Trustee **Newsflash!**



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERRING OUT

As you may be aware following our <u>Newsflash</u> in December 2021, new regulations were put in place to help combat pension scams. As a result of these new regulations, should you wish to proceed to transfer out of ZPen this <u>could take up to 6 months</u> from the date you receive the transfer value. These regulations apply to both Defined Contribution and final salary benefits.

THE FINAL SALARY TRANSFER OUT TIMELINE

Day 1

Run a final salary transfer quotation online (www.zpen.info)*. Here you will be able to lock in your transfer quotation for 3 months.

1 to 3 Months

Download and read all the necessary documentation online. Speak to your financial adviser as soon as possible. All completed forms and documentation need to be provided by the 3 month guarantee date.

3 to 6 Months

The ZPen team will review the documentation. If additional information is required we will contact you. We will aim to complete the transfer within the 6 month statutory deadline.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE ZPEN TEAM RECEIVE YOUR DOCUMENTS?

We will review all the information provided and assess this against the requirements set out in the new regulations. Depending on the type of scheme you are transferring to, we may require additional information or refer you to MoneyHelper for guidance.

If the transfer can proceed, we will make arrangements to transfer your funds within the 6-month statutory deadline.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I GET REFERRED TO MONEYHELPER?

In some circumstances, you may need to speak to MoneyHelper before a transfer can go ahead. You will need to book an appointment with MoneyHelper and provide the ZPen team with the reference number following this. If this is the case, we will notify you accordingly. You can find out more about MoneyHelper here or contact them on 0800 011 3797.

WHY HAVE THE REGULATIONS BEEN BROUGHT IN?

The regulations are designed to help prevent pension scheme members from falling victim to scam transfers and the Trustee has no discretion over when to apply these regulations; they apply to all transfers even where it seems apparent the receiving scheme is not a scam.

THE DOS AND DON'TS!

Don't Do ensure that... The scheme you want to transfer your benefits to accepts transfers in. Feel pressured by the receiving scheme and/or your financial adviser to be rushed into a decision. You are comfortable that your proposed new scheme is not a scam, and you haven't received unsolicited contact (e.g. cold-callers) Plan to spend your benefits until the funds have encouraging you to transfer. transferred (If over the current minimum pension You understand what your new scheme provides, what it costs and age of 55). Chase on a regular basis. The ZPen team are how your fund will be invested. You understand where to get help and support if you need it. working to process all transfers as soon as possible. You are aware of the risk of pension scams. Accept an incentive to transfer. If required, seek guidance from MoneyHelper. Provide generic information when completing your All forms are fully completed, and you provide us with as much transfer documentation. information on your destination funds as possible. If required, you have obtained qualified independent financial advice.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you require any further information, please contact the team by email (zpenteam@uk.zurich.com).

^{*}If you are unable to run a transfer quotation online, please contact the ZPen team. Please note a manual quotation can take 8-12 weeks to provide.