

# State Pension Age

**An explanation of the age at which the State Pension  
may be put into payment**



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If you are entitled to a State Pension, State Pension age is the earliest date at which you would become entitled to receive it. These notes give general guidance as to when you may expect to reach State Pension age and explain how Central Government propose to gradually raise the age over the next few decades.

The Pension Service – which is part of the Department for Work and Pensions – have a calculator on their website at [www.thepensionservice.gov.uk](http://www.thepensionservice.gov.uk). You can check your State Pension age by using the calculator. The website also provides information about the State Pension Scheme and tells you how you can apply on-line for a personal State Pension forecast. If you do not have access to the Internet you can obtain a forecast by contacting the State Pension Forecasting Team on 0845 3000168, or request general information about State Pensions by calling 0845 6060265.

### Equalisation of State Pension age

For many years, State Pension age for men has been 65 while for women it has been age 60. From April 2010, however, State pension age for women will gradually be increased until, by 2020, it is age 65 for both sexes.

This will affect all women born on or after 6 April 1950.

Table 1, on the page opposite, shows how this equalisation will be phased in.

### Increase in State Pension age

Following this equalisation there will be further increases in State Pension age which will apply to both men and women. These increases will be made in three stages –

- firstly, State Pension age will increase from 65 to 66; this will be phased in between 2024 and 2026
- secondly, State Pension age will increase from 66 to 67; this will be phased in between 2034 and 2036
- thirdly, State Pension age will increased from age 67 to 68; this will be phased in between 2044 and 2046.

These changes will affect anyone born after 5 April 1959, that is anyone below the age of 47 on 5 April 2006.

Tables 2, 3 and 4, on the back page of these notes, show how State Pension age will increase according to date of birth.

**Table 1****State Pension age for women born on or after 6 April 1950 and before 6 April 1955**

<b>Period in which birthday falls</b>	<b>Day State pension age attained</b>	<b>Period in which birthday falls</b>	<b>Day State pension age attained</b>
6.4.1950 to 5.5.1950	6.5.2010	6.10.1952 to 5.11.1952	6.5.2015
6.5.1950 to 5.6.1950	6.7.2010	6.11.1952 to 5.12.1952	6.7.2015
6.6.1950 to 5.7.1950	6.9.2010	6.12.1952 to 5.1.1953	6.9.2015
6.7.1950 to 5.8.1950	6.11.2010	6.1.1953 to 5.2.1953	6.11.2015
6.8.1950 to 5.9.1950	6.1.2011	6.2.1953 to 5.3.1953	6.1.2016
6.9.1950 to 5.10.1950	6.3.2011	6.3.1953 to 5.4.1953	6.3.2016
6.10.1950 to 5.11.1950	6.5.2011	6.4.1953 to 5.5.1953	6.5.2016
6.11.1950 to 5.12.1950	6.7.2011	6.5.1953 to 5.6.1953	6.7.2016
6.12.1950 to 5.1.1951	6.9.2011	6.6.1953 to 5.7.1953	6.9.2016
6.1.1951 to 5.2.1951	6.11.2011	6.7.1953 to 5.8.1953	6.11.2016
6.2.1951 to 5.3.1951	6.1.2012	6.8.1953 to 5.9.1953	6.1.2017
6.3.1951 to 5.4.1951	6.3.2012	6.9.1953 to 5.10.1953	6.3.2017
6.4.1951 to 5.5.1951	6.5.2012	6.10.1953 to 5.11.1953	6.5.2017
6.5.1951 to 5.6.1951	6.7.2012	6.11.1953 to 5.12.1953	6.7.2017
6.6.1951 to 5.7.1951	6.9.2012	6.12.1953 to 5.1.1954	6.9.2017
6.7.1951 to 5.8.1951	6.11.2012	6.1.1954 to 5.2.1954	6.11.2017
6.8.1951 to 5.9.1951	6.1.2013	6.2.1954 to 5.3.1954	6.1.2018
6.9.1951 to 5.10.1951	6.3.2013	6.3.1954 to 5.4.1954	6.3.2018
6.10.1951 to 5.11.1951	6.5.2013	6.4.1954 to 5.5.1954	6.5.2018
6.11.1951 to 5.12.1951	6.7.2013	6.5.1954 to 5.6.1954	6.7.2018
6.12.1951 to 5.1.1952	6.9.2013	6.6.1954 to 5.7.1954	6.9.2018
6.1.1952 to 5.2.1952	6.11.2013	6.7.1954 to 5.8.1954	6.11.2018
6.2.1952 to 5.3.1952	6.1.2014	6.8.1954 to 5.9.1954	6.1.2019
6.3.1952 to 5.4.1952	6.3.2014	6.9.1954 to 5.10.1954	6.3.2019
6.4.1952 to 5.5.1952	6.5.2014	6.10.1954 to 5.11.1954	6.5.2019
6.5.1952 to 5.6.1952	6.7.2014	6.11.1954 to 5.12.1954	6.7.2019
6.6.1952 to 5.7.1952	6.9.2014	6.12.1954 to 5.1.1955	6.9.2019
6.7.1952 to 5.8.1952	6.11.2014	6.1.1955 to 5.2.1955	6.11.2019
6.8.1952 to 5.9.1952	6.1.2015	6.2.1955 to 5.3.1955	6.1.2020
6.9.1952 to 5.10.1952	6.3.2015	6.3.1955 to 5.4.1955	6.3.2020

*A woman with a date of birth before 6.4.1950 has a State Pension age of 60.*

*A woman born after 5.4.1955 but before 6.4.1959 has a State Pension age of 65.*

*See next page for State Pension ages for men and women born after 5.4.1959.*

**Table 2****State Pension age for men & women born after 5 April 1959 and before 6 April 1960**

<b>Period in which birthday falls</b>	<b>Day State Pension age attained</b>	<b>Period in which birthday falls</b>	<b>Day State Pension age attained</b>
6.4.1959 to 5.5.1959	6.5.2024	6.10.1959 to 5.11.1959	6.5.2025
6.5.1959 to 5.6.1959	6.7.2024	6.11.1959 to 5.12.1959	6.7.2025
6.6.1959 to 5.7.1959	6.9.2024	6.12.1959 to 5.1.1960	6.9.2025
6.7.1959 to 5.8.1959	6.11.2024	6.1.1960 to 5.2.1960	6.11.2025
6.8.1959 to 5.9.1959	6.1.2025	6.2.1960 to 5.3.1960	6.1.2026
6.9.1959 to 5.10.1959	6.3.2025	6.3.1960 to 5.4.1960	6.3.2026

*A person born after 5.4.1960 but before 6.4.1968 has a State Pension age of 66.*

**Table 3****State Pension age for men & women born after 5 April 1968 and before 6 April 1969**

<b>Period in which birthday falls</b>	<b>Day State Pension age attained</b>	<b>Period in which birthday falls</b>	<b>Day State Pension age attained</b>
6.4.1968 to 5.5.1968	6.5.2034	6.10.1968 to 5.11.1968	6.5.2035
6.5.1968 to 5.6.1968	6.7.2034	6.11.1968 to 5.12.1968	6.7.2035
6.6.1968 to 5.7.1968	6.9.2034	6.12.1968 to 5.1.1969	6.9.2035
6.7.1968 to 5.8.1968	6.11.2034	6.1.1969 to 5.2.1969	6.11.2035
6.8.1968 to 5.9.1968	6.1.2035	6.2.1969 to 5.3.1969	6.1.2036
6.9.1968 to 5.10.1968	6.3.2035	6.3.1969 to 5.4.1969	6.3.2036

*A person born after 5.4.1969 but before 6.4.1977 has a State Pension age of 67.*

**Table 4****State Pension age for men & women born after 5 April 1977 and before 6 April 1978**

<b>Period in which birthday falls</b>	<b>Day State Pension age attained</b>	<b>Period in which birthday falls</b>	<b>Day State Pension age attained</b>
6.4.1977 to 5.5.1977	6.5.2044	6.10.1977 to 5.11.1977	6.5.2045
6.5.1977 to 5.6.1977	6.7.2044	6.11.1977 to 5.12.1977	6.7.2045
6.6.1977 to 5.7.1977	6.9.2044	6.12.1977 to 5.1.1978	6.9.2045
6.7.1977 to 5.8.1977	6.11.2044	6.1.1978 to 5.2.1978	6.11.2045
6.8.1977 to 5.9.1977	6.1.2045	6.2.1978 to 5.3.1978	6.1.2046
6.9.1977 to 5.10.1977	6.3.2045	6.3.1978 to 5.4.1978	6.3.2046

*A person born after 5.4.1978 has a State Pension age of 68.*