Leaving the Kingfisher Pension Scheme

What you need to know



There are two ways you can leave the Scheme

1. You can leave the **OR** Company



2. You can cease active membership with (c) the Scheme while still working at the Company

We'll explain what you need to do when you leave the Scheme, as well as the options you have with your retirement savings.

LEAVING THE SCHEME

Route 1: What happens if you leave the Company?

A. If you leave the Company you will not be able to contribute to the Scheme any more.



B. You will still receive your annual benefit statement. Remember to keep us updated with your address details, so it's posted to the right place.

C. If you pass away before you take your retirement savings from

the Scheme, it will be paid to your nominated beneficiary. Remember to keep your beneficiary form updated too.

Action!

Keep us up to date with your address details and choice of beneficiary



Route 2: What happens if you cease active membership, but still carry on working for the Company?

A. Ceasing active membership is very similar to leaving the Company.

You'll still receive your annual benefit statement.



B. But, because of Government legislation, you could be automatically re-enrolled back into the Scheme between six months and three years from when you cease active membership.



C. Don't worry – if you do get re-enrolled, you can choose to opt out again.



D. Remember, if you leave the Company you'll lose your death in service cover.

Also, if you cease active membership, the four times your salary death in service cover will be on a lower level, based on the date you joined the Company.

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR SAVINGS WHEN YOU LEAVE THE SCHEME?

You have three options for what to do with the money you've saved in the Scheme.

Action!

Review your investment strategy for any savings you leave in the Scheme

Leave it where it is



You can choose to do nothing with your retirement savings in the Scheme. They will stay invested through the Scheme until you're ready to claim them. You can check where your retirement savings are invested by logging into your online retirement account.

Remember, you need to be at least 55 before you can access your retirement savings.



CONTINUED FROM 'WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR SAVINGS...'

Use it as retirement income



If you're over 55 you can claim your retirement savings from the Scheme.

Find out about your retirement income options at **pensionwise.gov.uk**

You can access all your retirement savings at once, or use them to give you a retirement income by buying an annuity or a drawdown product from a drawdown provider.

Remember, most of us can take 25% of our retirement savings as a taxfree lump sum.

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Let's recap

Here are three options of what you can do with your money once you leave the Scheme:





Transfer it



Use it as retirement income*

*Only available if you're aged 55 and above.

Action checklist

Below are some steps that could make a big difference to saving for your future. Even if you take just one, it could put you in a much better position when it comes to your retirement.

- Check your contact details are up to date
- Check your beneficiary form is up to date and keep
 a record somewhere safe
- Check your online retirement account to see how your retirement savings are invested
- Read about your retirement income options at pensionwise.gov.uk

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