



WS Stakeholder Pension Scheme

Uncrystallised Funds Pension Lump Sum Payment Instruction Form

Important Information

This form should be completed if you have a WS Stakeholder Pension Plan and you want to take all of your pension savings as an Uncrystallised Funds Pension Lump Sum (UFPLS) payment.

To qualify for this option:

- You must be aged 55 or over or meet the conditions to take benefits early under the ill-health rules.
- You must still have available Lifetime Allowance.

Continuing income in retirement and provision for dependants: Pension savings are designed to provide an income in retirement and potentially provide benefits for dependants. By choosing to take your full pension pot as a lump sum, this means that you will have no remaining pension savings in this plan to provide an income in retirement or for your dependants. Use of this pot may therefore impact your or your dependants' future requirements. You should therefore consider carefully the taking and use of this pot in light of all the circumstances including your other savings, investments, assets and liabilities, your needs and those of your dependants and the tax and other consequences of taking this lump sum.

Taxation: 25% of the pension sum is paid tax free, with the remaining 75% taxed as income, under Pay As You Earn (PAYE). Depending on how much other income you have, the value of income payments we make to you might push you into a higher rate tax bracket, even if you are not normally a higher rate taxpayer. This is important to remember, particularly if you are still working and drawing income from your pension savings. You can claim a refund of overpaid tax direct from HMRC. HMRC will usually respond within 30 days. See www.gov.uk/claim-tax-refund/you-get-a-pension or call your tax office for more information.

Inheritance Tax: Monies taken from your pension (tax-free cash, income payments or lump sums) form part of your estate if not used up before you die. Your estate may be liable to Inheritance Tax on such amounts. By contrast, any part of your pension pot that was untouched would not normally be liable to Inheritance Tax. If you are unsure about the effect that your chosen option will have on the amount of Inheritance Tax your beneficiaries may need to pay we recommend that you seek advice from a suitably qualified tax professional.

State Benefits: Taking your pension savings as an UFPLS could reduce or even stop any State Benefits you may currently receive or be entitled to in the future. Income payments from your pension savings may be included in your total income when assessing your eligibility for benefits.

Guidance: Pension Wise is a government service that offers free and impartial guidance about your retirement options. The guidance service is available via the internet, over the telephone or face-to-face and will explain what options you have and help you think about how to make the best use of your pension savings. Pension Wise also has an information website.

The Government is concerned that, since it was set up, only a small proportion of individuals accessing their pension pot for the first time have used Pension Wise guidance. The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) now requires us to check and record whether customers who are aged 50 and over have contacted Pension Wise to make full use of this free service and/or taken financial advice. At the time you come to access your funds, we will ask you to confirm whether you have used Pension Wise and/or taken financial advice.

Our team would be happy to assist in organising an appointment for you. Please get in touch to request this, and we can book a guidance appointment for you at a time and date that suits. Alternatively, should you prefer, you can book an appointment directly by going to www.moneyhelper.org.uk/pensionwise or calling 0800 138 3944. Please note, whether we book your appointment or not, we will still need to confirm and record whether you have used Pension Wise and/or taken financial advice.

3. TAKING YOUR BENEFITS AS AN UNCRYSTALLISED FUNDS PENSION LUMP SUM

Your lump sum payment will be paid to you by BACS transfer. We will only make payment into a sole or joint account in your name.

Name(s) of account holder(s)

Name of bank

Address

Please write your bank's name and address in **CAPITAL LETTERS**

Postcode

Bank account number

Bank sort code

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Confirming your identity

To protect you and us from financial crime, we may need to confirm your identity from time to time. Please refer to the accompanying Verification list which details the forms of documentation we require, and who can certify your documentation. Please send us two forms of documentation, one from List A and one from List B. This documentation must be a certified copy or an original.

4. RISK WARNING QUESTIONS – TAKING YOUR UFPLS AS CASH

Please answer the following questions and read the warnings carefully. You will need to consider what other action you may need to take before making your final decision. This is important as you may not be able to change your mind later.

Please tick 'yes' or 'no' as appropriate

Pensions guidance

Have you received pensions guidance from Pension Wise?

Yes No

WARNING: If you have ticked NO – we strongly recommend you contact Pension Wise as the decisions you are making are important and you may not be able to change your mind later on.

Financial advice

Have you received advice from a financial adviser?

Yes No

WARNING: If you have ticked NO – we recommend you seek advice from a financial adviser, especially if you are unsure of how your current or future needs might influence your decision.

Tax

Do you understand the tax implications of the option you are choosing?

Yes No

WARNING: If you have ticked NO – once you have taken your tax-free cash, any money you take will be taxed as income. This will be added to any other taxable income you receive. It may push you into a higher tax bracket.

Investment Scams

Are you aware how to protect yourself from investment scams?

Yes No

WARNING: If you have ticked NO – you should be careful with the money you're taking from your pension pot as fraudsters may be trying to steal your money. Some schemes can appear very genuine so make sure you are dealing with a reputable firm and protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Also watch out for investments that seem too good to be true.

Owing Money

Do you have any debts such as credit cards, loans or a mortgage? Yes No

WARNING: If you have ticked YES – once you have taken your pension pot it may be available to your creditors in the event that you fail to keep up your payments to them.

Means-tested benefits

Do you or your partner receive any means tested state benefits or might you be eligible for them in the future? (Means tested benefits include housing benefit, council tax deductions, income support, Universal Credit, income-based jobseeker's allowance and any benefit that pays for long-term care.) Yes No

WARNING: If you have ticked YES – your benefits may be reduced or stopped if you have assets or income above a certain level. You should check how this might affect you before you take your pension pot.

Continuing income in retirement

Do you expect your pension savings to provide you with an income for life? Yes No

WARNING: If you have ticked YES – you should understand that the charges, tax treatment and performance of your chosen investment may differ from your current pension. The investment returns on your current pension pot are free from income and capital gains.

Inheritance tax

Do you understand the Inheritance Tax implications of taking your pension pot? Yes No

WARNING: Monies taken from your pension (tax-free cash, income payments or lump sums) form part of your estate if not used up before you die. Your estate may be liable to Inheritance Tax on such amounts. By contrast, any part of your pension pot that was untouched would not normally be liable to Inheritance Tax.

Your dependants

Do you need to use your pension pot to provide for your financial dependants, such as a spouse or partner, when you die? Yes No

WARNING: If you have ticked YES – any money you take from your pension pot will reduce the amount available to provide for your dependants.

Lifetime Allowance

The Government limits the amount that you can build up in your pension savings before you incur a tax charge. This maximum is known as the Lifetime Allowance (LTA). You will incur a tax charge if the aggregate value of your pension benefits, taken across all of your pension schemes, exceeds the LTA.

Do you still have available Lifetime Allowance? Yes No

WARNING: If you have ticked YES - before we can pay benefits due to you from the WS Stakeholder Pension Scheme, we must check details of all other pension benefits either in payment, or that you may take up to and including your retirement date. You must supply confirmation that your benefits do not exceed the LTA before your Scheme benefits can be paid.

4. DECLARATION FOR TAKING YOUR BENEFITS AS AN UNCRYSTALLISED FUNDS PENSION LUMP SUM

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information provided is full and accurate and forms the basis upon which I will access my pension pot. I agree if any information is found to be incorrect, this will be adjusted accordingly.

I agree that any payments made under these instructions are in full discharge of all your liability under this Scheme.

This payment concludes my entitlement to benefits under this Scheme.

Lifetime Allowance Declaration

I confirm that any benefits taken from other pension arrangements have not extinguished my Lifetime Allowance.

5. AUTHORISATION

I authorise Waystone Management (UK) Limited to make an uncrystallised funds pension lump sum payment in accordance with these instructions and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Scheme that I have already agreed to in my original application.

Print name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Signature

Date

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Once completed the form should be returned to:

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