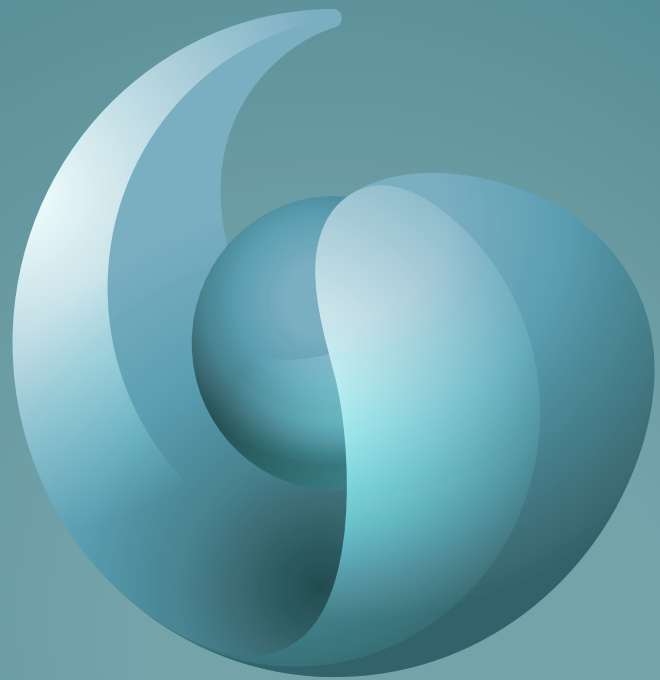


Flexi Access Income Full Surrender Request Form



This form is to be used:

- If your pension is held in The USA SIPP, The Platform SIPP or the Forthplus SIPP scheme AND
- If you wish to surrender and close your SIPP.

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Important Guidance

Taxation

1. Pension income is subject to UK Income Tax and will be taxed under PAYE.
2. If in the current tax year you received a P45 from your previous pension provider, please forward Parts 2 and 3 to us and, where permitted, we will use it to apply the correct tax code for your pension. Otherwise, all gross pension withdrawals will be taxed under PAYE using the emergency tax code until a revised notification has been received from HMRC. We will only change your tax code if instructed to do so by HMRC. If residing outside the UK we would recommend seeking tax advice and you should also contact your HMRC tax office to notify them of your country of residence. You should also notify your tax office in your country of residence of all benefits taken.
3. Tax details on this form apply to UK income tax for the current tax year and are subject to change.

Payments

1. If you are a member of The USA SIPP or The Forthplus SIPP, it is your and your appointed adviser's responsibility to ensure enough cash is available in your investment policy cash account for us to request the withdrawal at least 15 days before the payment date. If you are a member of The Platform SIPP, it is your appointed adviser's responsibility to ensure enough cash is available in your investment policy cash account. Your adviser must also request the withdrawal to your SIPP cash account at least 15 days before the payment date.
2. Your adviser must submit a dealing instruction, as required, to our dealing team well in advance of 15 days, allowing time for trades to settle and cash to be made available in your investment policy cash account. This will allow for us to request the withdrawal at least 15 days before the payment date.

If you are an Execution Only member, you must submit dealing instruction to our dealing team.

3. **All income payments will be released on 20th of the month.** Payment will reach your bank account a few days after this date depending on the method of payment and country of bank.
 - 3.1. The net payment after tax deduction will be paid on receipt of the disinvested funds from your investment policy.
 - 3.2. For all UK bank accounts, the default method of payment will be BACS which can take 2-3 working days to reach your bank account.
 - 3.3. There is no guaranteed time for payments to international banks.
4. If you have any personal payments set up with your bank which will rely on you receiving your benefit payment from iPensions Group, then you will need to ensure the payments are set up within a reasonable time after the date you may receive your money.
5. For the iPensions Group fees relating to your income payment request, please refer to the Fee Schedule on our website.

01. Member Details

I wish to surrender and close my SIPP. I am aware that the taxable income will be paid on the next payroll date once funds are available in my SIPP.

The USA SIPP

The Platform SIPP

The Forthplus SIPP

Full Forename(s)

Surname

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)

Member Scheme ID

Marital Status

UK National Insurance Number

Current Residential Address

02. Bank Details

Pay benefits to the bank account previously provided?

Yes

No

If No, please provide the new bank account details for us to pay the benefits. Bank account must be in the name of the scheme holder.

For non-UK bank accounts, all details below are mandatory.

For UK bank accounts, please ensure correct Bank Name, Account Name, Bank Address, Sort Code and Account Number are provided.

Bank Name

Bank Address

Account Name

Account Number

Sort Code

SWIFT / BIC Code

IBAN Number

Building Society Reference or Roll Number

Account Currency

For bank account verification purposes, an original or certified copy of your bank statement must be attached. This statement must be on the bank's headed paper and match the bank account details provided above and clearly show your full name, address and be dated within the last six months. A download from the internet is acceptable provided it is in a non-editable format, on bank headed paper, and certified by a suitable certifier.

Bank Statement Attached:

Original Statement

Certified Copy of Statement

03. Flexi-Access Drawdown

Taxable Income Request:

I wish to surrender and close my SIPP. I am aware that the taxable income will be paid on the next payroll date once funds are available in my SIPP

Please provide currency of payment.

GBP £

Euro €

USD \$

AUD \$

04. Benefit Declaration

I hereby request that the benefits indicated in this form are paid to me.

I declare that I have read, understand the Important Guidance on page 3 of this form, and agree to the Terms and Conditions for the scheme's Key Features Document, as updated from time to time.

I agree to provide iPensions Group details of my UK tax status and I understand that all gross pension withdrawals will be taxed under PAYE using the emergency tax code until notified otherwise by HMRC, or your P45 if relevant.

I understand that it is my sole responsibility to declare any benefits I may receive from the Scheme, in the country where I am tax resident. I hereby give iPensions Group a full and unconditional indemnity for any tax liability, interest or charges which may occur as a result of any false or incorrect declaration I have made that ultimately results in such a liability being imposed by any tax authority in any country.

I understand the risk associated with taking benefits, as set out in the Key Features Document for the Scheme.

Where advice has been given, my adviser has provided me with sufficient information for me to understand the effect this benefit request will have on my SIPP.

Member's Signature

Date

05. Questionnaire

Following the pension freedom rules changes in April 2015, we are now required to ask you the following questions. In certain circumstances you should be aware of different options that may be more suitable for your circumstances and risk factors you may need to consider prior to accessing your benefits.

Your answers to the questionnaire will guide us to providing you with personalised information and tailored risk warnings. After doing so we will then be able to proceed with processing your drawdown request. There is a glossary of terms available in Section 11 to assist you.

Complete the following questionnaire and we will issue you the required information and risk warnings.

Are there any aspects of your health or lifestyle that could potentially shorten your life expectancy?

Yes No Unsure

If you have poor health or a lifestyle that could reduce life expectancy (i.e. heavy smoker) then you may be eligible for a better value annuity, for example an enhanced annuity. On the other hand, by accessing pension savings could mean that benefits may not pass as tax efficiently to your dependants and/or beneficiaries.

Do you understand that there are no guarantees attached to the amount of income or lump sums paid via drawdown, capped-drawdown and / or uncrystallised funds pension lump sum?

Yes No Unsure

There are different ways of accessing your pension benefits. You are considering accessing your pension benefits via flexi-access drawdown, lump sum or committing further funds to capped-drawdown where funds are taken directly from your pension savings. Unlike some other ways of accessing your pension, such as buying an annuity with some or all of your pension pot, there are no guarantees attaching to taking benefits via drawdown and/or lump sum. This is because the amount of benefit paid to you, whether a lump sum and/or an income, is determined by the value of your pension pot at the time.

Are you reliant on the funds within this pension pot to provide an income through your later years / retirement and, where applicable, for your dependants / beneficiaries after your death?

Yes No Unsure

In the past a pension fund has been viewed as a savings plan aimed at providing an income in the later years of one's life (i.e. anytime after age 55), either until death or beyond through benefits for dependants and/or beneficiaries.

Accessing some or all of a pension fund using flexi-access drawdown, capped drawdown or lump sums can jeopardise the ability to fund income in later life and beyond for dependants/beneficiaries. This is because the funds are exhausted quicker, or all in one go, meaning there is little or no money left in the pension pot to either access and/or commit to an annuity should a guaranteed income be required.

Are you comfortable in your understanding of the effect that the investment of your pension savings has on your future income from these savings?

Yes No Unsure

When electing to take pension savings by flexi-access drawdown, capped-drawdown or taking some (but not all) funds as a lump sum, the remaining pension savings will remain invested until it is decided to draw these remaining funds as an income/lump sum. The investments remaining within the pension may fall as well as rise and this could decrease future income that is able to be taken from the pension savings. Moreover certain investments may be difficult to value and/or sell when access is required, leading to potential costs and/or delays in payment of benefits.

05. Questionnaire (continued)

Are you comfortable that you fully understand the income tax implications of taking your benefits, whether by flexi-access drawdown, capped-drawdown or lump sum? Yes No Unsure

Typically when accessing pension pots, benefits can be paid as a 25% of the fund as a lump sum, free of UK income tax, with any income from the remaining 75% of the fund subject to UK income tax.

The income from the remaining 75% of the fund can either be taken in stages (drawdown) or in one go. The income taken from your pension pot is added to any other income you receive and this determines what, if any, rate of UK tax you pay. It follows therefore that the more income you take, particularly if taken in one payment from your pension rather than in stages, the higher your income will be and therefore a potentially higher rate of tax paid, especially if you cross into a higher tax band. Your tax position may also be affected by your country of domicile and tax residence.

Are you comfortable that you fully understand the tax implications of taking your benefits, whether by flexi-access drawdown, capped-drawdown or lump sum, insofar as they relate to investments and inheritance tax? Yes No Unsure

One of the attractions of a pension fund is that generally investments grow free of tax. For example interest paid on a bank account within a pension pot would not be subject to tax whereas interest paid on an individually held bank account would quite possibly attract tax. Consequently it follows that one of the impacts of moving funds out of a pension is that if funds are reinvested in investments held personally, the tax treatment of those investments may not be as favourable as if the funds were left invested in the pension pot. Therefore a consideration of accessing pension funds, with a view to possibly reinvesting the funds personally is possibly higher tax charges than if the funds were left in the pension pot.

The other potential impact is that whilst funds are held in a pension pot they may be outside of a person's estate for inheritance tax purposes whereas once paid to the individual from the pension pot, they could fall within the person's estate.

Are you comfortable that you have considered the impact of charges or fees by investing any benefits you take from your pension elsewhere? Yes No Unsure

Where benefits are paid from a pension pot the investments held within the pension generally have to be converted into cash to allow the benefits to be paid. This sometimes results in charges or fees being incurred.

If the intention is to reinvest some or all of the benefits into other investments then this too may incur charges. For example, if shares were sold within the pension in order to pay the benefits and then repurchased in the person's name once the benefits had been paid, there would be two sets of charges incurred - the selling costs within the pension and the buying costs incurred by the person. Similarly if you invest in other savings plans, these may well have charges attaching. Consequently the impact of charges and fees needs to be considered when taking benefits.

Are you comfortable in your understanding that creditors may have a call on any money taken from your pensions savings? Yes No Unsure

Funds held within a pension pot offer some protection against a person's creditors. This is because generally the funds within a pension scheme are ring-fenced (as they are held by trustees) meaning creditors cannot access these funds directly. Consequently if a person has a debt which they cannot pay, whilst creditors may be able to force the sale of assets held personally to repay the debt, the pension pot is not generally an asset the creditor can access.

If funds within a pension pot are accessed via flexi-access drawdown or taken as a lump sum then these funds become held personally and therefore could be available to creditors in the event of an unpaid debt.

Are you or is there the possibility of your being declared bankrupt, or are you currently an undischarged bankrupt? Yes No Unsure

Where an individual is declared bankrupt or is an undischarged bankrupt by accessing pension benefits a trustee in bankruptcy can apply to the court for an income payments order under the terms of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Are you aware that accessing pensions savings via drawdown or lump sums could impact on any means-tested benefits you receive and the implications this will have on your personal circumstances? Yes No Unsure

Increasingly State benefits are becoming means-tested. Often means-testing is based on a person's individual wealth and/or income rather than necessarily what funds are held in their pension pot. By accessing pensions savings through drawdown or lump sums could increase a person's wealth and/or income that could impact on any means-tested benefits received. This could even apply where the pensions savings accessed are passed on to others. Further information can be found in the Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) factsheet.

Are you aware that investment scams exist, often targeting pensions savings, and that care should be taken when investing any funds taken from your pension pot? Yes No Unsure

The incidents of investment scams have increased over recent years. Such scams can be far ranging and by way of example have included schemes such as overseas forestry, farmland or property investments. Often pension savings have been targeted for these investments although pension providers now have tightened their controls to prevent such investments occurring. As a consequence there is a fear that those involved in pension scams may instead seek to entice people to access their pensions savings with a view to persuading them to invest in unsafe investments.

The FCA have produced various warnings on this matter within the 'Consumers/Scams' section of their website.

Are you aware that flexibly accessing your pension savings to provide income will reduce your annual allowance to £10,000? Yes No Unsure

The total contributions that can be made to all pension schemes are restricted by the annual allowance. This is currently £60,000 for the current tax year. Once pension savings have been flexibly accessed via flexi-access drawdown (and income paid) and/or uncrystallised funds pension lump sum the annual allowance is automatically reduced to £10,000, for money purchase arrangements.

05. Questionnaire (continued)

Are you satisfied that you have adequately researched and understood the options available to you in accessing your pensions savings and that you are making an informed choice in the method you have selected? Yes No Unsure

One of the impacts of the new rules allowing greater pensions flexibility that came into effect in April 2015 was greater choice in the range of products available to access pensions savings. This adds potentially more complexity when deciding how to access pension savings - choices are increased and all have pros and cons, including taxation and cost. Consequently it is advisable to research all available options and ideally take advice from a suitably qualified and authorised adviser.

Member's Signature

Date

06. Glossary of Terms Used

Annuity: A regular income for life (or in some cases a set period) that is purchased from an annuity provider using your pension savings. We do not provide annuities.

Capped-drawdown: This is where you have already accessed your pension, whether by a lump sum and / or income under the rules which applied prior to 6th April 2015 which meant that the level of income you could receive is 'capped' at a maximum level. In many cases this type of drawdown can continue after the 6th April and one of the potential advantages of this is that staying in this method of drawdown is that the Money Purchase Annual Allowance may not apply (depends on your overall circumstances though). It is possible to convert capped-drawdown to flexi-access drawdown.

Drawdown: This is a generic term describing where income is taken from pension savings. The income can be taken on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

Flexi-access drawdown: This is the name that applies to drawdown commenced after 6th April 2015. Whilst you do not have to take an income under flexi-access drawdown, as soon as you do, one of the consequences is that the Money Purchase Annual Allowance applies in respect of any contributions you make. When you access your pensions savings in this way you can choose to take all or part of your pension savings.

Lump sum: See Uncrystallised Funds Pension Lump Sum and Small pots. Within this questionnaire the term 'lump sum' is used to cover both these methods of accessing your pension savings.

Money Purchase pension: This is a pension arrangement where the amount of the benefits you receive, whether through a lump sum and/or income, is determined by the value of your pension savings.

Money Purchase Annual Allowance: This applies as soon as you receive any income via Flexi-access drawdown or Uncrystallised Funds Pension Lump Sum. It has the effect of restricting the amount of money you can contribute to a Money Purchase pension to £10,000 rather than £60,000 under the Annual Allowance.

New rules: This is a generic term used that refers to the additional flexibility that applies to accessing your pension savings from 6th April 2015. In this questionnaire this applies to where you are considering:

- adding further funds to your existing capped-drawdown arrangement;
- accessing your pension savings via Uncrystallised Funds Pension Lump Sum;
- accessing your pension savings using the small pots rules;
- accessing your pension savings via Flexi-access drawdown.

Pension Commencement Lump Sum (PCLS): This is the part of the uncrystallised fund that can be taken free of UK income tax and can be up to 25% of the fund.

Pension pot: This is the sum of money that you have built up within your pension arrangement. This term is used interchangeably with 'Pension savings'.

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Small pots: This is the term that refers to accessing your pensions savings where your total pension savings from all sources is below a total of £30,000. Specific HMRC rules apply to accessing pension savings in this way.

06. Glossary of Terms Used (continued)

Uncrystallised Funds Pension Lump Sum (UFPLS): This is where you can access all or part of your pension savings that you have not accessed previously. Within this questionnaire we have referred to this method of accessing your pension savings as 'lump sum'. In this scenario the amount of pensions savings accessed is paid as a combination of a lump sum that is free of UK income tax (25% of the amount accessed) and the rest (75% of the amount accessed) is paid as income which is subject to UK income tax.

07. Regulatory Information

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