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NOW Pension Creation

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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

Now Pensions permit employers to calculate the pension deduction based on a percentage of Banded Earnings, Basic Pay or Total Earnings; for more information, click [here](#).

The tax basis of the pension deduction can be via Salary Sacrifice or Net Pay Arrangement (also known as Gross); for more information, click [here](#).

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

- **Salary Sacrifice pension - based on Banded Earnings**
- **Net Pay Arrangement/Gross - based on Banded Earnings**
- **Salary Sacrifice pension – Basic Pay or Total Earnings**
- **Net Pay Arrangement - based on Basic Pay or Total Earnings**

Salary Sacrifice pension - based on Banded 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.

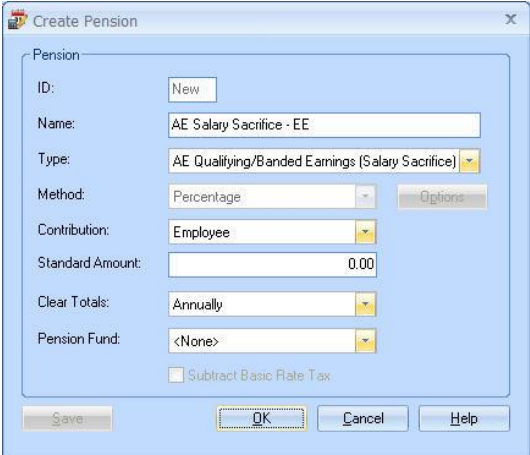
A Banded Earnings pension deduction is calculated as a percentage of the employee's Qualifying Earnings between the lower limit and upper limit.

Add employee pension deduction

1. Select **Pension | Configure Pensions**
2. Click **Add New**
3. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
4. In the **Type** field, select **AE Qualifying/Banded Earnings (Salary Sacrifice)**

The **Method** field is set automatically for you

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**



The screenshot shows the 'Create Pension' dialog box with the following configuration:

- ID: New
- Name: AE Salary Sacrifice - EE
- Type: AE Qualifying/Banded Earnings (Salary Sacrifice)
- Method: Percentage
- Contribution: Employee
- Standard Amount: 0.00
- Clear Totals: Annually
- Pension Fund: <None>
- Subtract Basic Rate Tax:

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

Add employer pension deduction

1. Select **Pension | 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 field is set automatically for you

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. If 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.

Configure pension deduction pay elements

1. Select **Company | 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

ID	Name	Type	Taxable	Nitable	Notional	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	SPP/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 contribution will also be calculated on these pay elements

3. Click **OK**

Net Pay Arrangement/Gross - based on Banded Earnings

During payroll, a Net Pay Arrangement pension is deducted from the employee's pay after NI is calculated but before Tax is calculated. This means the employee's Taxable Gross pay is reduced and the employee is due to pay less Tax from their pay.

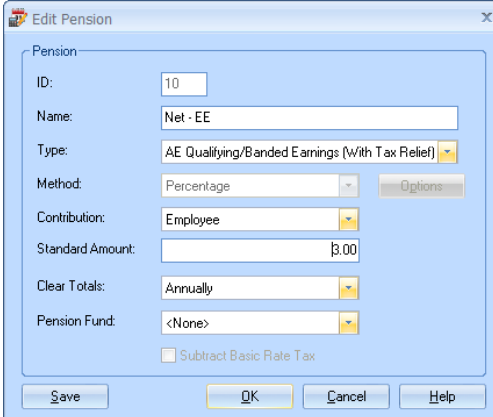
A Banded Earnings pension deduction is calculated as a percentage of the employee's Qualifying Earnings between the lower limit and upper limit.

Add employee pension deduction

1. Select **Pension | 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 (With Tax Relief)**

The **Method** field is set automatically for you

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. If 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 (With Tax Relief)**

The **Method** field is set automatically for you

5. In the **Contribution** field, select **Employer**
6. Enter a **Standard Amount** to set an employee's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled

7. If 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.

Configure pension deduction pay elements

1. From the **Company** menu, click **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	NTable	Notional	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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input 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
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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 contribution will also be calculated on these pay elements

3. Click **OK**

Salary Sacrifice pension – Basic Pay or Total 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.

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

- **Basic Pay** – the gross earnings of the employee, for example, the employee's salary. This doesn't consider any additional pay elements, such as overtime, bonuses, commission or shift premium pay
- **Total Earnings** – the total pay due for the pay period before deductions. This includes any additional pay elements, such as overtime or bonuses

Add employee pension deduction

1. Select **Pension | 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 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. If 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>**

Create Pension

Pension

ID: New

Name: Salary Sacrifice - EE

Type: Salary Sacrifice

Method: Percentage

Contribution: Employee

Standard Amount: 1.00

Clear Totals: Annually

Pension Fund: <None>

Subtract Basic Rate Tax

Save OK Cancel Help

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

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

Percentage Options

Basic Elements

Name	Selected
Salary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Basic Hours Pay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Overtime Hours Pay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SSP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SMP, SAP, SPP & SHPP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Holiday Pay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Less Tax	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Less NI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Payment Deduction Elements

Name	Selected
Bonus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Salary Correction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Save OK Cancel Help

Add employer pension deduction

1. Select **Pension | 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 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
8. If 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. Click the **Options** button and tick all the pay elements you want the pension deduction to be calculated on and then click **OK**
11. Click **OK** to save the new employer pension deduction

The screenshot shows the 'Create Pension' dialog box with the following configuration:

- ID: New
- Name: Salary Sacrifice
- Type: Salary Sacrifice
- Method: Percentage
- Contribution: Employer
- Standard Amount: 1.00
- Clear Totals: Annually
- Pension Fund: <None>
- Subtract Basic Rate Tax

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

Net Pay Arrangement - based on Basic Pay or Total Earnings

During payroll, a Net Pay Arrangement pension is deducted from the employee's pay after NI is calculated but before Tax is calculated. This means the employee's Taxable Gross pay is reduced and the employee is due to pay less Tax from their pay.

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

- **Basic Pay** – the gross earnings of the employee, for example, the employee's salary. This doesn't consider any additional pay elements, such as overtime, bonuses, commission or shift premium pay
- **Total Earnings** – the total pay due for the pay period before deductions. This includes any additional pay elements, such as overtime or bonuses

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 **Net Pay Arrangement (With 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. If 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>**

ID:	10
Name:	Net - EE
Type:	Net Pay Arrangement (With Tax Relief)
Method:	Percentage
Contribution:	Employee
Standard Amount:	1.00
Clear Totals:	Annually
Pension Fund:	<None>

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

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**

Basic Elements	
Name	Selected
Salary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Basic Hours Pay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overtime Hours Pay	<input type="checkbox"/>
SSP	<input type="checkbox"/>
SMP, SAP, OSPP & ASPP	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holiday Pay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less Tax	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less NI	<input type="checkbox"/>

Payment Deduction Elements	
Name	Selected
Bonus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Salary Correction	<input type="checkbox"/>

Add employer pension deduction

1. Select **Pension | Configure Pensions**
2. Click on **Add New**
3. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
4. In the **Type** field, select **Net Pay Arrangement (With Tax Relief)**
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

8. If 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>**

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

10. Click the **Options** button and tick all the pay elements you want the pension deduction to be calculated on and then click **OK**
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SMP, SAP, SPP & SHPP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Holiday Pay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Less Tax	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less NI	<input type="checkbox"/>

Payment Deduction Elements	
Name	Selected
Bonus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Salary Correction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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)
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