



Finance Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 12

PART 4

PENSION SCHEMES ETC

CHAPTER 5

REGISTERED PENSION SCHEMES: TAX CHARGES

Lifetime allowance charge

224 Transfers from recognised overseas pension scheme: general

- (1) This section makes provision for the operation of a lifetime allowance enhancement factor with respect to a benefit crystallisation event occurring in relation to an individual where (at any time after 5th April 2006 but before the benefit crystallisation event) there has been a recognised overseas scheme transfer.
- (2) There is a “recognised overseas scheme transfer” if any sums or assets—
 - (a) held for the purposes of an arrangement under a recognised overseas pension scheme, or
 - (b) representing accrued rights under such an arrangement,are transferred so as to become held for the purposes of, or to represent rights under, an arrangement under a registered pension scheme relating to the individual.
- (3) The arrangement specified in subsection (2)(a) or (b) is referred to in this section and sections 225 and 226 as the “recognised overseas scheme arrangement”.
- (4) The lifetime allowance enhancement factor is the recognised overseas scheme transfer factor.
- (5) The recognised overseas scheme transfer factor is—

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$$\frac{\text{AAT} - \text{RRA}}{\text{SLA}}$$

where—

AAT is the aggregate of the amount of any sums transferred, and the market value of any assets transferred, on the recognised overseas scheme transfer,

RRA is the relevant relievable amount, and

SLA is the standard lifetime allowance at the time when the recognised overseas scheme transfer took place.

- (6) Section 225 specifies the relevant relievable amount in the case of a recognised overseas scheme arrangement that was a money purchase arrangement; and section 226 specifies the relevant relievable amount in the case of an recognised overseas scheme arrangement that was any other sort of arrangement.
- (7) In this section and sections 225 and 226 “overseas arrangement active membership period” is the period—
- (a) beginning with the date on which the benefits first began to accrue to or in respect of the individual under the recognised overseas scheme arrangement or, if later, 6th April 2006, and
 - (b) ending immediately before the recognised overseas scheme transfer.
- (8) But if benefits ceased to accrue to or in respect of the individual under the recognised overseas scheme arrangement before the recognised overseas scheme transfer, the overseas arrangement active membership period is to be treated as having ended then.
- (9) This section only applies if notice of intention to rely on it is given to the Inland Revenue in accordance with regulations made by the Board of Inland Revenue.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C16** Ss. 214-226 applied by 2003 c. 1, s. 636A(5) (as inserted (6.4.2006) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 284(1), [Sch. 31 para. 11](#) (with [Sch. 36](#)))
- C17** Ss. 214-226 applied (with modifications) (1.5.2010) by [The Financial Assistance Scheme \(Tax\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1187\)](#), regs. 1(1), [5-11](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** 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\(2\)](#)