

Pensions and divorce or dissolution

Pension sharing

If you get divorced or dissolve your civil partnership, the court is allowed to consider your additional State Pension as a financial asset, which can be shared in a financial settlement through the making of a pension sharing order. This means that part of the value of any additional State Pension you have earned could be shared with a former husband, wife or civil partner.

The court will need the details of any additional State Pension you may be entitled to. Both parties will have to complete a separate BR20 to enable all financial assets to be considered.

What is additional State Pension?

Additional State Pension is an amount you may be entitled to in addition to your basic State Pension. It is based on your National Insurance (NI) contributions and earnings since April 1978.

A lump sum valuation will give this information and will help the court make a decision.

How do I get a lump sum valuation?

Fill in form BR20 and send it to the address below. You must complete the form in full, in BLOCK CAPITALS, giving as much information as possible.

If your valuation is more than 12 months old at the date of the court hearing, you must apply for a new valuation, as this can change.

What happens to my additional State Pension?

If a pension sharing order is made, your additional State Pension may either increase or decrease, depending on the decision of the court.

Please return your form to:

The Pension Service 9
Mail Handling Site A
Wolverhampton
WV98 1LU

The telephone number is **0845 3000 168**.

If you have speech or hearing difficulties you can contact us using a textphone on **0845 3000 169**. Or you can use text relay by dialling **18001 0845 3000 168**.

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Part 1 About you

Please tell us about yourself. Use BLOCK CAPITALS.

National Insurance (NI) number	Letters Numbers Letter <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Title	<input type="text" value="Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms"/>
Surname or family name	<input type="text"/>
Your first names	<input type="text"/>
All other surnames or family names you have used	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>
Address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text" value="Postcode"/>
Home phone number	<input type="text" value="Code Number"/>

Part 2 About your pending divorce or dissolution of your civil partnership

Are you divorcing or dissolving your civil partnership under Scottish Matrimonial Law?

No

Yes Please give the relevant date.

The 'relevant date' is either

- the date you and your spouse or civil partner stopped living together, or
- the date the summons for divorce or dissolution of a civil partnership was served, whichever is earliest.

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Part 3 About your spouse or civil partner

Title	<input type="text" value="Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms"/>
Surname or family name	<input type="text"/>
Their first names	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>
National Insurance (NI) number	Letters Numbers Letter <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text" value="Postcode"/>
Date of marriage or civil partnership	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>

Part 4 About your representative or legal adviser

If you want your valuation sent to someone else, please tell us about them.

Surname	<input type="text" value="Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms"/>
Organisation's name if this applies	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text" value="Postcode"/>
Telephone number	Code Number <input type="text"/>
Reference number	<input type="text"/>

Part 5 Declaration

I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete as far as I know and believe.

Signature	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text" value="/ /"/>

Part 6 What to do now

When you have filled in this form, please send it to the address on the front page.

What happens next

We will send you your valuation as soon as we can.