

# Rule change consultation 2012

## NEST's response



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On 30 October 2012 we began our second public consultation on proposals to change NEST's rules.

Reflecting the fact that that most of the proposals were minor and technical, we received only two responses to the consultation. In both responses, the views and comments expressed were supportive of what we were seeking to achieve by amending our rules.

At the same time that we were consulting on proposed changes to NEST's rules, DWP were consulting on proposed changes to NEST's order. Following the successful conclusion of DWP's consultation and the introduction of the draft National Employment Savings Trust (Amendment) Order, we will make those amendments which are reliant on changes to NEST's order.

The changes to NEST's rules which are not dependant on amendments to NEST's order will be made as described in the consultation, with three minor alterations:

- The proposal to allow the Trustee to deduct tax charges payable on authorised payments after the age of 75 will be extended to encompass the tax charge on serious ill-health payments after age 75 as well as retirement benefits after age 75.
- The proposal to automatically increase a members benefit age to 105 if the member exceeded their benefit age without taking retirement benefits will be amended to increase the benefit age to 75, before again increasing to 105 if the member doesn't take their benefits at 75.
- The proposal to amend the payment of death benefits, where a member of NEST dies after age 75, has been amended to clarify that such payments are made in accordance with the relevant tax law provisions.
- We intend to make these changes to NEST's rules in April 2013.

I would like to thank those who took time to consider our proposed changes and who provided comments on these proposals.

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Chair  
NEST Corporation

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