

Pensions and retirement planning

R04: 2017–18 edition

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Please note the following updates to your copy of the R04 study text:

Change to money purchase annual allowance



Be aware

The Government has announced that the second 2017 Finance Bill to be introduced in the autumn will legislate for policies, such as the reduction of the money purchase annual allowance (MPAA), that have already been confirmed as applying from the start of the 2017/18 tax year. The dates of application will be retained and applied as originally announced. Examinations from 1 September 2017 onwards will, therefore, test on the basis that the reduced MPAA applies for the 2017/18 tax year.

This change affects the following section:

- Chapter 2, section B, pages 2/12–2/31.

Chapter 5, section A1E, page 5/3

Please amend the fourth paragraph as follows (amendment in **bold**):

Small self-administered schemes (SSASs) are aimed at company directors and senior employees. A SSAS is defined as a self-administered scheme that **typically** has less than twelve members, all of whom must be trustees. They offer a separate pension option for directors and senior employees due to their special additional features and, in particular, for the investment options they provide. SIPP and SSASs have a lot of features in common; they also have some important differences.

Change to State pension age



Be aware

The Government has announced that, following its decision to accept the recommendations of the Cridland report, the rise in the State pension age (SPA) to 68 will now be phased in between 2037 and 2039. This is instead of two years starting in 2044, as is currently legislated for in the Pensions Act 2007. The change will affect anyone born between 6 April 1970 and 5 April 1978. The Government also announced it would carry out a further review, which is due in July 2023, before legislating to bring forward the new rise in the SPA. Candidates should ensure they stay up to date with developments.

This change affects the following section:

- Chapter 7, section A8, pages 7/12–7/13.