

For the attention of members of the Network Rail Section of the Railways Pension Scheme (RPS),

I'm pleased to announce that the brand new RPS Retirement Planner is being released during the course of Wednesday 24th March and will be fully functional from Thursday 25th March on the RPS member website for members of the Network Rail Section of the RPS.

The RPS Retirement Planner is designed to show you what your annual income could be when you retire and how much you may be able to take as a tax-free lump sum.

It also lets you see what it might look like if you decide to start taking your benefits before claiming your State Pension and then level your income out afterwards. This is known as the 'level pension' option.

The RPS Retirement Planner is a quick and easy way to understand more about your RPS pension and make plans for your later life.

RPMI will be making even more improvements to the planner in the future.

If you haven't yet re-registered for your new RPS account, please do so at the following link <u>www.member.railwayspensions.co.uk/login</u>

To re-register for your RPS account, you will need your:

- National Insurance Number
- Date of birth
- Pensions Reference Number this can be found on any correspondence sent to you by the Railways Pension Scheme, such as your latest Annual Pension Estimate.

If you have not re-registered since the launch of the new RPS member portal in October 2020, please note that your previous RPS username and password won't allow you to enter the new member site, you have to re-register and create new login details and password.

You will need to use your 9 digit Pensions Reference Number and add /00 at the end, eg 123456789/00.

If you encounter any issues re-registering, some members have noticed that the internet browser they are using is out-of-date and have been able to register when using Google Chrome.

Alternatively, please contact the please contact the RPMI member helpline on 0800 012 1117 or email them at csu@rpmi.co.uk and they will be able to assist.

To help you register for your RPS account, please watch the registration video here.

Alternatively, you can read the step-by-step guide to registering <u>here</u>. You can find a number of useful 'how to' videos, guides and FAQ's, <u>here</u>.

Kind regards

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