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Information for members about the forthcoming change to the minimum retirement age

From 6 April 2028, the Government is changing the minimum age at which people can access their retirement savings.

The age is currently **55** years of age and will be rising to **57** years of age.

Not all Savings Trust members will be affected by this change, as there are transitional arrangements in place.

Who retains a minimum retirement age of 55 in the Savings Trust?

Anyone who joined the Savings Trust before 4 November 2021. If you joined on or after that date, your minimum retirement age will change to 57 years of age from 6 April 2028.

I joined before 4 November 2021. Can I access my savings from 55 years of age?

Only once you've stopped working for Rolls-Royce.

If you want to take your benefits from the Savings Trust between the ages of 55 and 57 years of age, you're limited to taking your savings as a one off payment, with 25% of this being paid tax-free.

To access other flexible retirement options you'll need to transfer out of the Savings Trust, which will mean that your minimum retirement age becomes 57 years of age.

Current employees are not allowed to take their benefits earlier than their **65th birthday** while they remain in employment with Rolls-Royce.

I'm no longer an employee of Rolls-Royce - how am I affected?

As long as you joined the Savings Trust before 4 November 2021, you'll retain your minimum retirement age of 55 years of age. If you joined the Savings Trust on 4 November 2021 or later, your minimum retirement age will be 57 years of age from 6 April 2028.

Where can I check if I joined the Savings Trust before 4 November 2021?

If you're not sure when you joined, the easiest way to check is to look in your MyWorkplace account. In the overview section you'll find your past contributions and pension value. Below the graph, click on show values on a past date, enter a date before 4 November 2021 and click search.

Enter a date		
03/11/2021		Search
Total account value	£135,536.42	
Total payments	£87,938.73	

If this returns a value then you were a member before 4 November 2021. If nothing's showing, it's likely that you joined after this date.

What happens if I partially transfer benefits out of the Savings Trust?

These transitional arrangements won't transfer to your new arrangement. You'll be subject to the rules that apply to that policy.