

Policy reform

Pensions Reform will from April 2010:

- make State Pension fairer and more widely available;
- reform State Pension so that it is simpler and more generous;
- make it easier for people to save more for their retirement by introducing a new scheme of personal accounts; and
- support and encourage extended working lives.

People reaching State Pension age before April 2010 can continue to obtain a State Pension forecast. We have introduced a transitional service for people who reach State Pension age after April 2010. People in this category are still able to obtain personalised State Pension forecast information, including an indication of their current number of qualifying years and how many more they need to get a full basic State Pension under the new rules.



In 2008/2009 we:

- implemented State Pensions Reform in State Pension forecasting services;
- delivered the first tranche of changes to non-State Pension forecasting in the DWP and HM Revenue and Customs IT systems;
- drew up detailed implementation plans for 2009/10;
- agreed the detailed customer communications plans for Pensions Reform;
- completed the detailed design on the Pensions Act 2007 and agreed the design requirements resulting from the Pensions Act 2008; and
- agreed our contribution to the 'extended working lives' agenda.