AGE

Both your State Retirement Pension and your Police Pension are increased in line with inflation each April in accordance with the Pensions Increase [Review Orders].

When you became a member of the Police pension Scheme [PPS] you were contracted out of the State 2nd Pension [S2P]. If you had pensionable service between 6th April 1978 and 5th April 1997 your pension will include an amount known as the 'Guaranteed Minimum Pension' [GMP].

The GMP is the minimum pension amount required to be paid in respect of your contracted-out service in the PPS since 6th April 1978. The GMP becomes important when you reach state pension age as the way in which the pension increases are applied to your pension then changes.

From the April following reaching state pension age the pension increases is paid either with your Police Pension or with your State Pension:

1. Increases on your GMP built up to 5th April 1988 – paid by the DWP together with your State Pension.
2. Increases up to the first 3% on your GMP built up after 6th April 1988 paid by your Police Pension.
3. Increases in excess of 3% on your GMP built up after 6th April 1988 as (1) above paid by DWP.

This means that the amount of pension (including the GMP) is fully increased, but you will receive the pensions increase payment in respect of the GMP part of the pension from two places; with your police Pension or with your State Pension from the DWP.