

Talking Points

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Dear subscriber

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Flexible drawdown - now available

Suffolk Life is delighted to confirm that flexible drawdown is available as a feature across its entire pension range from 6 April 2011, alongside capped drawdown.

We would like to find out what your plans are for flexible drawdown. Please answer our [one question survey](#).

Flexible drawdown key benefits

- Flexible drawdown allows the investor to draw unlimited income from their pension fund, subject to income tax at their prevailing rate
- There are no further restrictions on investment choice once in flexible drawdown
- The fund can even be completely withdrawn, effectively closing the pension
- To qualify for flexible drawdown the investor must meet a Minimum Income Requirement of £20,000 per annum
- Once flexible drawdown is started the investor cannot make any further contributions to any pension scheme.

What qualifies for the Minimum Income Requirement?

YES

State pension
Lifetime Pension Annuity
Scheme pension*
Certain overseas pensions

NO

Unsecured pension
Investment income
Maintenance payments
Purchased Life Annuity
Drawdown
Scheme Pension**

*With more than 20 members in receipt of pension payments

**With fewer than 20 members in receipt of pension payments

What are the costs?

To designate flexible drawdown	£155
Annual income charge (any year when income is paid)	£155 per annum
To completely deplete the fund and close the pension	£300

All charges are subject to VAT.

Once in flexible drawdown there will no longer be a requirement to conduct triennial reviews nor monitor income limits.

Getting started?

Suffolk Life accepts all forms of transfer in, including drawdown to drawdown, facilitating flexible drawdown for clients with SIPPs that do not currently offer it.

Literature for both flexible drawdown and for new business will be located at www.suffolklife.co.uk/asliterature from 6 April 2011.

Illustrations for capped drawdown will be available from www.suffolklife.co.uk/asillustrate from 6 April 2011.

Illustrations for flexible drawdown will be available direct from the adviser support team (sippsupport@suffolklife.co.uk) also from 6 April 2011.

Further assistance?

Contact us on 0870 414 7000 or at ifaenquiries@suffolklife.co.uk.

How will use you flexible drawdown?

We are really keen to find out how you will be using flexible drawdown. Please [tell us what you think](#).

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