



POLITICAL OFFICE- BEARERS PENSION FUND

LEAVERS PACK

BENEFITS AND OPTIONS PROVIDED BY THE FUND FOR

PAID-UP MEMBERS (DEFERRED BENEFICIARIES)

Disclaimer

- The information in this guide does not constitute advice by either the Board of Trustees or its professional advisors. Members are encouraged to seek expert advice from a personal financial advisor before taking decisions regarding their benefits from the Fund.
- The Fund will try to ensure that the material in this guide is up to date and accurate, but this cannot be guaranteed at all times.
- **This version is dated September 2025.**

This guide explains how the Fund manages your status as a “paid-up” member (termed a “deferred beneficiary” in the Fund Rules), and explains the benefits you are entitled to. The Trustees’ policy on the management of paid-up benefits is attached as an appendix to this guide.

What is a “paid-up member”?

A **paid-up member** (or “deferred beneficiary”) is a person who was a contributing member of the Fund while holding political office, and who left office without taking a benefit from the Fund. This means that you still have retirement savings held in the Fund for you – the Fund will keep these savings for you until you choose to take your benefits from the Fund. They will be invested in the same way as the Fund retirement savings of other members who are still in office, and will grow with any investment returns earned on the Fund’s investments.

You may have become a paid-up member **by choice**, i.e. by notifying the Fund when you left office that you wanted to keep your retirement savings in the Fund and did not want to take benefits at that time. But if you left office and did not provide any notification to the Fund at all, you would become a paid-up member **by default**, and the relevant provisions of the Fund Rules dealing with paid-up members (deferred beneficiaries) will automatically apply to you.

Either way, it is very important to keep the Fund updated with your **current contact details** (see the end of this document for how to do this).

Remember that you can also register for online access to your Fund Credit value – details are shown under “Quick Links” on the home page of the Fund’s website, at www.pobpf.co.za.

What is the benefit provided by the Fund for paid-up members?

When you leave office, your benefit is your FUND CREDIT. This is the savings balance you have in the Fund (as shown on your benefit statement every year), comprising your Vested Pot, Savings Pot and Retirement Pot, which together make up your Fund Credit. If you like, this is your “opening balance” as a paid-up member. (There is a short brochure, “The Two-pot System – Everything You Need to Know”, available under Member Guides on the Fund website, www.pobpf.co.za.)

There is one important exception, though. If (when you left office) you had a **housing loan** backed by a guarantee given by the Fund to the lender (the bank), and the Fund has to honour the guarantee by paying the bank to settle the loan, then the loan balance amount which the Fund had to pay to the bank would have been deducted from your Fund Credit, together with any tax levied by SARS.

What terms and conditions apply to paid-up members?

The following apply to paid-up members, in terms of the Fund Rules:

- You cannot make any further contributions to the Fund.
- There are no insured benefits applicable to paid-up members – the death, disability, family funeral and spouses’ life insurance benefits all fall away immediately when you leave office.
- Your benefit will remain invested (earning investment returns in accordance with the Fund’s main investment strategy) until you provide the Fund with a valid and complete instruction to take your benefit from the Fund (in cash / by transfer to another fund / as a retirement benefit). Your Vested Pot, Savings Pot and Retirement Pot are all invested in the same way and earn the same investment return % each month.
- If you return to political office at a later date (and again become a contributing member of the Fund), your membership status will change, and you will again be entitled to the benefits applicable to contributing members. Your Fund Credit as a paid-up member will

continue, and you will also have a new (and separate) Fund Credit as a contributing member.

- While you are a paid-up member, a **monthly charge** will be deducted from your Fund Credit to help cover the costs of operating the Fund. The charge is **R 242.50 per month** for the year commencing 1 April 2025 and will be increased again from time to time. (This charge was introduced with effect from 01 April 2021.)
- You can choose to take a retirement benefit from the Fund once you pass the minimum retirement date, being the end of the month in which you turn 50 (or at any time thereafter).
- You can also choose to take a “withdrawal benefit” (or “resignation benefit”) at any time, even before age 50. Note that there are restrictions affecting your Retirement Pot and possibly also your Savings Pot, when you take a withdrawal benefit – you will not be able to take your full Fund Credit in cash. This is explained in the Leavers’ Pack (see below).

If you want to take a benefit and you are under age 50, you have different options to those available when you are aged 50 and older. In summary, the differences are:

- **IF YOU ARE UNDER AGE 50:** You can receive your Fund benefit as a **withdrawal benefit (resignation benefit) only**.
- **IF YOU ARE AGED 50 AND OVER:** You have the option to receive your Fund benefit as a **withdrawal benefit or as a retirement benefit**.

The **amount** of the benefit is the same, but the **form** of the benefit and the **tax treatment** differs.

These benefits as well the various options available to you are explained in the **Leavers’ Pack** which is available on the Fund’s website, www.pobpf.co.za under “Member Guides”. The Leavers’ Pack also explains how to claim a benefit from the Fund.

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You can update your contact details by email to zzPOBPen@alexforbes.com – you can also do this via the administrator’s AF Connect system for online access to your Fund benefit values and other information. If you have not yet registered for online access, there is a “Member Online Registration” guide, which can be accessed from the home page of the Fund’s website, www.pobpf.co.za, or you can go directly to online@alexforbes.com.

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