



# Pensions Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 30

### PART 1

#### PENSION SCHEME MEMBERSHIP FOR JOBHOLDERS

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#### EMPLOYERS' DUTIES

#### *Qualifying schemes and automatic enrolment schemes*

#### 17 Automatic enrolment schemes

- (1) A pension scheme is an automatic enrolment scheme in relation to a jobholder (J) if—
  - (a) it is a qualifying scheme in relation to J,
  - (b) it satisfies the conditions in subsection (2), and
  - (c) it satisfies any further conditions prescribed.
- (2) The conditions mentioned in subsection (1)(b) are that—
  - (a) no provision of the scheme prevents the employer from making arrangements prescribed by regulations under section 3(2), 5(2) or 7(4) for J to become an active member of the scheme;
  - (b) no provision of the scheme requires J to express a choice in relation to any matter, or to provide any information, in order to remain an active member.

#### Commencement Information

- II** S. 17 wholly in force at 30.6.2012; s. 17 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent see s. 149(2)(k); s. 17 in force so far as not already in force at 30.6.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1682](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(2\)\(a\)](#), [Sch. 1](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

Pensions Act 2008, Section 17 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 3(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 44 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 5(1C) inserted by [2023 c. 44 s. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 13(3)(ec) inserted by [2023 c. 20 Sch. para. 56](#)
- s. 13A inserted by [2023 c. 44 s. 1\(4\)](#)
- s. 24(1)(c) inserted by [2015 c. 8 Sch. 2 para. 43\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 143(6)(7) inserted by [2023 c. 44 s. 1\(5\)\(b\)](#)