

Information leaflet about cash payments of vested retirement benefit when leaving Switzerland

Insured persons who move to an EU or EFTA country from Switzerland cannot be paid the portion of the retirement benefit dictated by statutory employment provisions in cash if they are subject to compulsory state insurance for old age, invalidity and survivors' benefits in an EU or EFTA member state.

Provided there is no official confirmation from the state institution of the relevant EU or EFTA member state, only the element exceeding the mandatory portion will be paid immediately after leaving the Livica pension scheme. The retirement benefit will thus be divided: The mandatory portion of the credit will have to remain in Switzerland and be transferred to a Swiss vested benefits institution (vested benefits foundation or vested benefits policy). Transfer to a foreign institution is excluded (exception: Liechtenstein).

1. Affected countries

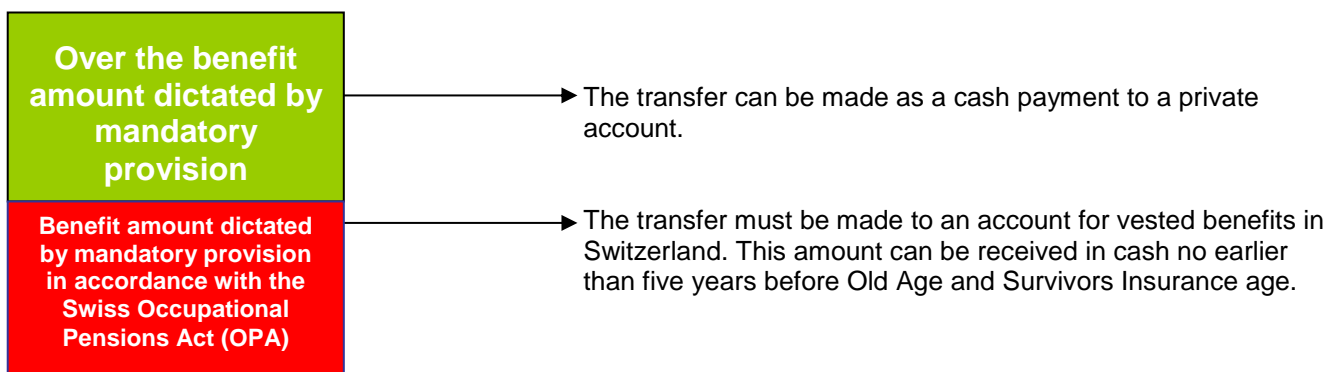
European Union

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden

EFTA Countries

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland

2. Division of vested termination benefit/termination benefit



3. Some examples

3.1. Is a person leaving Switzerland to work (as an employee) in an EU or EFTA member state eligible to receive cash payment of the mandatory retirement benefit?

No, not if this person is subject to compulsory pension insurance in an EU or EFTA member state.

3.2. Is a person leaving Switzerland to work on a self-employed basis in an EU or EFTA member state eligible for cash payment of mandatory retirement benefit?

No, not if this person is subject to compulsory pension insurance in an EU or EFTA member state. The decisive factor in this situation is not that the person is going to work on a self-employed basis, but whether or not the person is subject to pension insurance in an EU or EFTA member state.

3.3. Is a person receiving a pension in an EU or EFTA member state eligible for cash payment of mandatory retirement benefit?

No, not if this person is subject to compulsory pension insurance in an EU or EFTA member state. In this case, the law does not envisage an exception or reservation regarding retired persons.

3.4. Which benefit does someone aged 58 or over receive?

It is possible for people aged 58 or over to take their pension benefits early. The insured person therefore has the right to **retirement benefit** in the form of a lump sum payment or pension. In this case, this is no longer a matter of termination benefit and the lump sum payment is not subject to any limitations.

4. What do you need to do?

4.1. You want to receive the benefit amount dictated by mandatory provision as a cash payment?

In each case, Livica transfers the mandatory portion of the termination benefit to an account for vested retirement benefits with your chosen bank.

You can get an application form for the declaration of social insurance obligation in an EU or EFTA member state directly from the OPA Guarantee Fund Liaison Office (see below for address).

Please note that the registration procedure for this can take several months and the mandatory portion of your termination benefit will only be paid after confirmation has been received.

The element over the mandatory provision will be transferred to your specified private account as soon as possible.

4.2. You do not want to or cannot receive the benefit dictated by mandatory provision as a cash payment? (see example no. 3.1 to 3.3.)

Accordingly, the mandatory portion of the termination benefit will be transferred to an account for vested retirement benefits with your chosen bank. This amount can be received in cash no earlier than five years before Old Age and Survivors Insurance age.

We will be happy to be at your service

Monday through Thursday 08.30 – 11.30 / 13.30 – 16.30
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For application forms (see no. 4.1):

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Exclusion of legal claims and validity

No legal claims may be derived and asserted from the above-mentioned explanations. The decisive factor is Livica's pension regulations.

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