

State Pension Age and State Pension Date

An explanation of the age or date from which the State Pension may be put into payment



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State Pension Age or State Pension Date, is the earliest age or date at which you would become entitled to receive your State Pension. These notes give general guidance as to when you may expect to reach this age/date and give an indication as to 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: <https://www.gov.uk/calculate-state-pension>

You can check your State Pension Age or Date 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 statement. If you do not have access to the Internet you can obtain a statement by contacting the Future Pension Centre:

✉ The Future Pension Centre, Pension Service 9, Mail Handling Site A,
Wolverhampton, WV98 1LU

☎ 0345 3000 168.

Equalisation of State Pension Age

For many years, State Pension Age was 65 for men and 60 for women. From April 2010, however, State Pension Age for women will gradually be increased until it is age 65 for both sexes. This will affect all women born on or after 6 April 1950.

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.

While the increases in State Pension Age are being phased in, the date at which a person becomes eligible to receive State Pension may not be upon the attainment of a particular birthday (as used to be the case before April 2010). Instead, they could become entitled to receive the pension on a particular date, referred to here as “State Pension Date”.

The tables on the following two pages set out the State Pension Ages/Dates in accordance with the Pensions Act 1995, the Pensions Act 2011, and the Pensions Act 2014.

The Pensions Act 2014, which received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014, provides for a regular review of the State Pension Age, at least once every five years. The first review must be completed by May 2017. It will take into account a range of factors relevant to setting the pension age, e.g. life expectancy. After the review has been reported, the Government may then choose to bring forward changes to the State Pension Age. However, any proposals to do so would have to go through Parliament before becoming law.

Because reviews are planned, the factors in the following tables – although current – should not be taken as a definitive statement of State Pension Age or State Pension Date.

State Pension Ages and State Pension Dates

This page shows the gradual equalisation of State Pension Ages for males and females

MEN				WOMEN		
Date of Birth		State Pension Age or Date		Date of Birth		State Pension Age or Date
From	To			From	To	
01.01.1920	05.04.1950	Age 65		01.01.1920	05.04.1950	Age 60
06.04.1950	05.05.1950	Age 65		06.04.1950	05.05.1950	06.05.2010
06.05.1950	05.06.1950	Age 65		06.05.1950	05.06.1950	06.07.2010
06.06.1950	05.07.1950	Age 65		06.06.1950	05.07.1950	06.09.2010
06.07.1950	05.08.1950	Age 65		06.07.1950	05.08.1950	06.11.2010
06.08.1950	05.09.1950	Age 65		06.08.1950	05.09.1950	06.01.2011
06.09.1950	05.10.1950	Age 65		06.09.1950	05.10.1950	06.03.2011
06.10.1950	05.11.1950	Age 65		06.10.1950	05.11.1950	06.05.2011
06.11.1950	05.12.1950	Age 65		06.11.1950	05.12.1950	06.07.2011
06.12.1950	05.01.1951	Age 65		06.12.1950	05.01.1951	06.09.2011
06.01.1951	05.02.1951	Age 65		06.01.1951	05.02.1951	06.11.2011
06.02.1951	05.03.1951	Age 65		06.02.1951	05.03.1951	06.01.2012
06.03.1951	05.04.1951	Age 65		06.03.1951	05.04.1951	06.03.2012
06.04.1951	05.05.1951	Age 65		06.04.1951	05.05.1951	06.05.2012
06.05.1951	05.06.1951	Age 65		06.05.1951	05.06.1951	06.07.2012
06.06.1951	05.07.1951	Age 65		06.06.1951	05.07.1951	06.09.2012
06.07.1951	05.08.1951	Age 65		06.07.1951	05.08.1951	06.11.2012
06.08.1951	05.09.1951	Age 65		06.08.1951	05.09.1951	06.01.2013
06.09.1951	05.10.1951	Age 65		06.09.1951	05.10.1951	06.03.2013
06.10.1951	05.11.1951	Age 65		06.10.1951	05.11.1951	06.05.2013
06.11.1951	05.12.1951	Age 65		06.11.1951	05.12.1951	06.07.2013
06.12.1951	05.01.1952	Age 65		06.12.1951	05.01.1952	06.09.2013
06.01.1952	05.02.1952	Age 65		06.01.1952	05.02.1952	06.11.2013
06.02.1952	05.03.1952	Age 65		06.02.1952	05.03.1952	06.01.2014
06.03.1952	05.04.1952	Age 65		06.03.1952	05.04.1952	06.03.2014
06.04.1952	05.05.1952	Age 65		06.04.1952	05.05.1952	06.05.2014
06.05.1952	05.06.1952	Age 65		06.05.1952	05.06.1952	06.07.2014
06.06.1952	05.07.1952	Age 65		06.06.1952	05.07.1952	06.09.2014
06.07.1952	05.08.1952	Age 65		06.07.1952	05.08.1952	06.11.2014
06.08.1952	05.09.1952	Age 65		06.08.1952	05.09.1952	06.01.2015
06.09.1952	05.10.1952	Age 65		06.09.1952	05.10.1952	06.03.2015
06.10.1952	05.11.1952	Age 65		06.10.1952	05.11.1952	06.05.2015
06.11.1952	05.12.1952	Age 65		06.11.1952	05.12.1952	06.07.2015
06.12.1952	05.01.1953	Age 65		06.12.1952	05.01.1953	06.09.2015
06.01.1953	05.02.1953	Age 65		06.01.1953	05.02.1953	06.11.2015
06.02.1953	05.03.1953	Age 65		06.02.1953	05.03.1953	06.01.2016
06.03.1953	05.04.1953	Age 65		06.03.1953	05.04.1953	06.03.2016
06.04.1953	05.05.1953	Age 65		06.04.1953	05.05.1953	06.07.2016
06.05.1953	05.06.1953	Age 65		06.05.1953	05.06.1953	06.11.2016
06.06.1953	05.07.1953	Age 65		06.06.1953	05.07.1953	06.03.2017
06.07.1953	05.08.1953	Age 65		06.07.1953	05.08.1953	06.07.2017
06.08.1953	05.09.1953	Age 65		06.08.1953	05.09.1953	06.11.2017
06.09.1953	05.10.1953	Age 65		06.09.1953	05.10.1953	06.03.2018
06.10.1953	05.11.1953	Age 65		06.10.1953	05.11.1953	06.07.2018
06.11.1953	05.12.1953	Age 65		06.11.1953	05.12.1953	06.11.2018

State Pension Ages and State Pension Dates (continued)

Following the staged equalisation of State Pension Age for those born after 5 April 1950 and before 6 December 1953 (see previous page), there will be a gradual increase in the pension age for both males and females as shown below

MEN AND WOMEN				
Date of birth				
From		To		State Pension Age or Date
06.12.1953		05.01.1954		06.03.2019
06.01.1954		05.02.1954		06.05.2019
06.02.1954		05.03.1954		06.07.2019
06.03.1954		05.04.1954		06.09.2019
06.04.1954		05.05.1954		06.11.2019
06.05.1954		05.06.1954		06.01.2020
06.06.1954		05.07.1954		06.03.2020
06.07.1954		05.08.1954		06.05.2020
06.08.1954		05.09.1954		06.07.2020
06.09.1954		05.10.1954		06.09.2020
06.10.1954		05.04.1960		Age 66
06.04.1960		05.05.1960		66 years and 1 month
06.05.1960		05.06.1960		66 years and 2 months
06.06.1960		05.07.1960		66 years and 3 months
06.07.1960		05.08.1960		66 years and 4 months ^①
06.08.1960		05.09.1960		66 years and 5 months
06.09.1960		05.10.1960		66 years and 6 months
06.10.1960		05.11.1960		66 years and 7 months
06.11.1960		05.12.1960		66 years and 8 months
06.12.1960		05.01.1961		66 years and 9 months ^②
06.01.1961		05.02.1961		66 years and 10 months ^③
06.02.1961		05.03.1961		66 years and 11 months
06.3.1961		05.04.1977		Age 67
06.04.1977		05.05.1977		06.05.2044
06.05.1977		05.06.1977		06.07.2044
06.06.1977		05.07.1977		06.09.2044
06.07.1977		05.08.1977		06.11.2044
06.08.1977		05.09.1977		06.01.2045
06.09.1977		05.10.1977		06.03.2045
06.10.1977		05.11.1977		06.05.2045
06.11.1977		05.12.1977		06.07.2045
06.12.1977		05.01.1978		06.09.2045
06.01.1978		05.02.1978		06.11.2045
06.02.1978		05.03.1978		06.01.2046
06.03.1978		05.04.1978		06.03.2046
06.04.1978		onwards		Age 68

① A person born on 31.7.1960 is considered to reach the age of 66 years and 4 months on 30.11.2026

② A person born on 31.12.1960 is considered to reach the age of 66 years and 9 months on 30.9.2027

③ A person born on 31.1.1961 is considered to reach the age of 66 years and 10 months on 30.11.2027