



**Canada Life**

**Age 75 lifetime allowance information  
and excess instruction form**



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Member's name

Policy/plan number(s)

NI No.

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### About the Lifetime allowance

The lifetime allowance is the limit on the total value of pension rights that you can build up across all your UK registered pension schemes during your lifetime before a tax charge, called the lifetime allowance charge, applies.

The basic limit is called the 'standard lifetime allowance' (SLA). The SLA is £1,073,100 in tax year 2020/2021.

Most people have their pension rights tested against the SLA.

Some people with very high value pension funds hold what's known as 'lifetime allowance protection' with HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC), giving them a higher personal lifetime allowance than the standard.

A lifetime allowance check is made each time benefits are taken and usually for the last time, at age 75 on:

- 'Uncrystallised' benefits. This means any remaining pension funds (pots) and entitlements you have not yet accessed, or received any payments from, or placed into income drawdown; and
- Investment growth on 'crystallised' benefits. This means investment growth on pension funds you still hold in income drawdown arrangements/products at age 75 that you first placed into drawdown on or after 6 April 2006.

Uncrystallised benefits and investment growth left in drawdown funds have to be tested at age 75 because they are as yet 'untested' for lifetime allowance purposes. Such benefits are referred to as 'untested' in question 3 of Part 1 of this form.

The check at age 75 is compulsory, required by pensions tax legislation. It is usually the last time your benefits will be tested. The purpose of the check is to find out if all your remaining pension pots/benefits are still within your lifetime allowance (no charge arises) or over it (resulting in a charge).

This means that we will need certain information about your pensions in order to carry out the check. We do not need to know about any death/survivor's benefits you are receiving and any state pension benefits due or in payment to you.

#### Please complete and return this form to us if:

- You have **lifetime allowance protection** with HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC).
- You have **no protection** but you have **already exceeded**, or **will exceed**, the standard lifetime allowance at age 75.

The **purpose of this form** is to obtain the information we need to:

- calculate whether the total value of all your pension benefits is under or over your lifetime allowance at age 75;
- identify and agree the amount of any Excess over your lifetime allowance with you; and
- verify and if necessary, report the use of your protection status to HMRC.

### Part 1 – Information we need to calculate/verify your lifetime allowance

**About any other pension benefits you have already taken or are still to take (including drawdown funds)**  
(Except UK state pension and any dependant's/widow's/widower's pensions.)

#### 1. Have you taken any benefits, invested in income drawdown or transferred overseas on or after 6 April 2006?

Yes - Please complete the table      No

Scheme/provider	Date taken DD/MM/YYYY	% of lifetime allowance used ①	or Total value (amount crystallised) ①	Protection type held at the time ①	
				Insert protection type held/none	Insert protected amount if IP14 or IP16
		%	£		£
		%	£		£
		%	£		£
		%	£		£

① You should have received a statement showing the percentage used on taking these benefits, including tax-free cash and certain other lump sums paid to you. It should show the percentage of your protected amount (this is what we need) if you held fixed or individual protection giving you a higher allowance than the SLA at the time. If you are unsure, contact the scheme/provider that paid the benefits. If you insert an amount instead of a %, please tell us if you held one of those protections at the time (and your protected amount).

## Part 1 – continued

### 2. Have you taken any benefits or invested in income drawdown, before 6 April 2006?

Yes - Please complete the table      No

Annuity and scheme pension income	Total amount of income in payment to you from all sources, on the earliest date in table 1 (if applicable) or at age 75 (if table 1 is not applicable).	£ yearly (before tax)
Capped drawdown & Unsecured drawdown	Maximum amount available on the earliest date in table 1 (if applicable) or maximum available at age 75 (if table 1 is not applicable).	£ yearly (before tax)
Flexi-access drawdown converted from Capped drawdown	Maximum amount available under <b>capped rules</b> immediately before converting to flexi-access.	£ yearly (before tax)
Flexi-access drawdown, held as Flexible drawdown on 5 April 2015	Date of your declaration to flexi-access drawdown. (DD/MM/YYYY)	/ /
	Maximum amount available under <b>capped rules</b> immediately before your declaration was accepted.	£ yearly (before tax)

You can ask the scheme/provider for this information. We don't need to know about lump sums taken before 6 April 2006.

### 3. Do you have any untested pension funds/benefits (described in the notes on page 2) at age 75 with other schemes/providers?

Yes - Please complete the table      No

Scheme/provider	Date taken DD/MM/YYYY	% of lifetime allowance used ②	or Total value (amount crystallised)
		%	£
		%	£
		%	£
		%	£

② You can ask the scheme/provider for the relevant percentage at age 75. Tell them if you hold **fixed** or **individual protection now** so that they can give you the percentage of your protected amount at age 75 (this is what we need) if it is higher than the current SLA.

### 4. Do you have in-force lifetime allowance protection or an enhancement factor from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) at age 75?

Yes - Please complete the table       No (and I do not qualify for Fixed protection 2016 or Individual protection 2016 to obtain a higher allowance than the current SLA)

Type of protection	Protection identifier number ③	Scheme administrator reference ③	Copy HMRC certificate needed? ④
Primary protection		PSA	Yes④ Tick if enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>
Enhanced protection ⑤		PSA	Yes④ Tick if enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>
Enhancement factor		PSA	Yes④ Tick if enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>
Fixed (2012)		PSA	Not required
Fixed 2014		PSA	Not required
Fixed 2016		PSA	Not required
Individual 2014 or 2016		PSA	Not required

③ Both references are exclusive to you and can be found on your HMRC Online Services personal tax account. To create an account or to log in to an existing one, go to [www.gov.uk/log-in-register-hmrc-online-services](http://www.gov.uk/log-in-register-hmrc-online-services). Canada Life needs **both** references to access your lifetime allowance protection account with HMRC and verify your current protection status.

④ We will still check your protection status with HMRC on-line. However, we will also need a copy of your certificate, showing details of your protection, as these cannot currently be viewed on-line.

⑤ Under enhanced protection, total benefits are protected so an excess cannot arise.

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**Part 2 – Select how you wish to deal with any Excess over your lifetime allowance**

The Excess is to be treated as arising in my CanRetire plan(s). Please deduct and pay the 25% charge direct to HMRC from my following plan(s):

Insert plan number(s)

The Excess is to be treated as arising on benefits I hold with another pension scheme/provider, who will deduct and pay the 25% charge due on the Excess to HMRC.

Name of pension scheme

My policy/plan/membership number in the scheme

Name and address of pension scheme administrator/provider

<input type="text"/>			
<input type="text"/>			
<input type="text"/>			
<input type="text"/>			
Postcode		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Part 3 – Declarations**

I declare the following:

- If I hold Primary protection, an Enhancement Factor or Enhanced protection, I confirm that my protection details shown on my enclosed HMRC protection certificate have not changed.
- I authorise Canada Life and the pension scheme(s)/ provider(s) named in this form to exchange information required about my benefits for lifetime allowance purposes, including where applicable, to confirm the treatment and taxation of any Excess by either of them.
- If I have indicated in Part 2 of this form, that I require any Excess to be treated as arising on my CanRetire plan(s), I accept that Canada Life will deduct the 25% lifetime allowance charge from the value of the plan(s) listed. If such a plan is a Fixed Term Income Plan, I accept that any income and/or Guaranteed Maturity Value will be reduced to account for the lifetime allowance charge.
- I understand that Canada Life will pay and account for the lifetime allowance charge due on any Excess direct to HMRC.
- I confirm that the information provided in this form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct.
- I accept and agree that Canada Life does not accept any responsibility for actions taken and charges deducted in good faith based on the statements and information I have provided.
- I will pay any claims, losses and expenses that Canada Life may incur as a result of any incorrect statements and information I have provided.

Signed

Date

Name - Print

