

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Pension Protection Fund Publication Scheme

Introduction

The Pension Protection Fund is a public corporation, set up by the Pensions Act 2004, and run by an independent board. We report to Parliament through the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. We protect millions of people throughout the United Kingdom who belong to defined benefit pension schemes and more than 230,000 people now receive compensation from the PPF and hundreds of thousands more will do so in the future. Without us, these people could face significant financial uncertainty and hardship.

We are also responsible for the Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) and are responsible for the day-to-day running of the FAS on behalf of the Government. We also pay compensation to members of all types of work-based pension schemes whose employers become insolvent and whose schemes have lost out financially due to offences involving dishonesty.

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The Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FoIA") places a requirement on all public authorities to make as much information as possible available proactively through a publication scheme. The PPF has produced this publication scheme in accordance with the Information Commissioner's guidelines.

The PPF wants to make as much information as possible available to the public. This publication scheme sets out:

- the classes of information the PPF publishes;
- how this information is published or intended to be published; and
- where charges are made for information.

Why is some information not on the publication scheme?

The PPF aims to be open and transparent about its work. The publication scheme sets out the main categories of information published by the PPF but is not an exhaustive list, as new and updated information is added to the website regularly. In addition there are some limitations to the information we can publish. For example, information will not be published where doing so would raise issues of:

- compliance with the Pensions Act 2004. Section 197 of the Pensions Act 2004 prohibits the disclosure of "restricted information" except in certain limited circumstances. Restricted information is defined in the Act and is broadly information obtained by the PPF which relates to the business or other affairs of any person, except information is already publicly available at the time of its disclosure or which contains no specifically personal data;
- commercial sensitivity;
- unwarranted invasion of privacy;
- confidentiality;
- public interest.

Publication Review

We will review and update our publication scheme and its contents on a regular basis. The ICO recognises that information falling within the following categories does not need to be made available under the information publication scheme:

- where we do not hold the information
- where the information is exempt under one of the Freedom of Information exemptions or Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs) exceptions, or its release is prohibited by law
- where the information is archived, out of date or otherwise inaccessible
- where it would be impractical or resource-intensive to prepare the material for routine release

PPF Publication Scheme

Class	Description
Who we are and what we do	<p>Information about the PPF including details of our organisation structure including Board members, how to contact us and the main legislation relevant to our functions from the Pensions Act 2004 are available on the PPF website at the following pages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About us • Roles and responsibilities (Board and Committees) • Pension Schemes we look after • PPF 7800 Index • Contact Information • Pensions Act 2004 (External Legislation Link) • Statement of Operating Principles and Scheme of Delegations <p>The PPF has agreed a Framework Document with the Department for Work and Pensions, which is updated periodically.</p>
What we spend and how we spend it.	<p>Financial information about projected and actual income and expenditure, procurement, contracts and our tendering platform. Details can be found at the following pages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report and Accounts • Funding Strategy • Allowances and expenses • Careers • Tendering platform (For suppliers) • PPF Spend over £25k (External link)
What our priorities are and how we are doing.	<p>Details of our strategic plan, performance indicators and reviews.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic plan • External Performance review

Class	Description
How we make decisions	Decision making processes for Committee's, decision processes for member and PPF score. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board and Committee's Membership • Responsible investment • PPF all news • Members • PPF Score (Levy payers)
Our policies and procedures	Current written protocols that we follow when delivering our services and responsibilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Library • Data Protection • Privacy Policy • Modern Slavery • Levy reviews • Complaints procedure • Statement of Investment Principles
Lists and registers	Information held in registers required by law and our disclosure log. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Register of Interests • Board Member Expenses
The services we offer	Information relating to levy payers, members, general public and media enquiries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restructuring professional and insolvency practitioners • Member site • FAS Member site • Fraud Compensation Fund • What is the levy? • Media Centre