

PENGuide

**An indispensable guide and library of documents
to help steer you through the LGPS maze**

PENGuide is an extensive on-line commentary covering virtually all aspects of the legislation (both past and present) governing the Local Government Pension Scheme in England and Wales together with those elements of Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and Pensions Regulator guidance that are relevant to the Scheme and, where pertinent, decisions made under the Scheme's appeal / Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure, determinations made by the Pensions Ombudsman, and judgments in the Courts.

PENGuide also includes a library (known as PENVault) of well over a thousand current and historical documents that are considered to be of practical use to users of PENGuide, many of which are unavailable anywhere else and certainly not within a single, on-line, facility. The documents in PENVault include amongst other things, the various Statutory Instruments and Acts that are of specific relevance to the Local Government Pension Scheme in England and Wales together with, where available, original draft regulations, consultation documents, covering letters, and the explanatory Circulars and Memos, etc that led up to and / or accompanied the final regulations.

In short, the product provides anyone involved in the LGPS in England and Wales with a one-stop shop for technical guidance and access to relevant documentation.

On the following pages you will find a list of current clients who have taken up PENGuide since its launch in October 2021 and a selection of comments about the product.

If you would like to find out more or receive a demonstration of PENGuide please contact Terry Edwards on 0795 127 3863 or by e-mail at terry.edwards@pentag.co.uk.



List of local authority Pension Fund (and other) clients

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	London Borough of Haringey
Avon (Bath and North East Somerset)	London Borough of Lambeth
Bedfordshire	London Borough of Redbridge
Berkshire (R B of Windsor & Maidenhead)	London Borough of Waltham Forest *
Buckinghamshire	Merseyside
Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan	Norfolk
Cheshire	Northamptonshire / Cambridgeshire **
City and County of Swansea	Nottinghamshire
Clwyd (Flintshire)	Oxfordshire
Cornwall	Peninsula Pensions (Devon + Somerset)***
Derbyshire	Powys
Dorset	Rhondda Cynon Taf
Dyfed (Carmarthenshire)	Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
East Riding	Shropshire
Environment Agency	South Yorkshire Pensions Authority
Essex	Staffordshire
Gloucestershire	Surrey
Greater Gwent (Torfaen)	Tyne and Wear Pension Fund
Gwynedd	West Midlands Pension Fund
Isle of Wight	West Yorkshire/Lincolnshire/LB Barnet/LB Hounslow****
Kent	Wiltshire
Leicestershire	Worcestershire
	XPS Administration (Teesside Pension Fund)*****

* Client side.

** LGPS administration for Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire is undertaken under a partnership arrangement

*** LGPS administration for Devon and Somerset is undertaken under a shared service arrangement

**** West Yorkshire Pension Fund also undertakes the LGPS administration for Lincolnshire, LB of Barnet and LB of Hounslow

***** LGPS Administration for the Teesside Pension Fund is undertaken by XPS Administration



A selection of comments from clients

I am really impressed with PENGuide. It is my new 'go to' when looking for technical information. It has been really useful when dealing with some recent IDRPs. What I like is that it is so easy to use with all the information held in one place, saving time and effort on searching different sources.

Karen O'Donoghue-Harris MCIPPDip (Pensions)

Principal Pensions Officer

Cardiff Council

My team use PENGuide as an individual training manual as well as our "go to" for historic and accurate information. We all find it the most useful tool especially with difficult queries. It is easy to read and navigate around. I think the team look at it more or less every week. A great encyclopaedia of the LGPS.

Mo Jones (Mrs)

LGPS Pensions Manager

London Borough of Redbridge

I just wanted to drop you a message to say how impressed I am with PENGuide. I am currently dealing with an AVC appeal, which goes back years, and I honestly don't know what I would have done to find all this historic information without PENGuide.

Jo Griffiths

Pension Manager

Greater Gwent (Torfaen) Pension Fund

Like Jo, I have also been impressed by PENGuide and have found the on-going commentary throughout the various changes to the scheme invaluable. As well as being the go to place for technical queries it's also proved to be a useful training tool.

Luke Webster

Technical & Compliance Manager

Wiltshire Pension Fund



The team uses PENGuide quite a lot and have found it very useful, especially with historical regulations, what applied at the time for members, and copies of historical guidance that was issued; many of these things are not easy to find or we cannot find on the LGPS pension fund/employer site. The in depth knowledge it contains is immeasurable we feel.

Sandy Armstrong

Technical Manager

Surrey Pension Fund

PenGuide is so helpful when you are confronted with the more obscure and difficult queries. You are able to get full information whether from LGPS regulations or other statutes. Overall PenGuide is the go to place for information.

Sally Fox

Pension Services Manager

Oxfordshire Pension Fund

My team have fed back that within a couple of days of having access to PENGuide it gave them the answer quickly to a query that had arisen that they were struggling with.

Debbie Sharp

Pensions Administration Manager

Shropshire County Pension Fund

I would describe PENGuide as an LGPS encyclopaedia, and one that should prove invaluable to all who have to research or explain our complex rules and regulations. An excellent product which I highly recommend.

John Fairbanks

Pensions Technical Officer

Nottinghamshire Pension Fund



PENGuide – in a nutshell

- Built especially for the LGPS in England and Wales
- An indispensable up to date technical guide with a subject index
- Wide range of topics – there are currently 110 chapters (equating to nearly 6,500 sides of written A4)
- Explanations given and evidenced in law
- Hyperlinked and highlighted cross references
- A smart search engine
- Ease of navigation
- Quick read “nutshells” as well as heaps of detail
- Includes PENVault - a comprehensive library of documents
 - We keep our own copies (as far as is practicable)
 - Avoids the frustration of broken links
 - Stops documents being lost forever
- Includes LGPS and other Regulations plus supporting documentation back to 1948
 - Covering letters, Circulars, Drafts etc.
 - Gives the complete picture
- PI Orders, GMP Increase Orders, revaluation orders etc. plus summary tables
- Guidance and Codes
- Unlimited access for employees administering the LGPS, including remote / homeworkers
- Online, 24/7, ready whenever you are



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