

# Pension Credit Benefits Claim Form - (AW8PC)

Pensions

Before completing this form please read the Retirement Booklet and the guidance notes at the back of this form

## Part 1 - Scheme Reference Number

Please enter your NHS Pension Scheme reference number

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## Part 2 - About Yourself

Please write in CAPITAL LETTERS using BLACK INK

Title (e.g. Mr, Mrs, Miss, Dr)

Surname

Former surname (If applicable)

Other names

National Insurance number

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Date of birth (enclose your birth certificate with this form)

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Address

Post code									

Contact telephone number

Email address

## Part 3 - Type of Pension and Retirement Lump Sum

**3.1 Why are you claiming your Pension Credit benefits?** Please tick the box(es) which applies to you.

	1995 Section	2008 Section
Reached normal pension age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early payment of Pension Credit benefit. Your benefits will be actuarially reduced to take account of this*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early payment of Pension Credit benefit on Ill-health grounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commutated early payment of Pension Credit benefit based on Ill-health grounds (attach form AW341)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\*Please confirm when early payment of Pension Credit benefit should begin 

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**3.2 Which Section of the NHS Pension Scheme are you claiming your benefits from?**

<input type="checkbox"/> 1995 Section (please complete Part 3.3)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2008 Section (Please complete Part 3.4)
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### 3.3 1995 Section

Do you want an additional lump sum  
by giving up part of your pension?

Yes ☐

please continue below

No ☐

go to Part 4

If YES do you want the maximum  
additional lump sum permitted?

Yes ☐

go to Part 4

No ☐

please continue below

Please specify the additional amount required not more than the maximum amount permitted

Additional lump sum £  (whole pounds only)

(This is in addition to your normal lump sum entitlement)

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### 3.4 2008 Section

Do you wish to give up part of your  
pension to receive a lump sum?

Yes ☐

please continue below

No ☐

go to Part 4

If YES do you want the maximum  
lump sum permitted?

Yes ☐

go to Part 4

No ☐

please continue below

Please specify the additional amount required not more than the maximum amount permitted

Amount of lump sum £  (whole pounds only)

## Part 4 - HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) Information

To comply with HMRC legislation please answer the following questions. It is important that you complete these questions fully and correctly and supply any information asked for. Failure to do so will delay the payment of pension and lump sum and may cause all your benefits to have the Lifetime Allowance Charge (LTAC) applied to them.

**4.1** Have you any pension arrangements, this includes money purchase AVC's, that are separate from your main NHS pension benefits, either in payment or not?

Yes ☐ please continue

No ☐ go to question 4.6

**4.2** Will your annual pension from all your pension arrangements, including your pension share and any from the main NHS Scheme, be more than £40,000 per year?

Yes ☐ please continue

Don't know ☐ please continue

No ☐ go to question 4.6

**4.3** Excluding your main NHS pension benefits were any of your separate pension benefits in payment on or after 6 April 2006?

Yes ☐ please continue

No ☐ go to question 4.4

(i) Please give us the total combined percentage of LTA (to 2 decimal places i.e.43.21%) used by all your separate pension benefits in payment, excluding your main NHS Scheme benefits, on or after 6 April 2006.

- (ii) Date of first Benefit Crystallisation (The date accrued benefits are put into payment from another pension provider after 5 April 2006)

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**4.4** Excluding any main NHS pension benefits you may have were any of your separate pension benefits in payment **before 6 April 2006?**

Yes ☐ please continue

No ☐ go to question 4.5

- (i) Gross annual rate (before deduction of income tax) of pension(s) in payment, from your separate pension arrangements (not your main NHS pension) at the earlier of either today's date or a date at 4.3(ii).

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**4.5** If you are in receipt of any other benefits and you are unable to provide us with the answers to questions 4.3 and 4.4 we will only be able to process your application if we treat your NHS Pension Scheme benefits as entirely in excess of the LTA. This will mean the Scheme pays 55% of your lump sum and 25% of your pension directly to HMRC, unless you instruct NHS Pensions to defer payment of your benefits until you have gathered the necessary information.

If you would like us to do this, please tick this box. ☐

Alternatively please wait until you know what percentage of the LTA has been used before returning this form. You may need to contact the Scheme Administrator of your other pension arrangements for this.

**4.6.** Do you have any valid certificate of protection (e.g. the Enhanced, Primary, Fixed Protection (2012 or 2014) or Individual Protection 2014 certificate) from HMRC? If so, you must send a copy of the certificate(s) with this application form, or your benefits may be delayed.

Yes ☐ please give details below

Certificate number

No ☐

**Data Protection Act 1998: Fair Processing Notice**

*The NHS Business Services Authority - Pensions Division will only use the information that you have provided on this form for as long as is required by law. Your details will then be removed from our files. We will not transfer your Personal Data outside the European Economic Area or disclose it to any third party other than for the purposes of detecting and preventing fraud and errors or as required by law. We may contact you to discuss your application by any of the methods you have entered on this form.*



## Part 5 - Payment details

**About yourself.** Please write in CAPITAL LETTERS using BLACK INK

Title (e.g. Mr, Mrs, Miss, Dr)

Surname

Former surname (If applicable)

Other names

National Insurance number

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Date of birth

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Address

Post code									

Contact telephone number

Email address

### Bank/Building Society account details:

Name(s) of account holder (either applicant's own account or a joint account with someone else)

Branch sort code

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Account number to be credited

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and/or Building Society Roll No.

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Type of account

Current account - enter 0 ☐ Deposit account - enter 1 ☐

If your bank is outside the UK, please indicate which country your pension will be paid to:

Full name and address of your bank or building society in the UK, Channel Isles, Isle of Man or Irish Republic only

Post code									

You will need to complete the mandate for the payment to be made to an overseas bank and attach it to this form (see guidance notes).

### Other pensions:

Name

Reference Number

If you have any other pensions paid by **Paymaster** please give details, including Paymaster reference number of any other pension



## Part 6 - Declaration

Please sign and date this in the presence of a witness. The notes below explain who can witness.

### I DECLARE that:

- I have read the Retirement Booklet for members of the NHS Pension Scheme and the application guidance notes attached to this form.
- The information I have given is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. If I become aware of any change in the information given on the form, or any further new information relevant to the form, after I have sent it I hereby agree to notify NHS Pensions of those changes and any further or new information at the earliest possible opportunity.
- I will notify NHS Pensions if I recycle my NHS Pension Commencement Lump Sum
- I understand that I will have to repay any overpayment of pension if necessary.
- If I have Enhanced, Primary, Fixed protection or Individual Protection 2014 certificate from HMRC and I have enclosed a copy of the certificate.
- If I have either Fixed Protection 2012 or 2014 I declare I have checked for Benefit Accrual (Note 2 on the Certificate for Fixed Protection refers) and have not had Benefit Accrual up to and including the date of my retirement.
- I am entitled to and apply for my Pension Credit benefits from the NHS Pension Scheme.

Applicant's usual signature

Date

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**Please ask your witness to sign and complete the section below.**

**Witness:** The spouse or civil partner of an applicant may **not** witness.

### Persons who may witness -

A person registered in the U.K. as a parliamentary elector may witness in any part of the world.

**Outside of the United Kingdom**, the Declaration may also be witnessed by one of the following persons. They should state their qualification in the witness space below:

A listed or retired officer of Her Majesty's armed forces.  
 A permanent or retired civil servant of any country in the British Commonwealth or in the Irish Republic.  
 A member of Her Majesty's diplomatic service.  
 An authorised bank official.  
 A physician or surgeon registered in the territory where the Declaration is made.  
 A minister of religion.  
 A master of a merchant ship who is a British subject.  
 A Commonwealth or Irish Republic university graduate.  
 A magistrate.  
 A barrister, solicitor or advocate authorised to practise in the territory where the Declaration is made.  
 A Notary Public or other person competent by the law of the territory where the Declaration is made to administer oaths.

**In the Channel Isles:** A Channel Isle elector.

**In the Isle of Man:** An Isle of Man elector.

**I CERTIFY that the above Declaration was signed IN MY PRESENCE by the applicant, whom I believe to be the person named.**

Witness Signature

Please print your full name

Date

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Address

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If you are registered in the United Kingdom as a parliamentary elector, please tick this box: ☐

**If you are witnessing outside the United Kingdom** and you are **not** a U.K. parliamentary elector, please write your qualification, from the list above, in this box.

# Pension Credit Claim Form (AW8PC)

## - Guidance Notes for Applicants

### General

Before you complete the claim form you may need to read or download further information from the website at: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions).

Please complete and return the Census form which you should have received or downloaded with this form. If you do not have a Census form you can download one from the website at: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions). Please return this form and the Census form together with the certificates required to NHS Pensions, Hesketh House, 200-220 Broadway, Fleetwood, Lancashire FY7 8LG.

### Part 1 Scheme reference number

Please enter your Scheme reference number. It is an 8 digit number where the first 2 digits correspond to your year of birth eg if you were born in 1950, 50/123456. If you do not know your reference number leave this blank.

### Part 2 About yourself

Please enter details about yourself including your contact telephone number and email address, if you have one. You must enclose your original birth certificate or an original certified copy of it. If you do not have an original birth certificate you may send your original passport. All documents will be returned to you promptly.

### Part 3 Type of Pension and Retirement Lump Sum

#### 3.1

In this part of the form we ask you to indicate the reason you are claiming your Pension Credit benefits and the Section of the Scheme you are claiming them from by ticking the appropriate box(s). If you are unsure which section of the Scheme you are claiming your benefits from please refer to previous correspondence from us about your Pension Credit.

**Reached normal pension age.** You can claim this if you have reached the normal pension age of 60 for a Pension Credit in the 1995 Section or 65 for a Pension Credit in the 2008 Section.

**Early payment of Pension Credit benefit.** If you wish to claim your Pension Credit before you reach the normal pension age your benefits will be reduced to take account of this. If you have not previously received an estimate of your benefits you can see how much they will be reduced by in the table in the 'Early retirement' section of the Scheme Guide available on the website at: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions). You will need to supply the date from which you would like your Pension Credit benefits to be paid. The 'date' can be the later of your minimum pension age, the date you first made your enquiry about receiving these benefits or the date you sign this claim form. You must insert a date or your application form will be returned.

**Early payment of Pension Credit benefit on ill-health grounds.** You can claim this if you have been notified that your ill-health retirement application form AW240PC has been accepted.

**Commuted early payment of Pension Credit benefit on ill-health grounds.** Your Pension Credit retirement benefits can be paid as a one off lump sum if you are terminally ill. Remember to attach a form AW341, which you can get from the Member Forms section of the website at: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions)

### 3.2

Tick the appropriate box to indicate which Section of the Scheme you are claiming Pension Credit benefits from and follow the instruction to complete the relevant remaining questions in this part.

#### 3.3 1995 Section

If your pension sharing order came into effect before the retirement of your former spouse or civil partner you will receive a lump sum and you have the option to increase your lump sum by converting some of your pension. The maximum additional lump sum allowed under HM Revenue and Customs rules is 33/14 times your annual pension (before conversion to additional lump sum). You can claim any amount of additional lump sum up to a total of this maximum. Pension is converted to lump sum at the rate of £12 additional lump sum for every £1 of pension given up. You can find a calculator tool to help you model the amount of additional lump sum you can claim on the website at: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions).

If you are eligible for a lump sum you must indicate whether or not you want an additional lump sum by ticking the appropriate box. If you want an additional lump sum select either the maximum lump sum permitted or enter an additional lump sum amount in whole £s and in multiples of £12, which together with your standard lump sum is not greater than the permitted maximum lump sum.

If your pension sharing order came into effect after the retirement of your former spouse or civil partner you will not receive a lump sum and should leave this part blank.

#### 3.4 2008 Section

There is no basic lump sum entitlement but if your pension sharing order came into effect before the retirement of your former spouse or civil partner you do have the option of receiving a retirement lump sum by giving up a part of your pension. The maximum lump sum allowed under HM Revenue and Customs rules is 33/14 times your annual pension. You have to give up some of your pension to get a retirement lump sum. You will receive £12 of retirement lump sum for every £1 of pension you give up.

If you are eligible for a lump sum you must indicate whether or not you want a lump sum by ticking the appropriate box. If you want a lump sum then select either:

- the maximum lump sum permitted; or
- enter a lump sum in whole £s in multiples of £12, which is not greater than the permitted maximum lump sum.

If your pension sharing order came into effect after the retirement of your former spouse or civil partner you will not receive a lump sum and should leave this part blank.



## Part 4 HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) Information

To comply with HMRC legislation it is important that you complete these questions correctly. Failure to do so may delay the payment of your pension and lump sum.

### 4.1

You must answer this question. If you do not have any other pension arrangements outside the NHS Pension Scheme, tick 'No' and go straight to question 4.6. 'Any other pension arrangement' does not include any State pension benefits you are being paid or any pensions that you are being paid as a survivor or dependant.

### 4.2

If you have answered 'Yes' to question 4.1 you must also complete this question by ticking the appropriate box. If you answer 'Yes' or 'Don't know', you need to read or download the 'Limits on tax-free pension benefits factsheet' from the website at [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions) before completing the next question. If you tick 'No' go straight to question 4.6.



### 4.3

If you answer 'Yes' please complete both questions 4.3(i) and 4.3(ii). If you do not know the percentage of the Lifetime Allowance (LTA) used, or the date your benefits crystallised, your other pension provider(s) will be able to confirm these details for you. The date of the Benefit Crystallisation Event (BCE) cannot be before 6 April 2006. This date is important as it could affect the calculation of the LTA you have used. If you answer 'No' please continue to question 4.4.

### 4.4

If you answer 'Yes', because please complete question 4.4(i) confirming the total annual pension in payment at the earlier of either the date of the first BCE (see 4.3(i)), or the date you are completing this form. If you answer 'No' please go to question 4.5.

### 4.5

Please tick this box if you cannot provide the percentage figure and BCE date, or the amount of pension in payment for a pension that started before 6 April 2006 and you wish your benefits to be paid before you can confirm this information. Your application will be processed by treating your NHS Scheme benefits as entirely in excess of the standard LTA and applying the LTA Charge of 55% to your lump sum and 25% of the capital value of your pension (this is the pension payable multiplied by 20). When the details are known please let this office know in writing and the charges will be checked and amended as appropriate. Any over deducted charges will be returned. Please continue to question 4.6.

### 4.6

If you answer 'Yes' you must enclose a copy of your certificate with this application form and confirm the certificate reference number in the box provided. If you have more than one certificate then please add the reference number(s) to the form and enclose a copy of each protection certificate.

## Part 5 – Payment details

Please enter the details of Bank or Building Society where you would like your benefits to be paid. Your benefits will only be paid into a bank or building society account, as this is the safest method of payment. Complete this section fully to ensure Xafinity Paymaster can arrange payment of your benefits.

If your bank account is outside the UK, payments can be made direct, providing it is one of the countries listed in the 'Retirement Booklet' and it is capable of receiving secure electronic payments of funds. You will need to complete the mandate for the payment to be made to an overseas bank and attached it to this claim form. This is available from the website at: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions).

## Part 6 Declaration

You must read the declaration before you sign and date the application form in front of a witness and ask them to certify this by completing their details and also signing the form.

You must read the Retirement Booklet and any associated factsheets if you are unclear on any of the points in this section.

Information on the recycling of Pension Commencement Lump Sum is available in the 'Limits on tax-free pension' factsheet available from the website at: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pensions).