

Public Service Superannuation Plan

Pension News



Serving the needs of Retired members.

Winter 2009-10

Reminder - December 2009 Pension Benefit

As always, your pension benefit will be paid on the third last banking day of December. This will be December 29, 2009. ■

2009 T4A Form

Your 2009 T4A Form will be mailed on or before February 28, 2010. If you have moved recently, please ensure you have contacted NSPA with your change of address so there is no delay in getting your form to you. ■

Notification of Pension Benefit Bank Deposit

You receive a notification of your pension deposit in the month of January each year. Since you only receive this notification once a year in January, it is important to keep your statement in a safe place so you can refer back to it throughout the year if you need to. ■

Don't Forget to Contact NSPA

If . . .

- your address has changed;
- your name has changed;
- your marital status has changed;
- you have made changes to any of the banking details for your pension payment;
- you would like more income tax deducted from your monthly pension benefit. ■

Power of Attorney or Representation Agreement

It is important to keep your personal information up to date. Besides the most common things such as address, banking, and marital status changes, you should also advise us if you draw up a power of attorney or representation agreement. If we don't know someone else is representing you, we can't get important information to them so they can act on your behalf. Please send us a photocopy of these agreements.

This will aid us in serving you to the best of our abilities. ■

When a Retired Member Dies

Please notify the Nova Scotia Pension Agency of a retired member's death. Pension benefits stop at the end of the month in which the retired member dies. It is best we are notified immediately so the deceased retired member is not overpaid and their beneficiary/estate may avoid repayment issues.

When we are notified of a retired member's death, we will write to the executor, spouse, or designated beneficiary explaining details about pension benefits.

In the event of a retired member's death you may contact us using the contact information at the bottom of this page. To help you, the following is a list of other organizations you may also need to contact:

- Service Canada 1-800-277-9914 regarding Canada Pension Benefits and Old Age Security Benefits
- deceased's lawyer - regarding the will
- local land title office - to transfer land titles
- motor vehicles branch - to cancel a driver's licence
- car insurance company - to cancel or change car insurance
- life insurance company - in the event life insurance is payable
- utility company - to change the name on your bills
- banks, financial institutions, credit card companies. ■

Phone: 424.5070 (Halifax area) | 1.800.774.5070 (toll free in N.S.) | Fax: 902.424.0662

Email: pensionsinfo@gov.ns.ca | PO Box 371, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2P8

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2010 Direct Deposit Dates for Your Public Service Pension

Your 2010 pension payments will be deposited directly to your bank account on the third last banking day of each month.

If you have not yet enrolled in direct deposit and wish to, please contact NSPA and we will be happy to mail a direct deposit form to you. If you would rather download the form from our web site please go to www.novascotiapension.ca, click Public Service Plan, Pensioners, Forms, Direct Deposit Form. You will have to take the form to your bank to complete their section.

Alternatively, you may mail a void cheque to our office. With the void cheque, you must include a letter stating that you wish to enrol in direct deposit. Also, you must provide your full name, date of birth, complete mailing address with postal code, telephone number, and e-mail address (if you have one).

2010 Direct Deposit Dates	Jan 27	April 28	July 28	Oct 27
	Feb 24	May 27	Aug 27	Nov 26
	March 29	June 28	Sept 28	Dec 29

Helpful Contact Information for You

Service Canada

Canada Pension Plan & Old Age Security

1-800-277-9914 (English)
1-800-277-9915 (French)
1-800-255-4786 (TTY device)
For the mailing address, please give them a call as it varies by province.

Health Care Contact For Group Life Insurance and Health Plan

Nova Scotia Public Service Commission, PO Box 943
Halifax, NS B3J 2V9
PSCBenefitInquiries@gov.ns.ca
Phone: 902-424-7685 or 902-424-3240 or 902-722-1313
Fax: 902-424-0638

Facts & Statistics

The following facts and statistics were published in the Actuarial Valuation Report of the Plan at December 31, 2008:

- The total membership of the Plan was 30,160. This includes:
 - 16,629 active members;
 - 11,646 pensioners and survivors;
 - 1,885 inactive/deferred members.
- The average age of public service pensioners was 69.4, same for 2007.
- In 2008, 532 pensions were initiated for new public service pensioners; 547 in 2007.

The Financial Statements of the Plan at March 31, 2009 reported the following:

- The total annual pension payroll was \$205.8 million, compared to 194.5 million at March 31, 2008.

Please note: Facts & statistics for 2009 will be published in the Plan's Financial Statements in the spring of 2010. ■

Who are We?

The Nova Scotia Pension Agency is a special operating agency of the Government of Nova Scotia. We are located in downtown Halifax at Purdy's Landing, 1949 Upper Water Street, 4th Floor.

We serve active and retired members of the Public Service Superannuation Plan and Teachers' Pension Plan, as well as other smaller plans. Our team of employees includes investment managers, pension administrators, accounting and actuarial professionals, data analysts, web and systems managers, and support and administrative staff.

Our goal is to protect your pension and serve you to the best of our abilities. We count on you to let us know how we're doing. ■