

User Guide

Church of England Pension Board - Pensions for the Clergy and Licensed Lay Workers

The Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme for stipendiary clergy and licensed lay workers became Contributory with effect with effect from January 1998. Pension rights earned by stipendiary service up to December 1997 are preserved, and the payments secured from the funds of the Church Commissioners.

Pension Contributions are payable in respect of all stipendiary service. Although the Diocesan Board of Finance is legally responsible for paying contributions over to the Church of England Pensions Board, the duty of providing pension contributions for each stipendiary minister lies with the Chaplaincy Council as follows:

- The rate of contribution required for each year is related to the Church of England National Minimum Stipend. The figure will be determined centrally each year and the information passed to stipendiary chaplains, and others entitled to pension provision, and their chaplaincy treasurers.
- The Finance Officer will supply details, on a quarterly basis, of the system for the collection of contributions from chaplaincy councils.

(NB for information, in respect of Diocesan Officers, The Diocesan Board of Finance is responsible for the pension contributions of those in its employment, and has resolved to pay any additional contributions required in respect of chaplains who also hold a diocesan appointment, including the Dean and archdeacons.)

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