

Pension Scheme – Summary

1. The pension scheme (defined benefit agreement)

This pension scheme governs all employees of the employers affiliated with the Pension Fund. The characteristics of the scheme are as follows:

Type of scheme	Average earnings scheme with conditional indexation (increase). A Defined Benefit Scheme.
Participation	<p>As an employee, from the date of commencement of employment with the employer.</p> <p>Participation ends:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> on reaching the retirement date on which the pension payments start; the start of the temporary or early old-age pension as referred to in the extra pension, net pension, and temporary old-age pension regulations; at the end of the employee's employment; at the end of the administration agreement between the Fund and the employer; on the death of the participant. <p>As an exception to point c, above, participation is continued if and for as long as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> there is a right to work disability pension and/or premium-exempt continuation in the event of incapacity for work; or there is a right to a periodic payment under the employer's general or special terms of employment.
Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spouse; • registered partner; • cohabiting partner running a joint household according to a notarial deed, provided there is no lineal consanguinity or in-law affinity between the partners.
Pensionable salary (also known as pensionable income)	The fixed annual gross salary including holiday allowances and any pensionable structural increases, such as the 13th month in the relevant calendar year, to a maximum of €137,800 (maximum for tax purposes as of 1 January 2026). In the case of part-time work, this amount will be reduced pro rata to the part-time factor.
Deductible	The part of the pensionable salary on which no pension is awarded. The deductible as of 1 January 2026 is €18,722 (for full-time employment). This amount will be adjusted in line with TNO's (average) general salary adjustment. The Board is



	entitled to deviate from this provision on the basis of the actuary's opinion.						
Pension basis	<p>The pensionable salary less the deductible for the relevant calendar year.</p> <p>(capped at €137,800 - €18,722 = €119,078). In the case of part-time work, this amount will be reduced pro rata to the part-time factor.</p>						
Retirement date	<p>If continuing to work to the state retirement age, the state retirement age is regarded in principle as the retirement date.</p> <p>Since all entitlements to old-age pension that have accrued and continue to accrue have a start date (calculation date) of 68 years of age, the accrued entitlements to old-age pension must be paid earlier if pension starts at state pension age. As a result of this, the old-age pension payments will be lower than entitlements that start at the age of 68. In addition to early retirement, the pension accrual between the pension entry point and age 68 is also not included.</p> <p>In principle, if an employee works beyond the state retirement age, they will be offered a new employment contract by the employer. Based on this employment contract the employee is deemed to be a participant in the TNO pension scheme. Pension is thus accrued up to the age of 68. Pension contributions are also payable.</p> <p>Based on the pension agreement ('Pensioenakkoord') reached in 2019, the state pension age will rise in steps to 67 in 2025. As of 2026, the state pension age will be linked to life expectancy. See below for an overview of the increase in the state pension age over the coming years.</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Years</th><th>State pension age after pension agreement</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2025 – 2027</td><td>67</td></tr><tr><td>2028</td><td>67 years and 3 months</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>As of 2017, the payment of pension may be deferred subject to the sole condition that the pension payments must start on the day on which the employee reaches an age that is five years older than the state pension age.</p>	Years	State pension age after pension agreement	2025 – 2027	67	2028	67 years and 3 months
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The length of participation	<p>The period during which the employee is or was a participant under the pension scheme rules. The period of participation is measured in years, months, and days.</p> <p>In case of part-time employment, the period of participation is calculated on a pro-rata basis.</p> <p>During the period in which a temporary old-age pension can be paid out (in accordance with the TOP scheme), participants can opt to purchase a period of participation for the lifelong old-age pension related to the accrual rate. If this option is exercised, the relevant party is liable to pay a single premium that will be deducted from the available capital under the TOP scheme.</p>
Old-age pension	<p>As from 2021, the percentage of the old-age pension that is accrued is variable. TNO's social partners each year determine the financial resources that are available for pension accrual. As in 2025 and 2024, the pension accrual for 2026 is 1.75% (2022 and 2023: 1.50%) of the pension basis in the relevant calendar year.</p> <p>These accrued pension entitlements are subject to the conditional indexation policy.</p>
Life-long partner pension	<p>The partner's pension to be accrued in 2026 amounts to 70% of the annual pension accrual rate of 1.75%. In the event of the participant's death during employment, the partner's pension for the remaining service period (i.e. by counting the length of participation up to the date on which the state pension would have been paid if the participant had remained alive) is based on 70% of the accrual rate of 1.75% old-age pension per year.</p> <p>These entitlements are subject to the conditional indexation policy.</p>
Temporary partner's pension	<p>As of 1 January 2002, on a risk basis, 10% of the attainable old-age pension (i.e. by counting the length of participation up to the date on which state pension would have been paid if the participant had remained alive) based on an accrual percentage of 1.75% if the partner has not yet reached state pension age. Payment is not made beyond the date on which the partner reaches the state retirement age.</p> <p>Any temporary partner's pension entitlements accrued prior to 1 January 2002 remain unchanged.</p> <p>These entitlements are subject to the conditional increase policy.</p>



Death benefit to partner	<p>Applies in respect of the death of a person in receipt of pension, or a participant entitled to a work disability pension and/or a TOP payment.</p> <p>The benefit is equal to twice the monthly old-age pension or work disability pension last received. The death payment is tax-free.</p>
Exchange of partner's pension	<p>The lifelong partner's pension accrued since 1 April 2010 and the partner's pension resulting from the collective value transfer of extra old-age pension accrued between 1 January 2002 and 1 April 2010 may be exchanged on the retirement date for an extra lifelong old-age pension, subject to providing a written statement confirming the agreement of any partner to this exchange. Any partner's pension accrued before 1 January 2002, cannot be exchanged for an additional lifetime old-age pension.</p>
Orphan's pension	<p>The orphan's pension is 16% of the attainable old-age pension (i.e. counting the length of participation up to the date on which state pension would have been paid if the participant had remained alive) based on an accrual percentage of 1.75% and is paid up to the end of the month in which the orphan reaches the age of 21. Percentage is doubled in respect of a full orphan.</p> <p>These entitlements are subject to the conditional indexation policy.</p>
Disability pension	<p>Amounts to 70% of the applicable pensionable salary above the maximum daily wage.</p> <p>As of 1 January 2026, the disability pension will be arranged by the Employer and no longer by TNO Pension Fund. Until the collective value transfer of the disability pension is effected, TNO Pension Fund will continue to provide ongoing benefits.</p>
Continuation of pension accrual in the event of incapacity for work	<p>The premium-exempt continuation of pension accrual during the period in which the work disability pension is paid out, proportionate to the degree of work disability.</p> <p>There is also a premium-exempt continuation of pension accrual if and for as long as a participant on a WIA/WAO state benefit receives no work disability pension from the Fund, due to the wage for social insurance purposes being less than the maximum daily wage.</p> <p>The premium-exempt continuation of the pension accrual does not extend beyond the state retirement age.</p>



	<p>The maximum for tax purposes of €137,800 (maximum amount as of 1 January 2025) also applies here. In the case of part-time work, this amount will be reduced in line with the part-time factor.</p>
Conditional indexation	<p>The accrued pension entitlements of active participants, as well as pension payments due and premium-exempt pension entitlements of deferred participants, are conditionally – and in part – adjusted if the policy coverage ratio is 110% or more based on the CPI, if and insofar as there is financial scope according to the statutory liability adequacy test and to the degree that this is balanced.</p> <p>The adjustment of entitlements by awarding indexation is only possible provided that this does not result in a policy coverage ratio of less than 110%.</p> <p>In 2022, in the run-up to the introduction of the new pension system, the possibility of additional indexation under the conditions mentioned in the Decree on Financial Assessment Framework (AMvB) was granted once in addition to the possibility of indexation mentioned above. Here, the lower limit of the policy funding ratio of 110% is reduced once to 105% and the futureproof indexation test does not apply. The government extended the governmental decree on indexation of 9 June 2022 until the end of 2023. The Board used this to determine the indexation for 2022.</p>
Statement Conditionality Supplement Policy of –	<p>The pension fund aims to increase the pension in line with the CPI each year.</p> <p>As of 1 January 2026, your pension this year will be increased by 2.07% compared to 2025.</p> <p>During the past ten years, the Pension Fund has increased pensions as follows:</p> <p>in 2025, compared to 2024, by 1.42%</p> <p>in 2024, compared to 2023, by 0.0%</p> <p>in 2023, compared to 2022, by 16.93%</p> <p>in 2022, compared to 2021, by 3.28%</p> <p>in 2021, compared with 2020, by 0.0%</p> <p>in 2020 compared with 2019, by 0.0%</p>



	<p>in 2019 compared with 2018, by 0.55%</p> <p>in 2018 compared with 2017, by 0.42%</p> <p>in 2017 compared with 2016, by 0.0%</p> <p>in 2016, compared with 2015, by 0.05%</p> <p>In these years, inflation was 1.0% (2014), 0.4% (2015), 0.40% (2016), 1.34% (2017) and 1.73% (2019), 1.12% (2020), 3.28% (2021), 16.9% (2022), 0.0% (2023), - 2.58% (2024) and 3.01% (2025).</p> <p>The Pension Fund will pay future pension increases from the investment returns. Due to past increases and expectations for the coming years, there is no immediate right to increases in the future.</p>
Total pension premium	As of 1 January 2026, the total pension contribution is 20.07% of the pensionable salary. The maximum pensionable salary is capped at €137,800 (maximum amount for tax purposes as of 1 January 2026). In the case of part-time work, this maximum amount will be reduced in line with the part-time factor. The employer will recover part of the total premium from the participants (see employee's contribution to the total pension premium). The premium is payable if and for as long as the participation continues, but not beyond the state pension age.
Employee's share of the total pension premium	The employer pays 20.07% of the pensionable salary to the Pension Fund. The employee in turn repays some of this premium to the employer in the form of a salary deduction. The size of the employee's share was agreed by the employer with the Works Council or the employee representative body. According to the standard division, the employee's share as of 1 January 2026 is 10.00% of the pensionable salary above a non-contributory amount of €28,572, capped at €137,800.
Options	<p>Please refer to exchange of partner's pension. The other available options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• voluntary additional continuation in the event of leave, demotion and temporary old-age pension;• part-time pension;• graduated pension payments from high to low and low to high, within a fiscally permitted range;



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• deferred payment of pension up to a maximum of five years after the state pension age;• advanced payment of pension up to a maximum of ten years before the state pension age;• exchange of exchangeable partner's pension for old-age pension;• The exchange of old-age pension for partner's pension in order to restore the ratio of old-age pension to partner's pension to 100:70.• AOW (state pension) bridging pension. <p>The pension scheme rules contain special conditions and limitations in this regard.</p>
Entitlements in the event of termination of employment	Rights accrued in proportion to time
Transitional provisions	See pension scheme rules.
Value transfer	<p>An individual value transfer is possible in line with statutory provisions and provided that the coverage ratio of both the transferor and transferee pension fund at the end of the relevant calendar month is at least 100% at the time the request is made (the calculation date). On receipt of the offer relating to the value transfer, the amount of the coverage ratio has no further influence and the value transfer will be carried out (after the agreement of the entitled party and any partner).</p> <p>A collective value transfer is subject to specific supplemental conditions.</p>
Automatic value transfer	If the accrued old-age pension does not exceed €632.63 (the limit for the commutation of small pensions as of 1 January 2026) after leaving employment, the accrued pension will automatically be transferred to the pension administrator with which the pension accrual continues. Redemption is no longer permitted unless the fund fails to transfer the accrued pension for five consecutive years. Pensions of €2 or lower will lapse.



2. Extra pension and temporary retirement pension scheme (Defined contribution scheme) and Net pension scheme (Defined contribution scheme)

These are defined contribution schemes aimed at accruing pension capital.

Type of scheme	Defined Contribution scheme
Start date	As at 1 January 1996 for the TOP scheme; as at 1 January 2012 for the extra pension scheme; and as at 1 January 2015 for the net pension scheme.
Participants and start date of participation	Only participants who also participated in previous years can participate in these schemes. (No new participants can register for the TOP scheme after 2012)
The length of participation	From the start date of participation.
Purpose	<p>This is a scheme for the accrual of capital to provide an extra gross old-age pension, early payment of gross old-age pension, a temporary gross old-age pension, or a gross AOW (state old-age pension) bridging pension. As of 1 January 2015, over the pensionable income up to the maximum for tax purposes. This capping limit was indexed annually and was frozen as of 1 January 2025, and is therefore €137,800 as of 1 January 2025, as it was in 2024. In the case of part-time work, this amount will be reduced in line with the part-time factor.</p> <p>As of 1 January 2015, there was also the option to accrue capital for a net pension for pensionable income above the maximum for tax purposes.</p> <p>At the time of the transition to the new pension system (target date of July 1, 2026), the capitals from the TOP and extra pension will be transferred into the new pension scheme. Both schemes will then cease to exist.</p> <p>The net pension scheme will be transferred to an insurer through a collective value transfer in the first half of 2026 and continued there, after which the Pension Fund will no longer be a party.</p>
Target retirement age	<p>For the extra pension and net pension schemes, the target retirement age for tax purposes is 68 (as of 2018).</p> <p>For the TOP scheme, the target retirement age is the state pension date by default, and the participant can choose a start</p>



	<p>date within the limits set by the scheme. See below alongside 'deferred and advanced start date'.</p>
Ambition level	<p>This is dependent on the premium contribution (see below), the yield achieved and/or the interest received thereon (see footnote), and salary increases.</p>
Contribution of premium	<p>The extra pension and net pension schemes are voluntary, and the participant may pay in a premium – at his or her own expense and risk – up to the maximum as specified in the table accompanying the relevant scheme.</p> <p>The participant can stop payment of this monthly sum or change the amount. A single payment per calendar year is possible provided that this does not exceed the maximum specified in the premium table.</p> <p>No further premium payment into the TOP scheme, which was in effect up to 1 January 2012, is possible.</p> <p>Contribution payments into the Extra Pension and Net Pension schemes are no longer possible as of 1 January 2026.</p>
Costs	<p><i>TNO Pension Fund administration costs</i></p> <p>The costs for administering the extra pension, net pension and TOP schemes are set by the TNO Pension Fund at 0.08% per year of the invested assets under this scheme.</p> <p>. The costs of the pension administrator for running the Extra Pension and Temporary Old-age Pension schemes for the period 1 January 2026 - 30 June 2026 were charged in October 2025.</p> <p>The Fund's management costs after 1 January 2026 will be offset against the proceeds from the sale of the investments when the Extra and TOP capitals are converted to the personal pension assets of the (former) member at 1 July 2026 (or a later time of transition to the solidarity-based defined contribution scheme).</p>
Deferred and advanced start date	<p>The choice of a pension start date between the ages of 59 and state pension age for the TOP scheme; and</p> <p>The choice of a start date from 10 years before the start date of the state pension age to no later than the start date of the old-age pension under the average salary scheme for the extra pension and net pension.</p> <p>At the time of the transition to the new pension system (target date 1 July 2026), the capitals from the TOP and Extra pension</p>



	<p>will be included in the new pension scheme. Both schemes will then cease to exist.</p> <p>The net pension scheme will be transferred by collective value transfer to an insurer in early 2026 and continued there, after which the Pension Fund will no longer be a party.</p>
Part-time	<p>The choice – subject to the consent of the employer – to take the extra gross pension and/or net pension in the case of early retirement under the average salary scheme in combination with continuing to work part-time (part-time pension). If the extra gross pension comes from the temporary retirement pension, the employer's consent is not required.</p>
Funds available for investment	<p>The available premium is paid into investment funds (lifecycle) as designated by the Pension Fund. The investment funds are separated from the Pension Fund's investments. At the moment that the pension becomes payable, the required capital is transferred to the Pension Fund.</p> <p>No new contributions can be made as of 1 January 2026.</p>
Entitlements in the event of termination of employment	<p>The available capital from the available premium and the yield earned thereon as at the date of termination of employment. The capital from the extra pension and net pension schemes must be converted into a pension entitlement within six months of the employee leaving employment, except in the case of a value transfer.</p> <p>Rights under the TOP scheme in the event of termination of employment: the capital from the TOP scheme which, depending on the investment results, may go up as well as down.</p>
Use of capital in the event of death	<p>The available capital is converted to an immediately payable supplemental lifelong partner's pension to benefit surviving dependants; this surviving dependants' pension is paid gross from the extra pension scheme (and net from the net pension scheme).</p> <p>There is also the possibility to select a different pension administrator/pension insurer for the use of the capital ('shop-around' option).</p> <p>If there are no surviving dependants, the capital reverts to the Pension Fund.</p>

Use of capital at the start date	<p>The available capital from the extra pension and net pension schemes is used to coincide with the start date of the pension under the average salary scheme.</p> <p>The available capital from the TOP scheme is used at the start date to provide a temporary old-age pension, provided that the start date for this is before the state pension age.</p> <p>If there is capital remaining at state pension age or the start date for the lifelong retirement pension (whichever occurs first), this remaining capital will be used to purchase a lifelong retirement and partner's pension.</p> <p>On the basis of the Wet verbeterde premieregeling (Defined Contribution Scheme Improvement Act), it has been legally possible since 1 September 2016 to purchase a variable pension benefit in addition to a fixed (stable) benefit.</p> <p>It is not possible to purchase a variable pension benefit from the TNO Pension Fund. If participants wish to make use of this facility, at the moment of making a definite choice for a variable benefit they must choose a pension insurer that does offer it.</p> <p>Around 15 years before the retirement date, the participant will be informed of his/her options regarding the provisional choice for a variable pension.</p> <p>At the time of the transition to the new pension system (target date 1 July 2026), the capitals from the TOP and Extra pension will be included in the new pension scheme. Both schemes will then cease to exist.</p> <p>The net pension scheme will be transferred by collective value transfer to an insurer in early 2026 and continued there, after which the Pension Fund will no longer be a party.</p>
Indexation	The temporary old-age pension obtained from capital will also be subject to the indexation from 1 January 2022.
Value transfer	<p>Individual value transfer is possible in line with statutory provisions and provided that the coverage ratio of both the transferor and transferee pension fund is at least 100% at the end of the relevant calendar month. A collective value transfer is subject to specific conditions.</p> <p>If the value of the entitlements under the average salary scheme is transferred, any capital under the extra pension, net pension,</p>



	<p>and TOP schemes will also be transferred. These sums of capital cannot be kept with the TNO Pension Fund.</p> <p>There is one exception to this. If the new employer's pension scheme does not offer a net pension scheme, the available capital in the net pension scheme is not transferred, but remains in the TNO Pension Fund.</p>
Automatic value transfer	If the accrued old-age pension does not exceed €632.63 (the limit for the commutation of small pensions as of 1 January 2026) after leaving employment, the accrued pension will automatically be transferred to the pension administrator with which the pension accrual continues. Redemption is no longer permitted unless the fund fails to transfer the accrued pension for five consecutive years.