

## Countdown Bulletin

**We are unable to publish a Countdown Bulletin at the moment due to purdah restrictions so this is to give you information about the new GMP Checker which should be used from 6 April 2016.**

### Statements CA1629

We have recently received a number of calls from Pension Scheme Administrator's (PSAs) requesting CA1629 - statements for individuals who reach State Pension age (SPa) on or after 6 April 2016.

We are no longer issuing CA1629 statements to PSAs for individuals who reach SPa on or after 6 April 2016. To replace the CA1629 statement we have developed the GMP Checker. (see below)

### **The "Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) Checker" formerly known as the GMP Micro Service availability from 06 April 2016**

From the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 the GMP Checker will be available to all Pension Scheme Administrators via GOV.UK to obtain GMP calculations and contributions and earnings information in respect of individual members of their Pension Scheme.

During the testing phase with a small number of schemes it was established not all Pension Scheme Administrators had easy access to their Pension Scheme Administrator Identification Details (PSAID) and therefore it has been decided to extend the enrolment details allowed to access the GMP checker.

To access the service you will need to populate the User ID and Password fields. This field will currently accept the ID and associated password for:

- Pension Scheme Administrator Identification Details (PSAID) and your associated password

And from 6<sup>h</sup> April you can also use

- Practitioner Identification Details (PID) and your associated password.

If you are having difficulty accessing the service please contact Online Services Helpdesk on 0300 200 3600

The GMP Checker will continue to be developed after the 6<sup>th</sup> April and it is intended that a bulk facility to allow scheme administrators to obtain calculations in respect of multiple members of the scheme will follow.

### **Enrolment problems –GMP calculation needed.**

*If you are unable to access the service due to enrolment issues and require an "event triggered" GMP calculation whilst resolving these issues, you can request this using Form CA1604 or AGLS via your current Live Schemes E-room. Form CA1604 can also be posted.*

**Any "event triggered" calculation requests received in HMRC by any other means, on or after 6th April 2016, will be returned to you.**

Events for scheme members are:-

- *Leaving your scheme*
- *Transferring from your scheme*
- *Reaching GMP payable age*
- *Reaching State Pension age*
- *Divorce*
- *Death*

*Please note, the following calculations are new from 6th April 2016 so can you please send these separate to other 'event triggered' calculation requests and note the top of the CA1604 'NEW CALCULATION TYPE'*

- *GMP Payable age calculation but the member has already reached State Pension Age and worked up to the Final Relevant Year or*
- *calculation with a Post 2016 termination date*

#### **Querying the GMP calculation.**

If you need to query the GMP amount that you receive from the GMP Checker or if the service advises that we cannot provide a GMP calculation, you can contact us via your existing LIVE Shared Workspace e-room.

You will be able to do this by completing the "GMP Service Queries" database shown in your LIVE shared workspace e-room, if the GMP Checker query database is not shown in your live e-room please contact [liveschemes.sharedworkspace@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:liveschemes.sharedworkspace@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk) noting GMP Checker query database in the subject header.

**However, HMRC will have limited resources in place to support queries generated as a result of using the GMP Checker and therefore the GMP Checker cannot and should not be used to reconcile scheme memberships. This should be done via our Scheme Reconciliation Service.**