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Key Developments Likely to Affect  
Pension Schemes



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There are a number of legislative and regulatory changes in the pipeline.

Expected Date	Topic	Summary
<b>2023</b>		
<b>Early 2023</b>	Single code of practice	Regulator's new single code expected to be laid before Parliament, intended to come into force in early 2023.
<b>Early 2023</b>	State pension age (SPA)	Government to report on the latest review of SPA (the deadline is 7 May 2023).
<b>Early 2023</b>	Value for money (VfM)	DWP, alongside the Financial Conduct Authority and the Pensions Regulator, will consult on a new VfM framework.
<b>Early 2023</b>	CDC schemes	DWP plans to consult on design principles to accommodate new types of CDC schemes.
<b>2023</b>	Pensions Regulator	Extension of notifiable events framework had been expected to come into force on 6 April 2022 (DWP consulted until 27 October 2021) but the regulations are still awaited.
<b>2023</b>	DB superfunds	A response to the DWP's 2019 consultation on a new legislative framework is awaited. In the meantime, the Regulator has issued its own guidance.
<b>2023</b>	Helping savers understand their pension choices	DWP consulted until 25 July 2022 on what support members of occupational pension schemes need to help them make informed decisions about how to use their savings. A response is awaited.
<b>March 2023</b>	Scheme returns	DB schemes will have to provide more detailed asset class information in their annual scheme returns.
<b>April 2023</b>	Pensions dashboards	First wave of schemes will start connecting to the dashboards ecosystem - the exact date will depend on scheme size and type.
<b>6 April 2023</b>	DC investments	Regulations are expected to come into force that will exempt <i>specified performance-based fees</i> from the default fund charge cap; and introduce <i>explain</i>



		<i>and disclose</i> requirements for investment in illiquid assets.
<b>1 October 2023</b>	Scheme funding	It is expected that valuations with effective dates from 1 October 2023 will need to comply with the new legislation and revised code of practice.
<b>1 October 2023</b>	Statutory Money Purchase Illustrations (SMPIs)	Changes to assumptions used for SMPIs will take effect - these will also be used to illustrate DC pensions and projected funds shown on dashboards from then.
<b>2024</b>		
<b>April 2024</b>	Tax relief in net pay schemes	Low earners become entitled to top-up payments for contributions made in 2024/25 onwards (payable from 2026/27).
<b>Late 2024</b>	Climate change	Subject to consultation in 2023, climate risk governance and disclosure requirements may extend to smaller schemes (assets under £1 bn).
<b>Mid-2020s</b>	Auto-enrolment	The government's 2017 review proposed changes to the scope of the auto-enrolment duties, however no timeframe has been given as to when this might be taken forward.

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