

GUERNSEY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

**The Income Tax (Pensions) (Contribution Limits
and Tax-free Lump Sums) Regulations, 2003**

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<i>Laid before the States</i>	<i>2004</i>
<i>Coming into operation</i>	<i>1st January 2004</i>

THE STATES INCOME TAX AUTHORITY, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 153(2), 157A(2)(b)(vi), 157A(5B) and 159 of the Income Tax (Guernsey) Law, 1975(a) hereby makes the following Regulations:-

Limit of contributions to annuity schemes

1. (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Regulation, the total contributions made by an individual during 2004 to one or more approved annuity schemes must not exceed -
 - (a) £20,000 if the individual is aged 40 or over at any time during 2004, is in receipt of relevant earnings and is not a member of an approved occupational pension scheme; or
 - (b) £13,600 if the individual is aged under 40 throughout 2004 and/or is a member of an approved occupational pension scheme and is in receipt of relevant earnings; or
 - (c) £6,800 if the individual is not in receipt of relevant earnings.
- (2) An individual who has made contributions since 1st January, 1998 but who has not yet contributed the maximum prescribed in respect of any year from 1998 to 2003 inclusive, may also contribute during 2004 any unused excess from any of those years not ended before his first contribution.

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- (a) Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXV, p.124; Vol. XXVI pp.146, 200 and 292; Vol. XXVII pp.84, 118, 200, 333 and 565; Vol. XXVIII, p.84; Vol. XXVIII, pp.184, 278, 353 and 409; Vol. XXIX, p.214; Vol. XXXI, pp.406 and 473; No. XXVI of 1990; No. IV of 1991; No. VI of 1992; Nos. IV and VIII of 1993; No. XXV of 1994; Nos. III and VII of 1995; No. V of 1996; Nos. IV and XXII of 1997; No. XIX of 1998; No II of 1999; No IV of 2000; Nos VI and XVII of 2001; No VII of 2002; also amended (from 1st March 2003) by the Income Tax (Relief on Maintenance Payments) (Guernsey) Law, 2002 and (from 7th April 2003) by the Income Tax (Long-Term Care Benefit) (Guernsey) Law, 2003.

- (3) If he does so, then:
- (a) he must at the same time deliver to the payee a duplicate certificate issued by the Administrator, stating the amount which he is entitled to contribute in 2004, and
 - (b) the payee must retain one copy of that certificate and return the other to the Administrator within 30 days.

Tax-free lump sums

2. No charge to income tax shall arise under section 153(1)(a) or section 157A(5A) of the Law on a lump sum paid during 2004 from an approved occupational pension scheme or an approved annuity scheme except on the amount, if any, by which the total of all lump sum payments made to that individual from all such schemes since 1st January, 1998 exceeds £130,000.

Interpretation

3. In these Regulations -

"**approved annuity scheme**" means a retirement annuity scheme or a retirement annuity trust scheme approved under section 157A of the Law;

"**approved occupational pension scheme**" means a pension scheme or part of a pension scheme approved by the Administrator in accordance with section 150 of the Law and shall be deemed to include a statutory scheme and any scheme authorised by Resolution of the States of Guernsey;

"**the Law**" means the Income Tax (Guernsey) Law, 1975, as amended.

Repeal

4. The Income Tax (Pensions) (Contribution Limits and Tax-Free Lump Sums) Regulations, 2002 are repealed.

Citation

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Income Tax (Pensions) (Contribution Limits and Tax-free Lump Sums) Regulations, 2003.

Commencement

6. These Regulations shall come into force on 1st January, 2004.

Dated this FOURTH day of DECEMBER, 2003



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Individuals who are residents of Guernsey are permitted, under the Income Tax Law, to contribute to Retirement Annuity Schemes or Retirement Annuity Trust Schemes which provide personal pensions upon retirement. The Income Tax Authority is empowered, under the Law, to make Regulations which, amongst other things, lay down the limits of contributions which are permitted.

These Regulations:

- lay down the limits of contributions and mean that with effect from 1st January 2004, individuals are able to contribute up to the maxima shown;
- limit the total of tax-free lump sum payments which may be made from an approved occupational pension scheme or an approved annuity scheme; and
- give an entitlement to carry forward the amount of any qualifying unused contributions for 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 for utilisation in 2004.