

Special Agreements

How can a current special agreement (SA) account be used at retirement?

If you have a special agreement, your options at retirement depend on when your employer entered into the agreement. If your employer entered into the special agreement:

- on or after January 1, 2007, you can take only a lump-sum payment (transferred to a locked-in retirement savings vehicle)
- before January 1, 2007, you can take a lump-sum payment (transferred to a locked-in retirement savings vehicle) or convert your special agreement balance to additional monthly pension

How can I estimate how much my current SA account will buy in a monthly pension from the Municipal Pension Plan?

1. Refer to section 5 of your *Member's Benefit Statement*. Locate member SA total contributions plus interest and employer SA total contributions plus interest and add them together (sample below).

5 Your contributions

For the Period: Jan 1, 2020 to Dec 31, 2020		Total Contributions plus Interest up to Dec 31, 2020	
Member Contributions*	\$0,000,000.00	\$0,000,000.00	
Member SA Contributions	\$0,000.00	\$0,000,000.00	←
Employer SA Contributions	\$0,000.00	\$0,000,000.00	←
Voluntary Contributions		\$0,000,000.00	
Total Contributions and Interest		\$00,000.00	

2. Locate your retirement age on the chart below to identify the applicable factor.

Value of a single life pension of \$1 per month

Age at retirement	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
Factor*	217.3	214.7	212.1	209.3	206.5	203.5	200.5	197.4	194.1	190.8	187.4

* As at January 1, 2018. These factors change from time to time.

3. Divide the total SA contributions plus interest (member and employer) by the factor.

Examples

At age 50: $\$100,000 \div 217.3 = \460 per month (based on a single life pension)

At age 55: $\$100,000 \div 203.5 = \491 per month (based on a single life pension)

This will give you an estimate of the monthly single life pension from your SA account balance. To estimate your total pension payments, add this amount to your monthly single lifetime pension amount.

When you choose another option (e.g., single life guaranteed 15 years or joint life 60 per cent), the total is adjusted to reflect the additional protection you buy. Remember: you can choose to protect someone else—either for a period of time, such as with a single life guaranteed 15 years option, or for their lifetime, such as with a joint life 100 per cent option. This protection will reduce your lifetime pension payment, almost like buying life insurance. The pension payment is reduced to reflect the likelihood that the pension will be paid for a longer period of time.

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