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### LGPS Employee Contribution Bandings 2019/20

The new bandings for employee contributions from 1 April 2019 are shown below.

Please arrange for your payroll provider to ensure that the revised bandings are applied in time for April's pay:

Annual pay bandings from 1 April 2019	Employee Contribution Rate (Main Section)	Employee Contribution Rate (50/50 section)
Up to £14,400	5.50%	2.75%
£14,401 to £22,500	5.80%	2.90%
£22,501 to £36,500	6.50%	3.25%
£36,501 to £46,200	6.80%	3.40%
£46,201 to £64,600	8.50%	4.25%
£64,601 to £91,500	9.90%	4.95%
£91,501 to £107,700	10.50%	5.25%
£107,701 to £161,500	11.40%	5.70%
£161,501 or more	12.50%	6.25%

### Member Queries

Where your employees have queries about the LGPS or Derbyshire Pension Fund, please refer them to our website whenever possible:

[derbyshirepensionfund.org.uk](http://derbyshirepensionfund.org.uk)

To prevent unnecessary queries to yourself, you may wish to share the above web address on your intranet and staff newsletters.

It is a valuable resource with guidance about all aspects of the LGPS and includes a pension calculator for members to use.

### Monthly Contribution Returns 2019/2020

The monthly contribution return (CR1) templates have been sent out for the new scheme year, which commenced 01 April 2019.

If you cannot locate your template and would like it to be resent, please email our Technical team:

[pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk)

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### III Health Retirement

In our newsletter 159, we passed on the recommendation that employees or ex-employees attending appointments with Independent Registered Medical Practitioners, should consider taking a friend, colleague, family member or union representative. Further to this, we can confirm that the medical practitioner, reserves the right to allow, or not allow, a second person into the consultation.

Any such requests should be made to the IRMP before the appointment.

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### LGPS Employer Discretions

Just a reminder to those employers who have yet to set or revise their discretions policies. The deadline for submitting them to the fund is the **14 May 2019**.

Guidance for setting your policy is in the [employers](#) section of our website.

The email address to submit your policy to is:

[pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.regs@derbyshire.gov.uk)

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### Year End Return

Please don't forget that your Year End return, for the 2018/2019 scheme year, should be submitted to [pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:pensions.tech@derbyshire.gov.uk) by the **18 April 2019**. If you need any assistance with the completion of the template, please let our Technical team know.

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### Pension Scheme for the Education Sector

We have become aware that a company called TPT Retirement Solutions have introduced a defined benefit scheme called the “**Pension Scheme for the Education Sector**” which they indicate is open to schools, colleges and academies.

To avoid any confusion, scheme employers in the education sector should note that most schools, colleges and academies are required **by law** to enrol non-teaching staff into the LGPS.

If you are contacted by TPT or wish to discuss your role as a scheme employer, please contact our Regulations and Communications Team on 01629 538862.

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**For further information regarding the new scheme year, including the automatic enrolment earnings bands, please see the Local Government Association's [bulletin 182](#).**

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**If you have any queries about the information provided in this Newsletter, or about the LGPS in general, please contact us at:**

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