



12 February 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 22 January 2025, requesting information about the calculation of UK pension payments.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

The Ministry will only deduct the portion of the United Kingdom Pension (UKP) that is paid based on the compulsory contributions made to the UK's National Insurance scheme from your New Zealand Superannuation (NZS) payments, as required by the Social Security Act 2018. The Ministry will not deduct the portion of UKP paid based on voluntary contributions from NZS. The Department of Work and Pensions in the UK will advise the Ministry what percentage of UKP is based on voluntary contributions.

Please note that voluntary contributions are considered as income in some circumstances, such as for clients also receiving income-tested assistance.

More information on this topic is available on the Ministry's website here: www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/to-or-from-overseas/payments-from-overseas/voluntary-portion-of-overseas-pension.html.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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