



Finance Act 2004

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PART 4

PENSION SCHEMES ETC

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REGISTERED PENSION SCHEMES: TAX RELIEFS AND EXEMPTIONS

Members' contributions

191 Methods of giving relief

- (1) Relief to which an individual is entitled under section 188 (relief for contributions) in respect of contributions is to be given as provided by this section.
- (2) Subject as follows, the relief is to be given in accordance with section 192 (relief at source).
- (3) Subject to subsection (7), relief in respect of contributions under a pension scheme made by a member of the pension scheme may (instead of being given in accordance with section 192) be given in accordance with section 193 (relief under net pay arrangements) if—
 - (a) the pension scheme is an occupational pension scheme,
 - (b) the member is an employee of a sponsoring employer, and
 - (c) relief in respect of contributions made under the pension scheme by all of the other members of the pension scheme who are employees of the sponsoring employer is given in accordance with that section.
- (4) Subject to subsection (7), relief in respect of contributions under a pension scheme made by a member of the pension scheme may (instead of being given in accordance with section 192) be given in accordance with section 193 if—

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- (a) the pension scheme is a public service pension scheme or marine pilots' benefits fund, and
 - (b) the member is an employee.
- (5) Subject to subsection (7), subsection (6) applies where—
- (a) contributions are made under a public service pension scheme or marine pilots' benefit fund by a member who is not an employee, or
 - (b) contributions are made otherwise than by a member of the pension scheme under a net pay pension scheme.
- (6) Relief in respect of the contributions—
- (a) may (but need not) be given in accordance with section 192, but
 - (b) where not so given, is to be given in accordance with section 194 (relief on making of claim).
- (7) Relief to which an individual is entitled by virtue of section 190(2)—
- (a) may only be given in accordance with section 192, and
 - (b) is not required to be given in respect of contributions under a net pay pension scheme.
- (8) In this section “marine pilots' benefits fund” means—
- (a) a fund established under section 15(1)(i) of the Pilotage Act 1983 (c. 21), or
 - (b) any scheme supplementing or replacing such a fund.
- (9) In this Part “net pay pension scheme” means a pension scheme in the case of which some or all of the members of the pension scheme are entitled to be given relief in accordance with section 193 in respect of the payment of contributions by them under the pension scheme.
- (10) Schedule 36 contains (in Part 4) transitional provision about relief in respect of contributions to pre-commencement retirement annuity contracts.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Pt. 4 applied (21.7.2009) by [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\)](#), [Sch. 35 para. 18](#)

Commencement Information

II Ss. 160-274, 281, Schs. 30-35 in force at 6.4.2006 but any power to make an order or regulations under those provisions may be exercised at any time after Royal Assent, see [s. 284](#)

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- s. 236ZA inserted by [S.I. 2024/357 art. 2\(2\)](#)