

Scottish Widows – Pension Deduction 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

Scottish Widows permit employers to calculate the pension deduction based on a percentage of Qualifying Earnings or Total Earnings; for more information please contact Scottish Widows.

The tax basis of the pension deduction can be via Salary Exchange (also known as Salary Sacrifice), or Net (also known as Relief at Source).

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

- Salary Exchange based on Qualifying Earnings
- Net based on Qualifying Earnings
- Salary Exchange based on Pensionable Earnings or Total Earnings
- Net based on Pensionable Earnings or Total Earnings



Salary Exchange - based on Qualifying Earnings

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

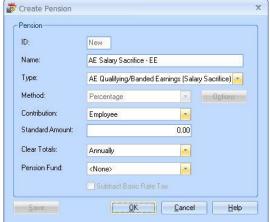
A Qualifying Earnings pension deduction is calculated as a percentage of the employee's Qualifying Earnings between the lower limit and upper limit. For tax year 2016/2017, the lower limit is £5,824 and the upper limit is £43,000.

Add employee pension deduction

- 1. Go to the **Pension** menu and select **Configure Pensions**
- 2. Click on Add New
- 3. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
- In the Type field select AE Qualifying /Branded Earnings (Salary Sacrifice)
 Method is set automatically and disabled
- 5. In the Contribution field, select Employee
- Enter a **Standard Amount** to set an employee's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
- 7. When 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>

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

9. Click OK





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

Create Pension

New

Percentage

Employer

Annually

<None>

AE Salary Sacrifice - ER

AE Qualifying/Banded Earnings (Salary Sacrifice) 🔀

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1.00

OK Cancel Help

ID:

Name:

Туре:

Method:

Contribution:

Clear Totals:

Pension Fund:

Save

Standard Amount:

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9. Click OK

Configure pension deduction pay elements

- 1. Go to the Company menu and click Payments & Deductions
- Tick Qualifying Earnings box for all pay elements to include in employees' total earnings when payroll assesses employees for automatic enrolment



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

3. Click OK



Net - based on Qualifying Earnings

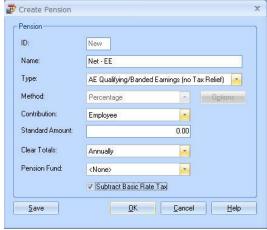
A Net pension is deducted from the employee's pay after Tax and NI is calculated, then the employee receives basic rate tax relief on that pension deduction; for tax year 2016/2017 the rate is 20%. Higher rate tax payers need to claim the remaining tax relief from HMRC. This method of deducting pension contributions HMRC call relief at source (RAS).

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

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- 2. Click on Add New
- 3. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
- In the Type field select AE Qualifying
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- 5. In the **Contribution** field, select **Employee**
- Enter a **Standard Amount** to set an employee's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
- 7. When 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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- 9. Tick the **Subtract Basic Rate Tax** box
- 10. Click OK





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- 7. When 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

Edit Pension

Name:

Type:

Method:

Contribution:

Clear Totals:

Pension Fund:

Standard Amount:

10

Net - ER

Percentage

Employer

Annually

AE Qualifying/Banded Earnings (no Tax Relief)

+

1.00

To

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Salary Exchange - based on Pensionable Earnings or Total Earnings

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

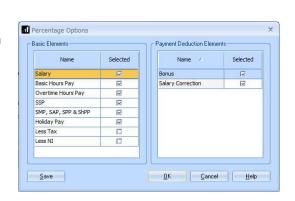
- Pensionable Earnings must be at least all basic earnings. This can exclude any variable pay elements but must include geographical allowances
- **Total Earnings** includes all of the employee's earnings

Add employee pension deduction

- 1. Go to the **Pension** menu and 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
- Enter a Standard Amount to set an employee's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
- 8. When 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>

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- 10. Click the **Options** button and then 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







- 1. Go to the **Pension** menu and 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 the **Method** field, select **Percentage**
- 6. In the Contribution field, select Employer
- Enter a Standard Amount to set an employer's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
- 8. When 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**
- **11.** Click **OK** to save the new employer pension deduction





Net - based on Pensionable Earnings or Total Earnings

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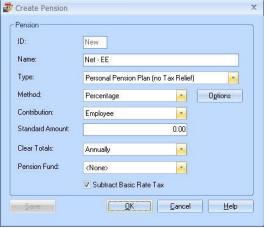
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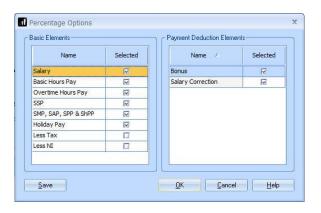
Add employee pension deduction

- 1. Go to the **Pension** menu and select **Configure Pensions**
- 2. Click on Add New
- 3. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
- 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**
- Enter a Standard Amount to set an employee's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
- 8. When **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
- Pension Fund should be the default of <None>
- 10. Tick the Subtract Basic Rate Tax box





- 11. Click the **Options** button and then 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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- 2. Click on Add New
- 3. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
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- 5. In the **Method** field, select **Percentage**
- 6. In the **Contribution** field, select **Employer**
- Enter a Standard Amount to set an employer's deduction amount when the employee is automatically enrolled
- 8. When 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





Additional Software and Services Available

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Useful numbers

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Fax:	0844 366 7828	Tel:	0300 200 3211 (new business)
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