



FENNER PENSION SCHEME A GUIDE TO SALARY EXCHANGE

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UK Employees
(defined benefit scheme)

A guide to salary exchange

How does it work?

By taking part in salary exchange you continue to earn the same pension but you can save on National Insurance contributions.

Read on to see how salary exchange works and to see how much you can save!

Please take time to read this guide carefully as we have attempted to answer any questions you may have. However, if you have further questions please talk to your local pensions contact.

How do you save with salary exchange?

Salary exchange provides you with the opportunity to exchange part of your Gross Salary for pension contributions. The amount you exchange is paid to your pension on your behalf by Fenner (the Company) rather than being paid by you. Because your Gross Salary (and your contractual pay) is reduced by the amount you exchange, you and the Company pay less National Insurance contributions and your take home pay increases.

For example, if you earn £20,000 per annum and pay the required 8% into the Scheme (i.e. you do not pay AVCs):

	Your salary	Your contribution	Salary exchange	National Insurance	Income Tax	Your take home pay per year
Current position	£20,000 (Gross Salary)	£1,600	N/A	£1,246	£1,679	£15,475
After salary exchange	£20,000 (Notional Salary)	N/A	-£1,600 (leaving you a Gross Salary of £18,400)	£1,076	£1,679	£15,645

Allowing for salary exchange, your take home pay increases by £170 per year.

Notes on the example: This information is based on current legislation and accurate for the 2014/15 tax year. National Insurance contribution levels and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs' treatment of salary exchange may be subject to change in the future.



We are not able to provide financial advice, so if you think you need advice, you should speak to an independent financial adviser. A list of regulated advisers can be found at www.unbiased.co.uk. Please note that the Company will not cover any costs that you incur in speaking to an adviser.

How much will you save?

How much you will save depends on your current salary.

The table below shows the savings that you can make on National Insurance for contributions that you make via salary exchange for 2014/15 tax year:

Gross Salary	National Insurance saving (%)
Between £7,956 and £41,860	12%
£41,860 +	2%

Use the table below to see how much your take home pay will increase.

Salary £ per year	Savings in National Insurance contributions paying the default 8% contribution paid under salary exchange (per year)
£10,000	£96
£15,000	£144
£20,000	£192
£30,000	£288
£40,000	£384
£50,000	£80

Jargon buster

Gross Salary:
Your total salary before deductions such as Tax and NI

Notional Salary:
Your salary before any salary exchange adjustment

Pensionable Salary:
Full details can be found in your Fenner Pension Scheme member booklet

Take home pay:
Your pay after deductions of National Insurance and Income Tax, which you can spend as you like (subject to any additional deductions that you may be required to pay - for example Student Loans)

Lower Earnings limit (LEL):
The minimum amount of gross pay where NI is payable

Upper Earnings limit (UEL):
On earnings above this limit you pay a lower rate of NI

Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs):
You are entitled to make additional contributions into the Scheme to increase the benefits that will be payable to you in retirement

Can you tell me...?

This section contains common questions and answers that you may have about salary exchange.

Will it affect the amount of Income Tax you pay and how do you receive tax relief?

Salary exchange does not affect the amount of income tax you pay. Tax relief already applies to any pension contributions you make.

Will it affect any of the other benefits you receive from the Company?

No. Any salary related benefits that you are eligible for from the Company will be based on your salary before it is reduced for pension contributions. We call this your Notional Salary. This means benefits (where they apply now) such as the following are unaffected by salary exchange:

- pension;
- death in service benefits;
- salary reviews;
- overtime; shift allowance; bonuses and any other allowances.

Will it affect the amount you can borrow?

When applying to borrow money from a financial institution such as a mortgage company, you will often be asked for your salary. To ensure the maximum amount you can borrow is not reduced you should tell them your Notional Salary, which will be

confirmed by the Company. They should then take this salary into account when working out if you can afford your loan.

Are there any situations when salary exchange is not suitable?

Salary exchange is attractive for most employees because it increases take home pay. However, you are not allowed to exchange pay to a level that would put you below the National Minimum Wage. If by participating in salary exchange you would reduce your pay below the Lower Earnings Limit (currently £5,772 a year) you would potentially be giving up valuable State benefits which may not be in your best interests. Anyone who has earnings close to the limits will not be invited to participate in salary exchange.

Will salary exchange affect the amount of State Pension you will receive at retirement?

No.

If you retire before April 2016 salary exchange will have no effect on your basic State Pension (see note on Second State Pension).

After 1 April 2016 the government is introducing a new flat rate State pension, so if you're set to retire after that date, your State pension would not be affected. You would still receive a pension worth £144 a week (£7,488 a year) at today's rate.

Will it affect Statutory Maternity Pay or Statutory Redundancy Pay?

Statutory Maternity Pay and Statutory Redundancy Pay are based on your actual earnings, and can sometimes be reduced under salary exchange plans. Should you suffer any reduction to either Statutory Redundancy Pay or Statutory Maternity Pay as a result of your participation in salary exchange, the Company will make up any shortfall.

For further information on how salary exchange affects benefit entitlement you should either contact your local social security office or visit www.direct.gov.uk.

How can you make your pension savings work harder?

Other means tested benefits such as Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit could increase by participating in salary exchange.

Rules for claiming benefits are based on wider personal circumstances than just your salary. For further information on tax credits you can contact the HM Revenue and Customs helpline on [0845 300 3900](tel:0845 300 3900).

Will it affect Student Loans?

Any employees with outstanding Student Loans should not be adversely affected by participating in salary exchange. If you need further information on this matter you may wish to contact the Student Loans Company Limited on [0845 0738 891](tel:0845 0738 891).

Will it affect any other payments?

If you have a County Court Judgement ('CCJ') or anything similar then no changes are usually made to these as a result of salary exchange. However, where the Order is explicit

about the definition of pay to be used, then the impact of salary exchange should be noted to those parties to the Order. The Company suggests you seek further advice if you are unsure on this matter.

What happens if you leave the Scheme?

If you leave the Scheme, the Pension that you have built up will be retained in the scheme in your name. No further benefits will build up. You will no longer have a notional salary.

Do you have to choose whether to use salary exchange?

Yes. You must indicate whether you want to take part in salary exchange by completing the section at the bottom of the letter accompanying this leaflet and returning it to your local pension contact by [insert date].

Are there limits to the amount you can exchange?

You are not allowed to exchange pay to a level that would put you below the National Minimum Wage. If by participating in salary exchange you would reduce your pay below the Lower Earnings Limit you would potentially be giving up valuable State benefits which may not be in your best interests. Anyone with earnings close to these limits will not be invited to participate.

Can I use salary exchange to pay AVCs?

All active members are able to make Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs) into the Scheme. Where members elect to pay regular AVCs on a monthly basis, they will be able to take advantage of the new arrangement and maximise their NI saving by also paying AVCs through salary exchange.

If you believe salary exchange for your pension will have a detrimental impact on you, please discuss this with your local pensions contact.



Contact us

For information on your benefits, please contact your local HR/payroll department, using the following details:

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