

LGA Training Programme 2026

Our training programme includes training for employers, administrators, officers with governance responsibilities and pension committee and local pension board members. As requested, we will deliver training in a variety of formats.

We have two new courses available in 2026:

- Additional contributions – a half day online course covering additional pension contributions (APCs) and additional voluntary contributions (AVCs)
- Understanding tax allowances in the LGPS – a full day course available online and in person covering annual allowance, lump sum allowances and inheritance tax.

More information on all of our courses and their content is available on the [Training and Development pages](#) of www.lgpsregs.org.

Course availability

If you are unable to secure a place on any of the training courses listed below, please let us know by emailing training.lgps@local.gov.uk. We will do our best to put on additional courses where possible. For administrator training, each topic is limited to five attendees per organisation to ensure fairness. If you have more than five attendees, you may wish to consider [commissioning a training course](#).

Tutor led training

We limit our practitioner and employer training to a maximum of 18 attendees. This is to ensure that everyone has sufficient opportunity to interact with the trainer and other attendees. For this reason, and as a revenue protection measure, all online attendees are required to keep their cameras turned on for the duration of the training.

The cost of full day courses is £270 (plus VAT) per person for online training and £310 (plus VAT) for face-to-face training.

The cost of half day courses is £135 (plus VAT) per person. All half day courses are held online.

Aggregation – England and Wales

Table 1: Aggregation (full day course)

Dates	Location or online
30 April	Online
12 May	Online
29 October	Online
19 November	Online
2 December	London

Additional contributions – England and Wales

Table 2: Additional contributions (half day course)

Dates	Location or online
10 September	Online
22 September	Online
1 October	Online
13 October	Online
5 November	Online

Understanding tax allowances in the LGPS

Table 3: Understanding tax allowances in the LGPS (full day course)

Dates	Location or online
12 August	Online
19 August	Online – Scottish LGPS only*
8 September	London
15 October	Online
11 November	Online

*19 August 2026 is reserved for Scottish LGPS administrators. English and Welsh LGPS administrators should not attend this date. Scottish LGPS administrators are welcome to attend other dates but should be aware that the exercises and examples that use factors will be demonstrated using English and Welsh factors on other dates.

Survivor benefits – England and Wales

Table 4: Survivor benefits (full day course)

Dates	Location or online
22 July	Online
27 August	Online
24 September	Online
9 October	London
10 & 11 November (half days)	Online
7 December	Online

Retirements – England and Wales

Table 5: Intermediate Retirements (full day course)

Dates	Location or online
16 April	Online
5 May	Online
2 June	Online
10 June	London

Table 6: Advanced Retirements (full day course)

Dates	Location or online
29 April	Online
13 May	Online
24 June	Online
1 July	London

Insight – England and Wales

Insight is a foundation course aimed at administration staff who are relatively new to the LGPS.

Table 7: Insight training

Dates	Location or online	Cost
20 – 24 April	Online (mornings only)	£675 (plus VAT)
18 – 21 May	York residential	£965 (plus VAT)
6 – 10 July	Online (mornings only)	£675 (plus VAT)
7 – 10 September	Bournemouth residential	£965 (plus VAT)

Dates	Location or online	Cost
19 – 23 October	Online (mornings only)	£675 (plus VAT)

Employer role – England and Wales

Employer role is a course aimed at LGPS employers.

Table 8: Employer role training (full day course)

Dates	Location or online
21 April	Online
7 May	London
21 July	Online
19 August	Online
24 September	Online
27 October	Online
26 November	Online

Please let your employers know about this training.

Fundamentals – England and Wales

Fundamentals is a bespoke three-day training course aimed at councillors and others who attend pension committees/panels and local pension boards. Each day has a different theme and includes sessions delivered by experts in their field.

Table 9: Fundamentals

Day	Date	Location or online	Maximum numbers
Day 1	7 October	London	40
Day 1	21 & 28 October	Online	No limit
Day 2	5 November	London	40
Day 2	20 & 27 November	Online	No limit
Day 3	3 December	London	40
Day 3	9 & 16 December	Online	No limit

The cost for each day is £270 (plus VAT) per person for online training and £310 (plus VAT) for face-to-face training. Booking will open in the summer.

You can register your interest by completing this [form](#) to be notified as soon as bookings for fundamentals become available.

Other training

Commissioned training days

We are able to offer commissioned training in 2026 on the following topics:

- aggregations
- transfers
- retirements
- tax
- additional contributions
- survivor benefits
- insight
- employer role

The minimum number of attendees for our commissioned training is 15 with a maximum of 18. Commissioned training can be organised by one fund, or by a group of funds. Please contact training.lgps@local.gov.uk by **30 January 2026** with any requests for commissioned training. Please include the subject and whether you would prefer training to be delivered online or face-to-face and we will try to allocate this fairly.

Annual Governance Conference 2027 - save the date

Our 2027 annual governance conference will be taking place on 28 and 29 January 2027 in Harrogate.

Pensions qualifications

The LGPS Training and Development Team facilitates two pension qualifications:

- the Award in Pensions Essentials (level 2)
- the Certificate in LGPS Administration (level 3)

For more information on these qualifications please visit [pensions qualifications](#).

Feedback

If you have any feedback on our training programme, please email training.lgps@local.gov.uk

Disclaimer

We reserve the right to cancel or change the training dates where necessary.