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Notice to provide information and produce documents about an application to register a pension scheme

This letter is an information notice. It is a legal request for information and documents and I am issuing it under Section 153A of the Finance Act 2004.

PLF Pension Fund

Thank you for your application on 15 September 2014, to register the pension scheme named above under the Finance Act 2004.

To help us decide whether or not to register the pension scheme HMRC need you to give some information and documents. HMRC believe these are reasonably required in order to consider this application for registration and decide whether or not the pension scheme should be registered.

This notice means that by law you must let HMRC have the information and the documents requested on the attached schedule by 3 November 2014. Please provide them by post.

If you feel you cannot do what this notice asks, or you cannot respond within the timescale specified, please phone us as soon as possible on the phone number above.

What will happen if you do not do what this notice asks

If you do not fully comply with this notice within the time limit set out, HMRC can decide not to register the pension scheme.

Please take care when doing what this notice asks. If you carelessly or deliberately provide inaccurate information or produce a document containing an inaccuracy, we may charge you a penalty of up to £3,000 for each inaccuracy. A penalty for such an inaccuracy would be charged under Section 153E of the Finance Act 2004. We will not charge a penalty if you tell us about the inaccuracy at the time you provide the information or produce the document. If you later find an inaccuracy you must tell us without delay.

Appealing against this notice

You cannot appeal against this notice but you are able to appeal against any decision to not register the pension scheme. HMRC give details of how to appeal when issuing notices advising of a decision not to register.

Documents or information required for PLF Pension Fund

- 1** A signed and dated paper copy of the complete scheme rules and any executed amendments to the scheme rules.
- 2** A signed and dated paper copy of the completed deed establishing the scheme and any executed amendments to that deed.
- 3** The scheme's bank name, account name, account number, sort code and date the bank account was opened.
- 4** If this is intended to be a single member occupational scheme, the full name, address, contact telephone number and National Insurance number of the intended member.
- 5** If this is not a single member scheme, please confirm how many members you expect the scheme to have in the first 12 months.

If less than 10 please give the full name, address, phone number and National Insurance number of each known intended member.

- 6** Please give the following marketing and membership information:
 - details of the target membership
 - original copies of the marketing material
 - details of any web based material
 - the full names, addresses and contact details of the introducers to be used
- 7** Please give the following investment information:
 - details of each proposed type of investment
 - a copy of the business plan for each proposed investment
 - the full name, address and contact telephone number for each proposed investment provider
- 8** The projected fund value at the end of the first year of the pension scheme's existence
- 9** What is the nature of the scheme establisher's business? Is the employer trading?

If the scheme establisher is an individual please give their full name, address, contact telephone number, National Insurance number and Self Assessment Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR).

- 10** For each employer adhered to the scheme please give the following:
 - their full name
 - address
 - contact telephone number
 - number of people employed
 - confirmation of whether they are registered for tax with HMRC
 - the PAYE reference
 - the VAT reference or a statement that the business is not VAT registered
 - the corporation tax reference (if they are a company)
 - the partnership tax reference (if they are an LLP or a partnership)
 - the self assessment tax reference (if they are a sole trader)
- 11** If this scheme is neither an occupational pension scheme nor a public service pension scheme, for example a personal pension scheme, a copy of the permission under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 provided by the Financial Conduct Authority.
- 12** Please give the full name, contact address and contact number of all:
 - other persons involved in the administration of this pension scheme, including all trustees
 - persons who provided advice relating to the setting up of the pension scheme

Pension scheme registration information notices

We have given you this factsheet because we have given you a pension scheme registration information notice.

What is a pension scheme registration information notice

This is a document that legally requires a person to give us certain information and documents to allow us to decide whether or not to register a pension scheme.

When we use a pension scheme registration information notice

We will send an information notice to help us decide whether or not to register a pension scheme. This could be to the scheme administrator, or to another person.

What the pension scheme registration information notice will tell you

The information notice will tell you:

- what information and documents you will need to give us
- how and when to give us what we need
- about any appeal rights

What information and documents we can ask for in a pension scheme registration information notice

We can ask for information and documents if we believe it is reasonable to ask for them because they are relevant in helping us to decide whether or not to register a pension scheme.

If you think that something we have asked for is unreasonable or not relevant to that decision, please tell the officer that sent you the information notice. They will consider your reasons carefully and if they still think they need it, they will tell you why.

Customers with particular needs

If there is anything about your health or personal circumstances that may make it difficult for you to deal with this information notice, please tell the officer that issued the notice. Telling them will mean that they can help you in the most appropriate way.

For example, if:

- English is not your first language
- you would like us to use a certain format to communicate with you, for example, Braille or Text Relay. If you use Text Relay by textphone dial 18001 + number, by phone dial 18002 + number

For more information go to hmrc.gov.uk/contactus/particular-needs.htm

If you need help or more information

If you have any questions, please contact the officer dealing with the information notice. You can also look for the information you need on our website. Go to hmrc.gov.uk/pensionschemes/index.htm

Authorising a representative

You can authorise someone to deal with us on your behalf. This includes professional advisers, friends or relatives. They can deal with us just for the pension scheme registration information notice, or more permanently for your day to day tax affairs.

If you want to authorise a professional adviser, they will be able to give you a form to complete and send to us. If you want to authorise someone other than a professional adviser, you will need to write to tell us who you want to authorise and what you want them to deal with for you.

What happens if you fail to comply with an information notice

If you are the scheme administrator and you do not give us everything we ask for within the specified period, we may decide not to register the scheme. As the scheme administrator you can appeal this decision. If you are another person and you do not give us everything that the information notice asks for within the specified time period, we may charge you a £300 penalty. If you have still not complied with the notice by the time we have issued the £300 penalty, we may then charge you daily penalties of up to £60 a day for each day that you do not comply.

If you conceal, destroy or otherwise dispose of any document that the information notice asks for, or arrange for it to be concealed, destroyed or disposed of, you may have to pay a penalty.

If we agree that you have a reasonable excuse for not giving us information or documents, we will not charge you a penalty but we will still ask you for the information, documents (or replacement documents) to be provided within an agreed timescale.

A reasonable excuse is normally an unexpected or unusual event that is either unforeseeable or beyond your control. What is or is not a reasonable excuse depends on an individual's abilities and circumstances. Those abilities and circumstances may mean that what is a reasonable excuse for one person may not be a reasonable excuse for someone else. If you think you have a reasonable excuse please tell us.

Examples of reasonable excuse may include, when:

- you have been seriously ill
- someone close to you has died
- you have lost the documents in a fire or flood

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Your principal rights and obligations

You have:

- the right to be represented. You can appoint a representative to act on your behalf in responding to this notice. This includes professional advisers, friends, relatives and so on
- the right to consult your adviser. We will allow a reasonable amount of time for you to do so
- an obligation to take care to get things right. If you have an adviser, you must still take reasonable care to make sure that any documents and records they send us on your behalf are correct

Your Charter explains what you can expect from us and what we expect from you. For more information go to www.gov.uk/hmrc/your-charter

We have a range of services for disabled people. These include guidance in Braille, audio and large print. Most of our forms are also available in large print. Please contact our helplines for more information.

These notes are for guidance only and reflect the position at the time of writing. They do not affect the right of appeal.

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