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# pension awareness.



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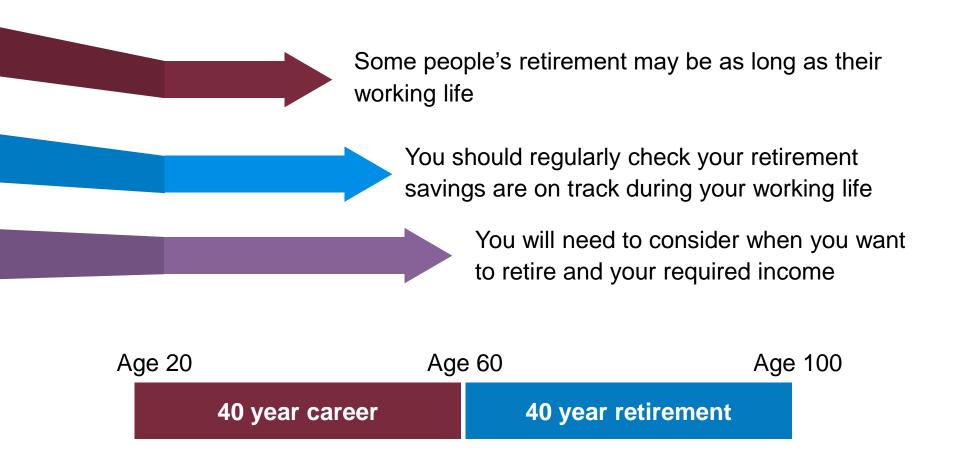
### agenda.

- Why saving for retirement matters
- The State Pension
- Workplace pensions
- Investing your pension
- Next steps



# why saving for retirement matters.

### how much could you need?





### expenditure in retirement.

The Pensions and Lifetime Savings Association have created a guide to the costs you may expect in retirement based on 3 different levels:

Examples

# **Minimum** Single £14,400pa Couple £22,400pa No car A week and a long weekend in the UK every year

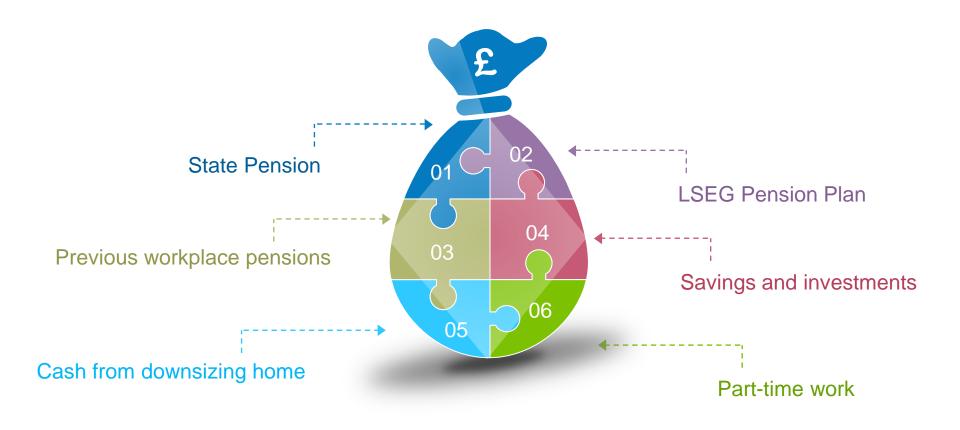




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\*information above is subject to change – please visit www.retirementlivingstandards.org.uk

### where is the money coming from?

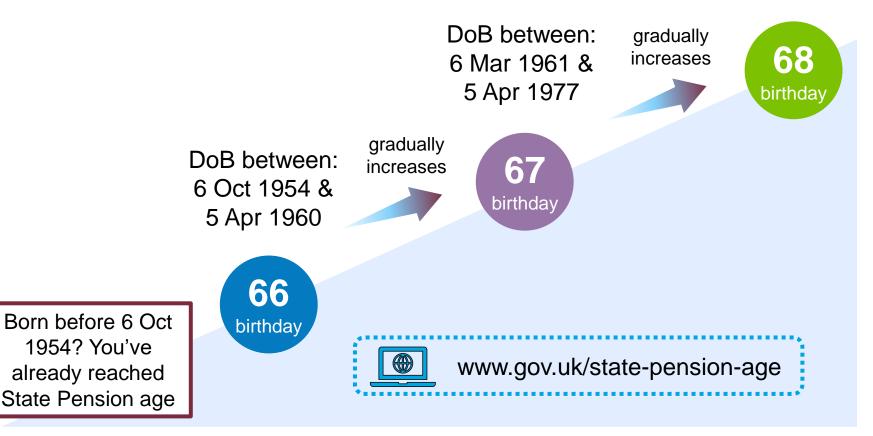




### the State Pension.

### your State Pension age.

DoB from: 6 Apr 1978



The Government intends to bring forward the State Pension age transition from 67 to 68 affecting those born between 6<sup>th</sup> April 1970 and 5<sup>th</sup> April 1978 - if adopted those affected will reach State Pension age between their 67<sup>th</sup> & 68<sup>th</sup> birthdays



### State Pension forecast.

#### **Your State Pension summary**

You can get your State Pension on 25 June 2036

Your forecast is £230.25 a week, £1,001.18 a month, £12,014.12 a year

#### Your forecast

- is not a guarantee and is based on the current law
- does not include any increase due to inflation

You need to continue to contribute National Insurance to reach your forecast

Estimate based on your National Insurance record up to 5 April 2025

£184.20 a week

Forecast if you contribute another 7 years before 5 April 2036

£230.25 a week

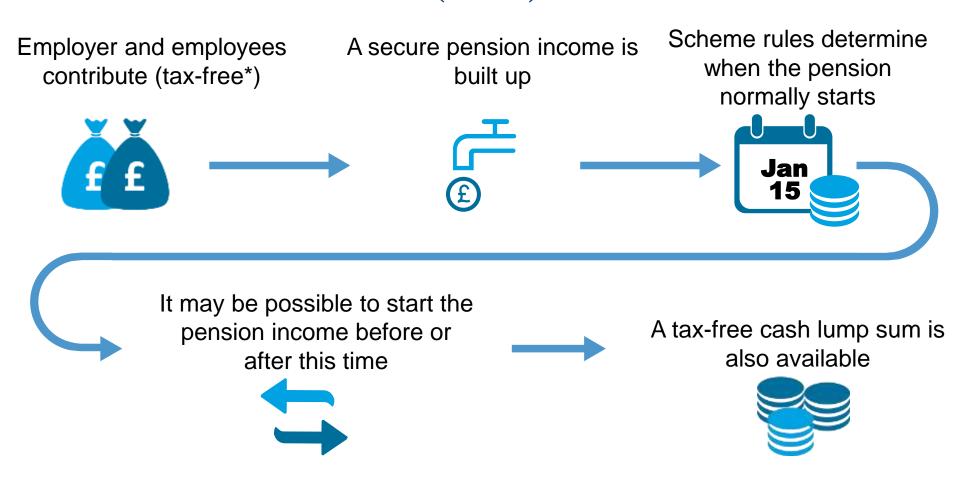




# workplace pensions.



### defined benefit (DB) schemes.



\*subject to HMRC limits



### defined contribution (DC) schemes.

Employer and employees contribute (tax-free\*)

Any investment growth is tax-free

You can access your pension from age 55\*\*













Receive up to 25% tax-free



Receive a taxable lump sum or generate a taxable income with remaining pot





\*subject to HMRC limits

\*\*The minimum age for accessing your pension is expected to increase to age 57 from 6 April 2028. Pension savings in certain schemes may be protected from this change.



### your pension contributions.

You Pay	LSEG Pays	Total
3%	6%	9%
4%	8%	12%
5%	10%	15%

- You can increase contributions beyond 5% however LSEG's contributions will not increase further
- You can change contribution levels at any time on MyBenefits
- Contributions are defaulted to be paid via salary sacrifice



### salary sacrifice.



#### You save:

Basic-rate Taxpayers up to 28%\*

Saving made up of:

- 20% Income Tax
- 8% NI

Higher-rate Taxpayers up to 42%\*

Saving made up of:

- 40% Income Tax
- 2% NI

Additional-rate Taxpayers up to 47%\*

Saving made up of:

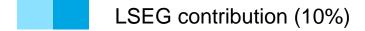
- 45% Income Tax
- 2% NI

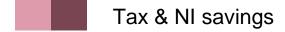
<sup>\*</sup> Tax relief on pension contributions is limited to the greater of 100% of relevant earnings and £3,600.

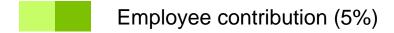


### how your contributions may add up.

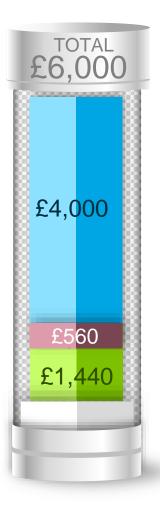
- Annual Salary = £40,000 (basic rate tax payer)
- Employee Contribution = £2,000pa (5%)
- Tax Saving (20%) = £400pa
- NI Saving (8%) = £160pa
- Personal Cost = £1,440pa
- LSEG Contribution = £4,000pa (10%)





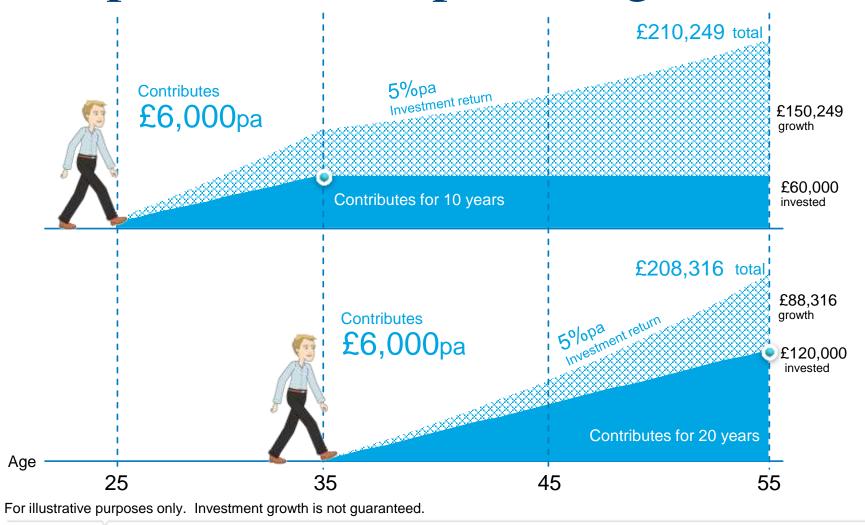


Salary sacrifice is the default contribution method





### the power of compounding.





### limits on tax efficiency.

#### **Annual Allowance (AA)**

- The annual allowance is £60,000\*
- This may be reduced if your total taxable income exceeds £200,000 or you flexibly withdraw taxable income from a DC scheme
- Carry forward may be available from up to the 3 previous tax years

#### Limits on tax-free cash

- Lump Sum Allowance (LSA): The maximum tax-free cash is limited to 25% of the pension value, subject to a total cap of £268,275 (which is set to be frozen)
- Lump Sum and Death Benefits Allowance (LSDBA): The maximum amount of non-taxable lump sums that can be taken from a pension, set at £1,073,100.
- Those individuals who hold Life Time Allowance (LTA) protection will have allowances based on their protected LTA

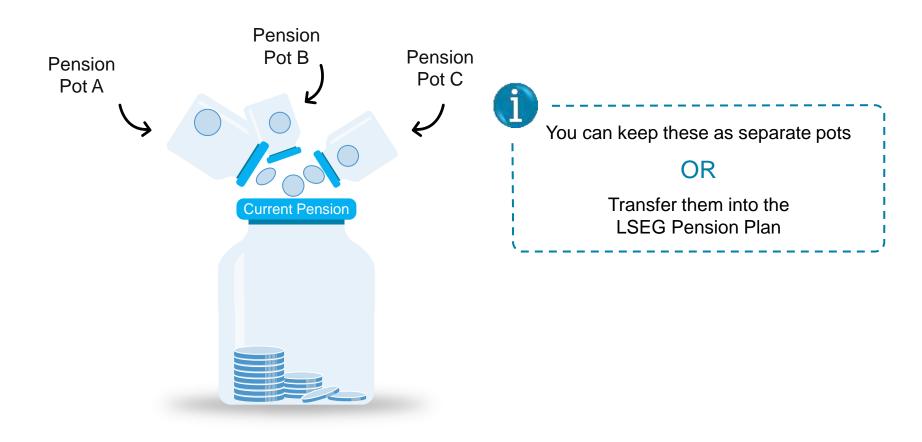


\*Tax relief is only available on contributions up to the greater of 100% of relevant earnings or £3,600



### pension consolidation.

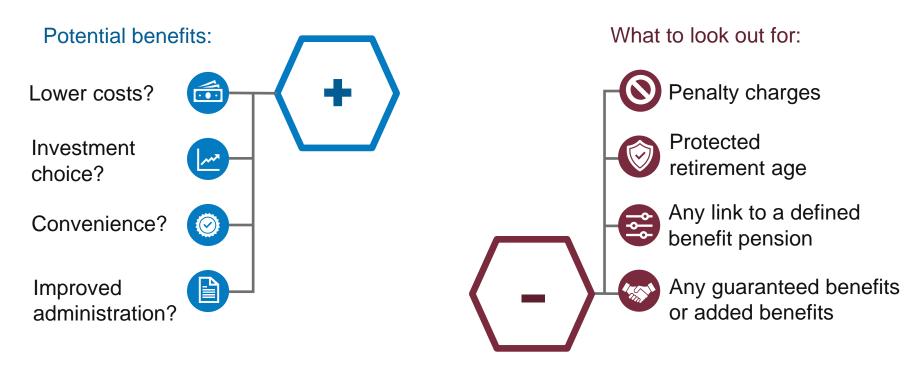
It is common to build up a number of 'pension pots' from previous employment.





### pension consolidation.

Make sure you have reviewed any benefits and drawbacks before taking action.

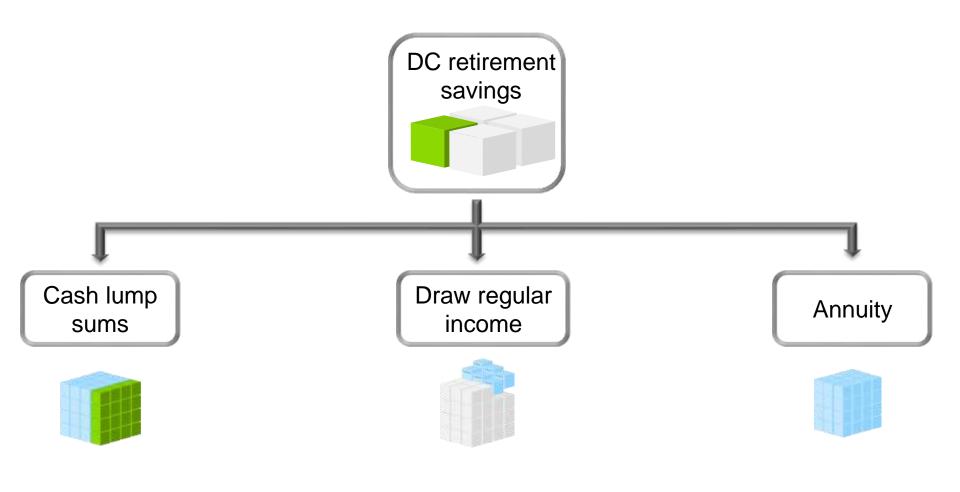


If you are unsure, you should always seek regulated advice before transferring a pension





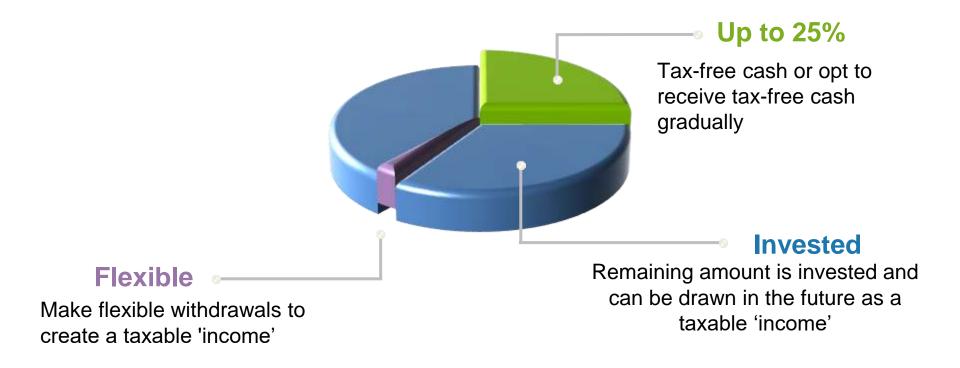
### defined contribution income options.





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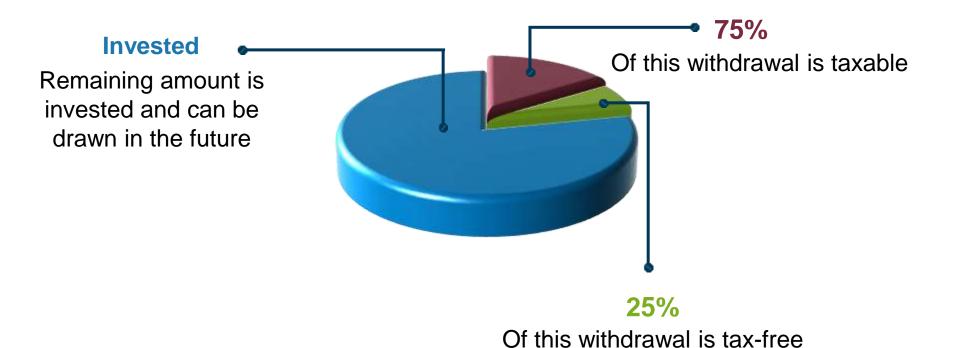
### flexi access drawdown.



Remember – the MPAA will apply if you receive taxable money flexibly from any DC pension pot.



### phased cash lump sums.



## buying an annuity.

Receive up to 25% as a tax-free lump sum

#### Options include

- A guarantee period
- Inflation linking
- Spouse/partner income

The income level is determined by your circumstances



Buy an annuity with the remainder

Provides a secure income throughout your retirement



### example annuity rate.

pot after receiving tax-free cash age annually monthly £100,000 65 £7,610 £634



Single income



No annual increases



No protection



Good health

Source: Money Helper – rates correct as at 23.01.2025



# investing your pension.



### the default pension investment.

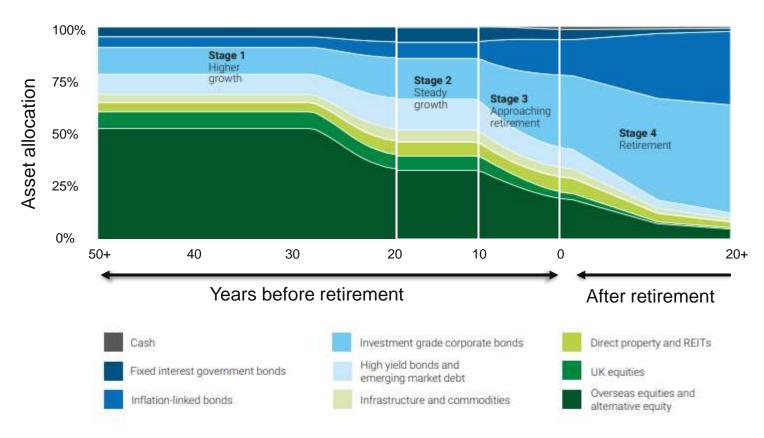
The default investment fund is a target dated fund (TDF)

- The Legal & General Generation 3 target fund





### how target date funds are invested.



Source: Legal & General.

Asset allocation is used as an example only and will vary according to fund choice.



### choosing your own funds.

- May be suitable if you are looking for greater investment flexibility
- Choose how much to allocate to different types of investments
- Manage your own risk exposure as you approach retirement
- Manually adjust your investments in line with your retirement income plan





### actions and summary.

- Think about the income you might need when you reach retirement
- Decide on when you might want to retire
- Check your State Pension entitlement
- Use the Money Helper calculator to see if your pension savings are on track
- Consider increasing your contributions if you can afford to
- Check how your pension is invested and consider if this fits your plans
- Review any savings and investments you are able to make outside a pension
- Get answers to the questions you have on your guidance call



next steps.

### useful contacts.

www.gov.uk/check-state-pension

Lifeworks Login.lifeworks.com 0800 169 7072 Username & password: IsegUK Money Helper pension calculator 02 www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/pensions-and-retirement/pensions-basics/pension-calculator General tax and National Insurance information 03 www.hmrc.gov.uk **Pension Tracing Service** 04 www.gov.uk/find-pension-contact-details **Questions about your LSEG Pension Plan** 05 Email: pensions@lseg.com **Obtain a State Pension Forecast** 06



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