



IRIS Payroll

NEST - Pension Deduction
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A photograph of a woman with long brown hair, smiling and looking down at a laptop screen. She is wearing a light-colored t-shirt. The background is slightly blurred, suggesting an office environment.

IRIS. Look forward

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Introduction

This guide will give you an overview of how to configure your pension deductions depending on your pension scheme in the payroll. Creating the output file is covered in a separate guide, see the Pension Guide for more information.

The guide covers:

- Creating an employee pension deduction
- Creating an employer pension deduction

NEST permit employers to calculate the pension deduction based on a percentage of Qualifying Earnings, Pensionable Earnings or Total Earnings; for more information, click [here](#).

The tax basis of the pension deduction can be via Salary Sacrifice or Relief at Source.

For instructions on how to set-up the employee and employer pension deduction, select your pension scheme option from the list:

- **Salary Sacrifice - based on Qualifying Earnings**
- **Relief at Source - based on Qualifying Earnings**
- **Salary Sacrifice - based on Pensionable Earnings, Total Earnings or Custom Earnings**
- **Relief at Source - based on Pensionable Earnings, Total Earnings or Custom Earnings**

Salary Sacrifice - based on Qualifying Earnings

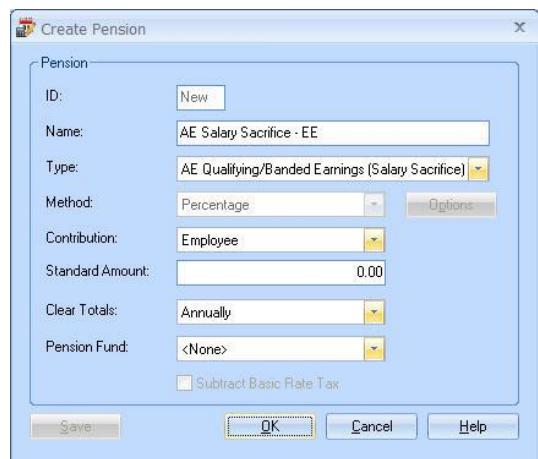
A Salary Sacrifice pension deduction is subtracted from the employee's pay before Tax and NI are calculated, which means the employee is due to pay less Tax and NI.

A Qualifying Earnings pension deduction is calculated as a percentage of the employee's Qualifying Earnings between the lower limit and upper limit. For tax year 2016/2017, the lower limit is £5,824 and the upper limit is £43,000.

Add employee pension deduction

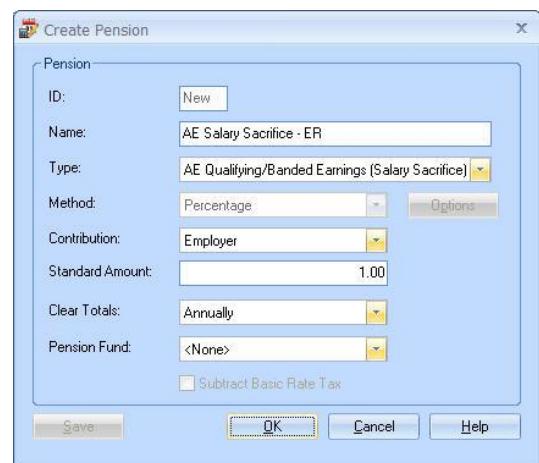
1. From the **Pension** menu, select **Configure Pensions**
2. Click on **Add New**
3. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
4. In the **Type** field, select **AE Qualifying/Banded Earnings (Salary Sacrifice)**
Method will be automatically set and disabled
5. In the **Contribution** field, select **Employee**
6. Enter a **Standard Amount** to set an employee's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
7. When the **Clear Totals** field is set to **Annually**, during **Year-end Restart** the year-to-date total for this pension deduction will be cleared along with other year-to-date totals
8. **Pension Fund** should be the default of **<None>**
9. Click **OK**

Please Note: The **Subtract Basic Rate Tax** will be disabled for this Pension Type.



Add employer pension deduction

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2. Click on **Add New**
3. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
4. In the **Type** field, select **AE Qualifying/Banded Earnings (Salary Sacrifice)**
Method will be set automatically and disabled
5. In the **Contribution** field, select **Employer**
6. Enter a **Standard Amount** to set an employer's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
7. When the **Clear Totals** field is set to **Annually**, during **Year-end Restart** the year-to-date total for this pension deduction will be cleared along with other year-to-date totals
8. **Pension Fund** should be the default of **<None>**
9. Click **OK**



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Configure pension deduction pay elements

1. From the **Company** menu, click **Payments & Deductions | Configure Payments & Deductions**
2. Tick **Qualifying Earnings** box for all pay elements to include in employees' total earnings when payroll assesses employees for automatic enrolment

ID	Name	Type	Taxable	Nitable	National	Pensionable Earnings	Qualifying Earnings	Benefit in Kind	Method
1	Bonus	Payment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value
2	Expenses	Payment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value
3	Net to Gross	Net To Gross	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value
4	Salary Advance	Deduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value
5	Private Mileage	Payment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value
6	Private Medical	Deduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value
7	SSP/SMP Contra	SSP Contra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value
8	Salary Correction	Payment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value
9	Savings	Deduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value
15	Season Ticket Loan	Loan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Value

The employees' pension contributions will also be calculated on these pay elements

3. Click **OK**

Relief at Source - based on Qualifying Earnings

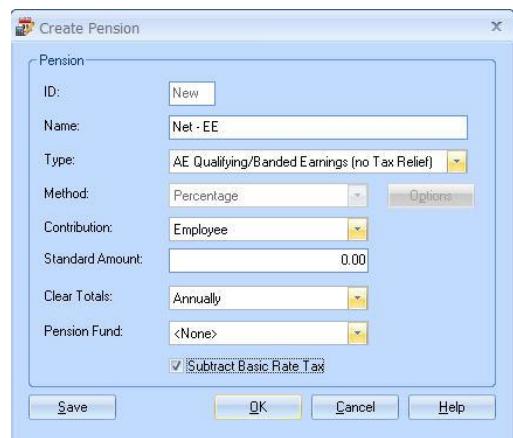
A Relief at Source pension is deducted from the employee's pay after Tax and NI are calculated, then the employee receives basic rate tax relief on that pension deduction; for tax year 2016/2017, the rate is 20%. Higher rate taxpayers need to claim the remaining tax relief from HMRC.

For example, in payroll, if the employee's pension deduction is 1%, you would enter 1% in the employee's standard amount, but the actual deduction will be 0.8% from their pay.

A Qualifying Earnings pension deduction is calculated as a percentage of the employee's Qualifying Earnings between the lower limit and upper limit. For tax year 2016/2017, the lower limit is £5,824 and the upper limit is £43,000.

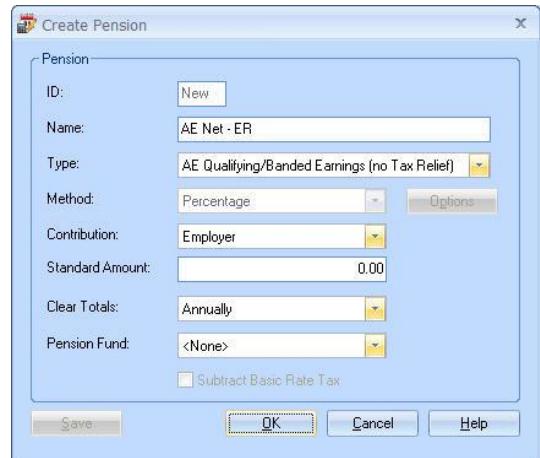
Add employee pension deduction

1. From the **Pension** menu, select **Configure Pensions**
2. Click on **Add New**
3. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
4. In the **Type** field, select **AE Qualifying/Banded Earnings (no Tax Relief)**
Method will be set automatically and disabled
5. In the **Contribution** field, select **Employee**
6. Enter a **Standard Amount** to set an employee's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
7. When the **Clear Totals** field is set to **Annually**, during **Year-end Restart** the year-to-date total for this pension deduction will be cleared along with other year-to-date totals
8. **Pension Fund** should be the default of **<None>**
9. Tick the **Subtract Basic Rate Tax** box
10. Click **OK**



Add employer pension deduction

1. From the **Pension** menu, select **Configure Pensions**
2. Click on **Add New**
3. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
4. In the **Type** field, select **AE Qualifying/Banded Earnings (no Tax Relief)**
Method will be set automatically and disabled
5. In the **Contribution** field, select **Employer**
6. Enter a **Standard** amount to set an employer's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
7. When the **Clear Totals** field is set to **Annually**, during **Year-end Restart** the year-to-date total for this pension deduction will be cleared along with other year-to-date totals
8. **Pension Fund** should be the default of **<None>**
9. Click **OK**



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1. From the **Company** menu, click **Payments & Deductions | Configure Payments & Deductions**
2. Tick the **Qualifying Earnings** box for all pay elements to include in employees' total earnings when payroll assesses employees for automatic enrolment

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3. Click **OK**

Salary Sacrifice - based on Pensionable Earnings, Total Earnings or Custom Earnings

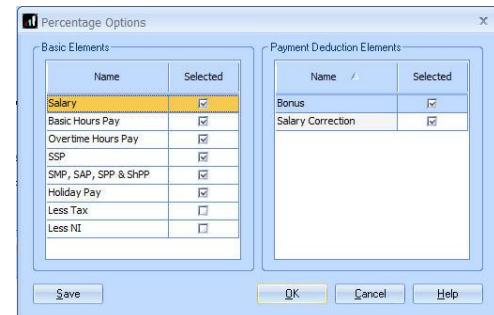
A Salary Sacrifice pension deduction is subtracted from the employee's pay before Tax and NI are calculated, which means the employee is due to pay less Tax and NI. NEST expect employer contributions to meet or exceed the statutory minimum and employee contributions to be zero.

The pension deduction is calculated as a percentage of earnings you specified when setting up the NEST scheme by choosing one of the following options:

- **Pensionable Earnings** – set 1 or tier 1 must be equal to or more than the employee's basic pay. Set 2 or tier 2 must be at least 85% of the employee's Total Earnings
- **Total Earnings** – set 3 or tier 3 includes 100% of an employee's gross earnings as pensionable. This includes any additional pay elements, such as overtime or bonuses
- **Custom Earnings** – provides you with complete flexibility over the earnings bases and contribution levels

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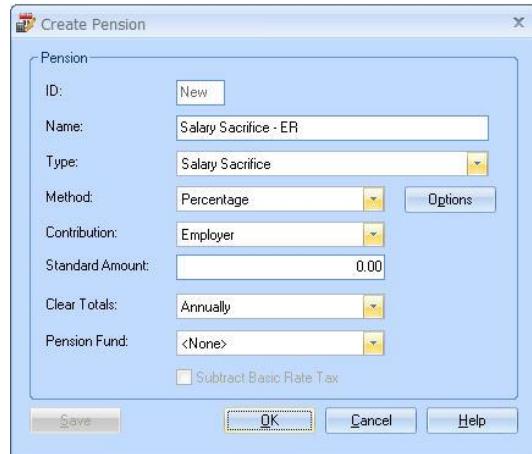
1. From the **Pension** menu, select **Configure Pensions**
2. Click on **Add New**
3. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
4. In the **Type** field, select **Salary Sacrifice**
5. In **Method** field, select **Percentage**
6. In the **Contribution** field, select **Employee**
7. Enter a **Standard Amount** to set an employee's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
8. When the **Clear Totals** field is set to **Annually**, during **Year-end Restart** the year-to-date total for this pension deduction will be clear along with other year-to-date totals
9. **Pension Fund** should be the default of **<None>**
10. Click the **Options** button and tick all the pay elements you want the pension deduction to be calculated on
11. Click **OK** on the **Percentage Options** screen
12. Click **OK** to save the new employee pension deduction



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Add employer pension deduction

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4. In the **Type** field, select **Salary Sacrifice**
5. In the **Method** field, select **Percentage**
6. In the **Contribution** field, select **Employer**
7. Enter a **Standard Amount** to set an employer's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
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10. Click the **Options** button and tick all the pay elements you want the pension deduction to be calculated on and click **OK**
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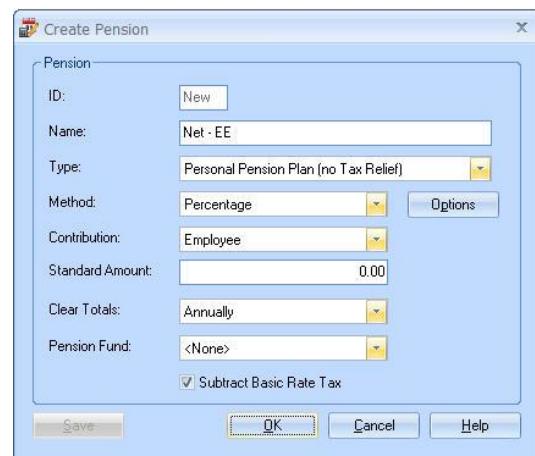
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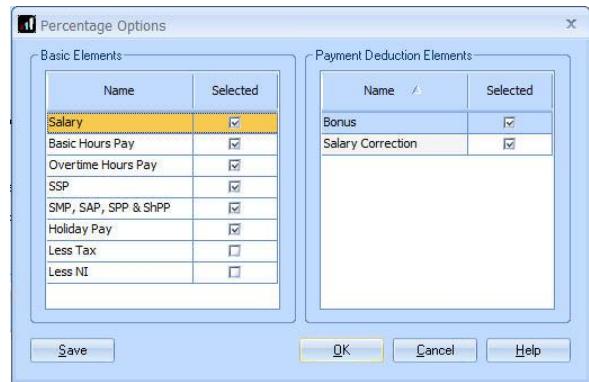
- **Pensionable Earnings** – set 1 or tier 1 must be equal to or more than the employee's basic pay. Set 2 or tier 2 must be at least 85% of the employee's Total Earnings
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Add employee pension deduction

1. From the **Pension** menu, select **Configure Pensions**
2. Click on **Add New**
3. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
4. In the **Type** field, select **Personal Pension Plan (no Tax Relief)**
5. In the **Method** field, select **Percentage**
6. In the **Contribution** field, select **Employee**
7. Enter a **Standard Amount** to set an employee's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
8. When the **Clear Totals** field is set to **Annually**, during **Year-end Restart** the year-to-date total for this pension deduction will be cleared along with other year-to-date totals
9. **Pension Fund** should be the default of **<None>**
10. Tick the **Subtract Basic Rate Tax** box



11. Click the **Options** button and tick all the pay elements you want the pension deduction to be calculated on
12. Click **OK** on the **Percentage Options** screen
13. Click **OK**



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5. In the **Method** field, select **Percentage**
6. In the **Contribution** field, select **Employer**
7. Enter a **Standard Amount** to set an employee's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
8. When the **Clear Totals** field is set to **Annually**, during **Year-end Restart** the year-to-date total for this pension deduction will be cleared along with other year-to-date totals
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10. Click the **Options** button and tick all the pay elements you want the pension deduction to be calculated on and click **OK**
11. Click **OK**



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Useful numbers

HMRC online service helpdesk	HMRC employer helpline
Tel: 0300 200 3600	Tel: 0300 200 3200
Fax: 0844 366 7828	Tel: 0300 200 3211 (new business)
Email: helpdesk@ir-efile.gov.uk	

Contact Sales (including stationery sales)

For IRIS Payrolls	For Earnie Payrolls	For IRIS Payroll Professional
Tel: 0344 815 5656	Tel: 0344 815 5676	Tel: 0345 057 3708
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