

Public Service Pension Reduction (PSPR)

Updated Position:

Persons awarded a pension benefit from the 1st April 2019 will not be subject to The Public Service Pension Reduction (PSPR)

Background:

The Public Service Pension Reduction (PSPR) came into effect on 1 January 2011 for all pensions in payment on that date and awarded up to 29 February 2012 in accordance with the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (FEMPI) Act 2010. A lower rate of PSPR was introduced for people who retired on or after 01-Mar-2012

Under the Public Service Stability Agreement 2018-2020 (PSSA) a pension increase policy in respect of basic pay increases over the period 2018-2020 is legislated for under the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017.

Under this Act all pensions awarded from 1st April 2019 are not subjected to PSPR.

The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform has, in addition, published a “Frequently Asked Question” document relating to PSPR which can be accessed by following the link at the following website: <http://per.gov.ie/en/faq-documents/>.

Details of the changes in PSPR and the pension increase policy in the public service until end of 2020 are set out in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 02/2018.

That Circular can be accessed on the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform website at: <https://circulars.gov.ie/pdf/circular/per/2018/02.pdf>

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