



Form A1

Application to join the LGPS

Your employer will usually start to deduct pension contributions from your pensionable pay automatically following your election to join. It is important that you complete this form to tell the Fund administrators the relevant information with regards to becoming a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS). You should have received an information booklet and/or leaflet about the Scheme. If you have not received it or would like another, please contact us immediately.

For further information, contact Customer Services on 0300 111 1665, visit our website at wmpfonline.com or email us at pensionfundenquiries@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Remember to tell us if you change your address, as this is used to send you your annual benefits statement and other important information.

Your Personal Details (Please complete this form using black ink)

Surname:

First name(s):

Previous names:

Home address:

Post code:

Date of birth:

Tel. no. (home):

Tel. no. (work):

Tel. no. (mobile):

Email:

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Other Please specify: Gender: Male Female

Marital status: Single Married Divorced Widowed Civil partnership Living with partner

Payroll no. (if known):

National insurance number:

Name of employer:

Occupation:

Do you have any other form of local government employment? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Please choose option 1 or 2 below and return to your employer's pension officer.

Option 1: **YES - I wish to be a Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) member.**

Option 2: **NO - I do not want to be a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).**

I understand that this important decision will mean that neither my dependants nor I will be entitled to any benefits relative to my period of non-membership. I further understand that my employer or Wolverhampton City Council (as Scheme administrators) cannot accept any liability whatsoever arising from this personal decision.

Please ensure that you complete the reverse of this form and return to your employer

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Previous Pension Rights

Previous schemes/plan names/LGPS funds – please provide details of the administrators and your employer if different	Type of scheme eg, LGPS, personal pension plan, employers' scheme, FSAVC plan	Period of membership Give dates	Are you in receipt of this pension? Yes/No	Were contributions refunded or transferred? If transferred, please state to where
		From: To:		
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NOTE: It is important that you tell us about any previous pension rights you hold, as they may affect your entitlement under the LGPS (continue on a separate sheet, if necessary).

If you were previously a member of the LGPS, were you making any additional contributions? If yes, please state type (eg, ARC, AVC, purchase of membership).

Transferring Your Previous Pension Rights (including any previous LGPS pension rights)

An option to transfer must be made within **12 months** of joining the LGPS or such longer period as your employer allows. This is an employer discretion – you may wish to ask your employer what their policy is on this matter.

If you wish to consider a transfer of any previous rights, you must complete a separate transfer form available from the Fund. To obtain the necessary form immediately, please contact **Customer Services** on **0300 111 1665**. Alternatively, please tick the box below and a form will be sent to you on receipt of documentation from your employer.

I wish to investigate the possibility of transferring my benefits to the LGPS. Please send me a transfer form (tick box).

I do not wish to investigate the possibility of transferring my benefits to the LGPS (tick box).

Signed:

Date:

Print name:

Our Service To You

The Fund at Wolverhampton is always looking for ways to improve its service and has introduced a new personal service that lets you take care of most of your LGPS needs by telephone.

You can call to check your membership details, request personal information or even change your address.

Every time you call the Fund to request personal details or to make a change, you will be asked to confirm your password and at least two pieces of information personal to you. When staff are confident about your identity, they will process your request and provide written confirmation of any change actioned by you.

If you would like to register for this service, you must first complete a password registration form (this will automatically be sent to you with your membership certificate).

Information produced by the Fund can be made available in a number of formats, including large-sight text, Braille and several community languages. If you have any special requirement, please contact us to arrange how we may best meet your needs.

Combined Benefits Statements

It is the Fund's intention to move towards the production of a combined benefit statement. This will mean we will be able to

provide you with a comprehensive listing of the pension benefits that you are due to receive from the LGPS and state scheme at retirement.

If you have any objection to the Fund obtaining details of the state pension benefits that you will be entitled to at retirement, you should write to the Fund and request that your details are excluded from this process.

Data Protection

To protect personal information held on computer, West Midlands Pension Fund is registered under the Data Protection Act 1998. This allows members to check that their details held are accurate. The Fund may, if it chooses, pass certain details to a third party, if the third party is carrying out an administrative function of the Fund, for example, the Fund's AVC provider. Members who wish to apply to access their data on Data Protection Act grounds should contact the Fund's Data Protection Officer on (01902) 554498 or via email at dataprotection@wolverhampton.gov.uk

This authority is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers and, may use information for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies administering public funds solely for these purposes.

Further details about the Fund are available on our website which can be found at wmpfonline.com