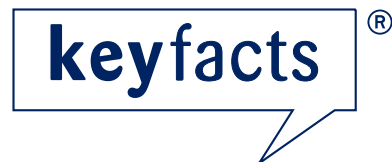


**This is an important document.
Please read it and keep for future reference.**



Key features of the Pension Fund Withdrawal Plan

(set up by a transfer of contracted-out funds)

from Standard Life



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The Financial Services Authority is the independent financial services regulator. It requires us, Standard Life, to give you this important information to help you to decide whether our Pension Fund Withdrawal Plan (PFWP) is right for you. If you're a new customer you should read this document carefully so that you understand what you're buying. If you're an existing customer you should read this document to help you with any changes you might be making to your PFWP. Please keep it safe for future reference.

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Helping you decide

This key features document will give you information on the main features, benefits and risks of the Standard Life PFWP.

A personal illustration is also enclosed. It will show you the benefits you may get in the future.

Your key features document and personal illustration should be read together.

You can only buy this product through a financial adviser. Your financial adviser will give you advice and answer any questions you may have. Our Customer Centre will always be happy to answer any of your questions or give you more information but they can't give you financial advice. Our contact details can be found on page 13.

Other documents you should read

Investor's Fund List (SLSIP5g)

A guide which gives you details of the funds you can choose to invest in.

Policy Provisions (PFWP63)

Provides full details of the terms & conditions that apply to this plan.

Your financial adviser can provide you with these documents.

1. Its aims

To provide a tax-free lump sum and a regular income when you retire.

To give you control over your investments.

To give you choice over how and when you take your retirement benefits.

To allow you to take a regular income from your fund, while still remaining invested.

To provide a regular income for your spouse or civil partner on your death, or a lump sum if you're not survived by a spouse or civil partner.

2. Your commitment

To transfer contacted-out funds to the plan that meet our product minimum.

To remain invested in the plan until you choose to take your benefits, and then use it to buy your pension or take an income. You cannot cash in this plan at any time, although you can transfer it to another pension provider or registered pension scheme at any time before you start taking a pension.

To wait until you are at least age 55 before taking your benefits.

To take your tax-free lump sum and income within the limits set by HM Revenue & Customs.

To regularly review your plan to check it's meeting your needs now and for the future.

To buy an annuity before age 75, or to transfer to another product which allows Alternatively Secured Pension (ASP).

3. Risks

This section is designed to tell you about the key product risks that you need to be aware of at different stages of the plan.

At the start of the plan

If you change your mind and want to cancel the plan, the amount we return may be less than the amount we received. See 'Can I change my mind?' on page 11 for more information.

You're transferring benefits from another pension scheme and there is no guarantee that what you'll get back from the Pension Fund Withdrawal Plan (PFWP) will be higher. You may get back less. You may also be giving up certain rights in your other pension scheme that you'll not have with the Standard Life PFWP.

Investment

Investment funds can vary in their level of risk and their value can go up or down. What you'll get back depends on the investment performance of the funds you choose to invest in and is not guaranteed. You may not get back as much as you pay in.

You should consider investing in a variety of asset classes and a range of investments within those asset classes. By investing in this way, you are spreading the risk and not relying on the performance of a single investment or asset class.

There are other investment risks you need to be aware of. These include:

- For funds investing in overseas assets, the sterling value of these assets may rise and fall as a result of changes in the exchange rate. Overseas assets can be subject to additional risk from the economic and political situation in other countries.
- In order to maintain fairness between customers remaining in and those leaving a fund, we may, in exceptional circumstances, delay transferring or switching all or part of your funds. The delay could be for up to one month, or up to 6 months for those funds which invest directly or indirectly in buildings or land, because property can be difficult to sell. The delay could be much longer if a

fund is linked to the fund of an external fund manager and that fund allows a longer delay. If we delay transferring or switching, we will use the unit prices that apply on the day on which the transfer or switch actually takes place. The prices on that day could be very different from the prices on the day that you made your request.

- External fund managers are responsible for the management of their funds. Standard Life is not responsible for the investment performance or availability of these funds.

For further information about the investments available on your PFWP and the risks involved, please refer to 'Investor's Fund List' (SLSIP5G).

Transferring Out

There may be a cost deducted on transferring out of your plan depending on the commission taken (for more information, please see 'Other information about commission' on page 10).

Taking an income (income drawdown)

Taking an income is usually only suitable if you have a pension plan worth at least £100,000, or have other assets or income to live on. However, regardless of the size of your plan, you still need to decide if this is the right choice for you.

How your investments perform can have an impact on the amount of income you can take. Your maximum income limit will be recalculated at least every 5 years and will be based on a number of factors including the value of your investments. See 'Income drawdown' on page 8 for details of how the limit is calculated.

Taking an income will reduce the value of your plan, especially if investment returns are poor and a high level of income is being taken. In extreme circumstances the value of your plan could reduce to zero.

Buying a pension

What you get back when you retire isn't guaranteed. Your pension may be lower than shown in your personal illustration. This could happen for a number of reasons, for example if:

- investment performance is lower than illustrated
- the cost of buying an annuity when you retire is higher than illustrated, for example due to interest rates being lower and/or people living longer
- tax rules and legislation change
- plan charges increase above those illustrated
- payments into the plan are lower than illustrated
- you buy your pension at a different age from the age you asked us to use in your illustration
- you decide to take a level of income which is higher than we have illustrated
- any commission is taken

4. Questions & answers

This section will help answer questions you may have. We start with some general questions and then cover payments, investment choices, benefits at retirement, tax, charges & discounts, and ways for you to pay your adviser. We end the section with 'Other important questions' on page 11.

What is a PFWP?

The PFWP is designed to accept transfers of contracted-out funds built up under other pension schemes or policies and is aimed at people looking for flexibility in their retirement income.

Contracted-out funds include Protected Rights (PR), Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP) and Section 9(2B) Rights.

Taking your benefits – how flexible is it?

You'll have lots of choices when you're ready to take your benefits from your plan. You can choose from an income, or a pension. You can also normally take a tax-free lump sum. See page 7 for more information.

Can I take out a PFWP?

You can take out a PFWP if you're under age 75 and resident in the UK.

If you're resident overseas, you may be eligible to make a transfer payment from a UK scheme into this plan but it all depends on the country in which you're resident. Speak to your financial adviser for more details.

Is this a Stakeholder pension?

This plan is not a Stakeholder pension. Our minimum payment is higher and charges can be higher than the government Stakeholder standards. Stakeholder pensions may meet your needs as well as this PFWP.

Your financial adviser will be able to advise which pension plan is more suitable for you.

What should I consider when transferring benefits from another pension scheme?

You need to think about things such as:

- can this PFWP match the benefits you're giving up?
- are there any early retirement or ill health considerations?
- what level of benefits do you want to provide for your dependants?

Can I cash in my plan?

You can't cash in your plan at any time.

Should I seek advice?

It's essential that you take financial advice and continue to do so during the lifetime of the plan.

4.1 What payments can be made?

What are the PFWP minimum payments?

If you have a Standard Life Self Invested Personal Pension (SIPP), then the minimum transfer payment is £10,000. If you do not have a SIPP, the minimum transfer payment is £50,000.

How much can be paid into my plan each year?

There is no minimum amount for any additional transfer payments to an existing plan.

Payment Methods

Transfers from other providers can be paid by cheque or telegraphic transfer.

4.2 What are my investment choices?

You have a wide range of investment-linked funds to choose from. We also offer a range of externally managed funds to increase this choice.

Investment-linked funds are made up of 'units':

- Your payments are used to buy units in the funds you choose.
- The price of one unit in each fund depends on the value of the underlying investments.
- The value of your investment is based on the total number of units you have in each fund. If the unit prices rise or fall, so will the value of your investment.

Who will manage my investments?

You can make investment decisions on your own or with a financial adviser.

If you need more information, please ask your financial adviser for a copy of our 'Investor's Fund List' (SLSIP5g).

Other information about investments

You can change investments at any time.

It's important to regularly review your investments.

4.3 What benefits can I take at retirement?

You can:

- buy a pension (known as an annuity)
- take an income (known as income drawdown).

With these options you may also have the opportunity to take a tax-free lump sum.

Whatever option you choose, the income and tax-free lump sum taken can't be more than the limits set by HM Revenue & Customs.

Taking your retirement benefits

You can start taking retirement benefits from age 55.

Normally, retirement benefits will only be payable before age 55 on grounds of ill health. If your current state of health gives you cause for concern you should speak to your financial adviser before making any decisions about your retirement benefits.

Tax-free lump sum

You can normally take up to 25% of your plan as a tax-free lump sum. But you don't have to take a tax-free lump sum if you don't want to. You'll then use the rest of your plan to buy a pension or to take income drawdown.

Any tax-free lump sum must be taken before age 75 or you'll lose this option.

Buy a pension (annuity)

This means that you pay your pension fund to an insurance company of your choice, who will in return pay you a pension for the rest of your life.

When you decide to buy a pension it will be bought using the annuity rates at that time.

Take an income (income drawdown)

As an alternative to buying a pension, you can take an income from your fund. Careful consideration should be taken before you take an income (See 'Risks' on page 5).

To start taking an income from your plan, the plan value must be at least:

- £50,000 if you haven't taken your tax-free lump sum, or
- £37,500 if you have taken your tax-free lump sum.

The above minimums apply to the combined values of both the SIPP and PFWP plans.

Income drawdown

With this option you'll have the freedom to choose, and change, the level of income you take.

You can choose an income anywhere between the minimum and maximum limits allowed (it's HM Revenue & Customs that set these limits).

You can even choose to take an income of £0 and just take your tax-free lump sum.

The limits that apply will depend on your age, sex and the returns from Government securities, and are calculated from the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) tables. We recalculate the limits that apply to you at least once every five years.

4.4 What about tax?

Tax relief on your payment

Capital Gains Tax

The funds you invest in are not liable for UK Capital Gains Tax.

Lifetime Allowance

HM Revenue & Customs has a lifetime allowance on the total funds in pension plans that can be used to provide benefits for you.

This allowance is £1.8 million for the tax years 2010/11 to 2015/16 inclusive.

Any funds over this allowance will be liable to a tax charge of 55% for a lump sum, or 25% if taken as a pension.

If you registered for primary or enhanced protection with HM Revenue & Customs before 6 April 2009 then you may have a higher personal allowance or the lifetime allowance may not apply. Speak to your financial adviser for more details.

Tax treatment on your benefits

Tax-free lump sum

You can normally take up to 25% of your plan as a tax-free lump sum.

However you could face a tax charge if you 'recycle' your tax-free lump sum into your existing or new pension plan. See our fact sheet 'Recycling of lump sums' (GEN449) for more information.

Income Tax – pension & income payments

Any income you take from the fund, or pension you buy, will be taxed as earned income under normal pay-as-you-earn (PAYE) rules.

Tax – death benefits

If you die before 75 and before taking any benefits from your plan, any lump sum paid out on your death that exceeds your remaining Lifetime Allowance will be taxed at 55%.

If you die before age 75 during income drawdown, any lump sum paid from your drawdown fund will be taxed at 35%.

Please ask your financial adviser to talk you through our 'A Guide to Death Benefits' (SLSIP11).

Other information about tax

A tax year runs from 6 April in one year to 5 April in the next year.

Tax rules and legislation may change.

The value of tax relief may change and will depend on your financial circumstances.

The information we have given is based on our understanding of law and HM Revenue & Customs practice at March 2010.

4.5 What are the charges & discounts?

This section shows you the main charges and discounts that apply. It should be read together with our SLIP Pension Fund List (SLSIP5g) and your personal illustration. It may also be helpful for you to refer back to page 7 for a reminder of investment terms used in this section.

Charges under the PFWP vary depending on the type of fund you choose. If you have a combination of different funds then more than one charge may apply.

Charges

Fund Management Charge

This is for the management of your funds and for our administration costs. The charge varies depending on the funds you choose to invest in.

You can find details of each fund management charge in our 'Investor's Fund List' (SLSIP5g).

This lists funds available to PFWP and SIPP customers. SLIP is simply a reference for SIPP customers and is not relevant to PFWP customers.

Additional expenses

Fund managers may charge an additional expense to cover costs such as fees for trustees, registrars, auditors, and regulators. This charge is likely to vary.

Details of the current additional expenses for each fund can be found in our 'Investor's Fund List' (SLSIP5g).

Discounts

If your plan value is large, we'll reduce the effect of the fund management charge by adding extra units each month to the funds you're invested in.

The extra units are calculated on the value of your plan at a yearly rate of:

- 0.3% if your investment is between £50,000 and £249,999
- 0.4% if your investment is between £250,000 and £499,999
- 0.5% if your investment is £500,000 or more.

Other information about charges

The charges and additional expenses are not guaranteed. They are regularly reviewed and may be changed in the future.

Your personal illustration shows our charges and the effect they have on reducing the value of your investments over the term of your plan.

4.6 How can I pay my financial adviser?

This section shows you the types of commission available to pay your financial adviser.

Your personal illustration will show the commission options you have chosen. It will also show what charges may apply and the effect they could have on reducing the value of your investment(s) over time. You should speak to your financial adviser in the first instance if you have any questions.

When we talk about the 'current value' below, we mean the value of your payment(s) at the time we collect the charge.

Commission

Initial Commission (for which we make an Initial Charge)

You can choose up to a maximum of 5% of the payment you're making.

We'll take a charge of 0.1% for each 0.1% of commission we pay, and this will be deducted from the payment after it's been invested.

Funded Initial Commission (for which we make an Additional Charge)

You can choose up to a maximum of 3% of the payment you're making.

We'll take a monthly charge, at a yearly rate of 0.2% for every 1% of commission we pay, from the current value of the payment. We'll do this over a period of 6 years from the date the payment is made.

Funded Initial Commission is not available if you're 69 or over.

Fund Based Renewal Commission (for which we make a Regular Charge)

You can choose up to a yearly maximum of 1% of the current value of the payment.

We'll take a charge at a yearly rate of 0.01% for every 0.01% of commission we pay and will deduct this from your plan.

Other information about Commission

Additional charge

We'll apply a transfer charge if you transfer out, or buy a pension with any part of your plan that is subject to an 'additional charge'. This charge can also increase if you take a tax-free lump sum, or choose initial commission.

4.7 Other important questions

What happens to my PFWP when I die?

This is a complex area and should be considered carefully. This section provides a short summary, for full details you should ask your financial adviser to talk you through the protected rights section of our 'A Guide to Death Benefits' (SLSIP11).

If you are survived by your spouse or civil partner, they must either:

- take an income and delay buying a pension, or
- buy a pension (they must buy a pension before their 75th birthday).

If the fund is less than or equal to 1% of the Standard Lifetime Allowance (£18,000 for tax years 2010/11 to 2015/16 inclusive), they will receive a lump sum instead that's subject to income tax.

If you are not survived by a spouse or civil partner, we will normally pay the proceeds as a lump sum. The lump sum will be paid as instructed by you or to your estate if you did not give us instructions.

If your spouse or civil partner buys a pension they can choose a pension that remains level or one that increases each year by a fixed rate up to a maximum of 8.5%.

Can I transfer my plan?

You cannot transfer your plan to another pension scheme unless the receiving scheme is capable of accepting contracted-out funds. It's important that you check with the administrator of the scheme you want to transfer to that they will accept the transfer.

Can I change my mind?

You have a legal right to cancel your payment if you change your mind. You have 30 days, from the date you receive your plan documents to cancel.

At the end of the 30 day period you'll be bound by the terms and conditions of the plan and any money received by Standard Life will not be refundable under the cancellation rule.

You have cancellation rights on the following:

Transfer payments

Before we can return a transfer payment, you must speak to the transferring scheme to get their agreement to accept the money back.

If they will not accept it back, and you still want to cancel, then you must arrange for another pension provider to accept the payment.

If the value of your investment falls before we receive your instruction to cancel, we may deduct an equivalent amount from the refund.

The transferring scheme may charge you for taking the payment back.

Taking an income (income drawdown)

When you first decide to take income from your plan, you'll have a right to change your mind.

You have 30 days, from the date you receive your income drawdown documents, to cancel.

Within 30 days of us receiving your request to cancel, you'll need to return any tax-free lump sum and income we've already paid you. If you fail to return all the monies to us within 30 days you'll lose the right to cancel.

You won't have a right to cancel any later decisions you make about taking your income from your plan, apart from the amount and/or frequency of income you take.

How do I cancel?

If you decide you want to cancel you should write to us. See 'How to contact us' on page 13.

How will I know how my PFWP is doing?

Online

We'll automatically register you for our online service (you'll get a user id and password when we set up your plan).

You can then check your plan details on our website:

www.standardlife.co.uk

Yearly statement

We'll send you a yearly statement to show how your plan is doing.

You can also get a valuation or illustration by calling our SIPP Customer Centre. See 'How to contact us' on page 13.

If you're withdrawing an income, we'll send you a review pack every five years before age 75, and then, if you transfer to our SIPP, every year after age 75. This pack will include up-to-date information about your plan and any changes to the income limits.

5. Other information

How to complain

We have a leaflet that summarises our complaints handling procedures. If you would like to see a copy please contact us.

If you need to complain, write to us at the address shown in 'How to contact us' on page 13.

If you aren't satisfied with our response you may be able to complain to:

The Financial Ombudsman Service
South Quay Plaza,
183 Marsh Wall
London E14 9SR

Call:
0845 080 1800

e-mail:
complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Website:
www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Complaining to the Ombudsman won't affect your legal rights.

Plan terms and conditions

For a full summary you should read 'The policy provisions for your Pension Fund Withdrawal Plan' (PFWP63).

We have the right to change some of the plan terms and conditions. We'll write to you and explain if this happens.

Law

The law of Scotland will decide any legal dispute.

Language

The English language will be used in all documents and future correspondence.

Compensation

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) has been set up to provide protection to consumers if authorised financial services firms are unable, or likely to be unable, to meet claims against them.

Your contract with us will normally be covered, however, it is important to note that different limits apply to different types of investment. In some circumstances, you might not be eligible for any compensation under the FSCS.

The availability of compensation depends on:

- The type of product you are invested in
- The type and structure of the investments you choose within your product
- The country the investments are held in
- Whether you were resident in the UK at the time you took out the contract with us. If you were not resident in the UK, you may be eligible for compensation from an equivalent scheme in the country you were resident in.

Pensions and other medium to long term products are normally covered under the long term contract of insurance which covers 90% without any limit.

For further information on the compensation available under the FSCS please check their website www.fscs.org.uk

If you have any questions about whether your contract is covered or not, you can speak to your financial adviser or contact us directly.

6. How to contact us

Call

0845 0845 000 (call charges may vary)

Please have your plan number ready when calling.

Fax

0131 245 3221

e-mail

SIPP_CustomerCentre@standardlife.com

There is no guarantee that any e-mail sent to us will be received, or will not have been tampered with. You should not send personal details by e-mail.

Write

SIPP Customer Centre
Standard Life Assurance Limited
Dundas House
20 Brandon Street
Edinburgh
EH3 5PP
United Kingdom

Advice, questions and help

Your financial adviser should be your first point of contact, as our SIPP Customer Centre can't give any financial advice.

If you have any questions or would like to make any changes to your plan, please contact us. Your queries will be dealt with during business hours.

7. About Standard Life

Standard Life Assurance Limited's product range includes pensions and investments.

Standard Life Assurance Limited is on the Financial Services Authority Register. The registration number is 439567.

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Speak soon.

If you'd like further information on this or any of our other products, or if there's anything more about Standard Life we can help you with, just call us on this number, or visit our website. Call charges may vary and your call may be recorded or monitored to improve our service.

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