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AVC Teacher Guide



Start Today

Many people think of starting an AVC as an expense. However, you should think of it as an investment for your future.

By starting an AVC, you are making yourself more financially fit and protecting your dream of financial freedom.

A Better Financial Future for You

Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs) are a way to make additional contributions towards your retirement benefits when you are already paying into a pension scheme.

AVCs can be a tax-efficient way to top up your pension. When you retire, the funds invested in your AVC can be used to bolster your pension benefits, subject to Revenue rules. Public Sector AVCs are very popular especially with members of the teaching and healthcare profession.



When Do I Start an AVC?



 If you want to be able to retire before you are 66 (current State Pension Age.



 Once you are in a financial position to regularly contribute to a policy.



 You want more income in retirement.





- If you want to maximise your state pension benefits.
- If you want larger tax free cash at retirement.

Benefits of an AVC

The maximum pension someone in the public sector can receive is 50% of their gross salary at retirement, this is based off 40 years of pensionable service and working until your contracted retirement age.

This can be significantly lower if employees opt to retire early under cost-neutral early retirement, entered the scheme later in life, or worked abroad for a portion of their career. If your salary was reduced by 50% right now, would you be able to maintain your lifestyle?



Settling Your AVC

(2 – 3 months prior to retirement)



Step 1

Meet with an advisor to help you get the maximum tax free from your PRSA/AVC.

See what your options are with the balance, taxable lump sum, annuity or Approved Retirement Fund.

See which one is best for you.



Step 2

Send your documents to MadeSimple such as:

- Proof of identity
- Proof of bank account
- Superannuation statement from your employer (dated post retirement)
- 12 year income form
- Existing AVC statement



Step 3

You will receive your AVC retirement options and then it is time to chose your drawdown options.

Make sure you meet with your Financial advisor from MadeSimple at this point to ensure you choose the correct option.





Settle your AVC.





After Your Review

After we complete the review, many employees are delighted to have their options regarding pension planning, salary protection, life protection, savings and investments explained to them so clearly.

Not only that, but we can also set up policies for you all online in a very fast and efficient manner. Many of our clients have remarked on the satisfaction they feel when watching their pot build over time.

Even if you can only afford €25 a week, if you start early, this money has massive potential to grow.



Book Your Review Today



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