



National Federation of Voluntary Service Providers' Pension & Life Assurance Scheme

Investment Mapping Guide

December 2021



What's happening?

As you know, your pension Scheme is moving from New Ireland to Irish Life from the 1st of January 2022. This guide explains how your existing pension fund and your pension contributions from the 1st of January will be invested when the Scheme transfers to Irish Life.

What do I need to do?

You don't need to do anything at the moment. As outlined below, your pension fund will automatically transfer from New Ireland to Irish Life and will be invested in Irish Life investment funds.



If you are currently invested in the New Ireland default fund - Passive IRIS

You will simply be transferred across to the Irish Life equivalent strategy - called the EMPOWER Personal Lifestyle Strategy (PLS). Your pension fund will be invested according to the PLS Strategy. Information on the workings of the PLS Strategy is provided further below.



If you are <u>not</u> currently invested in the New Ireland default fund - Passive IRIS

This means you have selected funds yourself.

If you are currently fully invested in the **New Ireland Cash Fund**, your pension fund, and ongoing pension contributions, will transfer to Irish Life's EMPOWER Cash Fund.

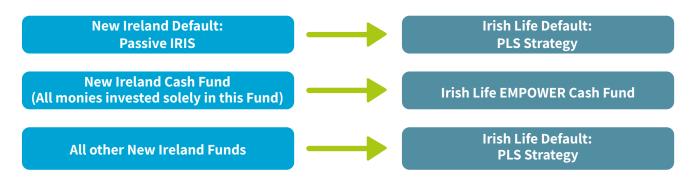
If you have selected **any other New Ireland investment fund(s)**, your pension fund, and ongoing pension contributions, will transfer to Irish Life's default fund, the PLS Strategy.

Once the transfer of member records and investment management to Irish Life has been finalised, you will have the option of making unlimited switches to your investment choices. There is no charge for this service. It will be possible for you to switch to any of the new range of funds after the transfer to Irish Life is complete.

Further details on the range of investment funds available, including levels of risk, will be made available in an Investment Guide produced by Irish life. This guide will be on the **www.fedvol.ie**. website in January 2022.

Fund mapping

Your pension fund will be transferred across to either the PLS Strategy or the EMPOWER Cash Fund.



We will advise you when the Scheme transfer has been completed in case you wish to make a switch from the investment fund you were automatically mapped onto, as outlined above.

Once your personal member record is set up with Irish Life, you can make an investment switch via your online Member Portal. We will be in further contact when the Scheme transfer has been completed and we will outline to you how to make an investment switch, if you wish to make one.

After the Scheme transition has been finalised, you can decide between two investment approaches as follows, which will determine how your pension contributions are invested.

Investment Approach 1 - Be my Guide



This is where you will be invested in the PLS Strategy and where Irish Life Investment Managers will do the work for you.

Investment Approach 2 - I'll Decide



This option allows you to take control of your investments and select where your pension fund and ongoing contributions will be invested.

Option 1 - If you are currently invested in New Ireland's default fund - Passive IRIS or have self-selected fund(s) other than the Cash Fund as your sole investment choice

Your pension fund, as well as any future contributions, will automatically be invested in the EMPOWER Personal Lifestyle Strategy, unless you decide to switch funds at a later date. You can only switch funds after the Scheme has transferred over to Irish Life.

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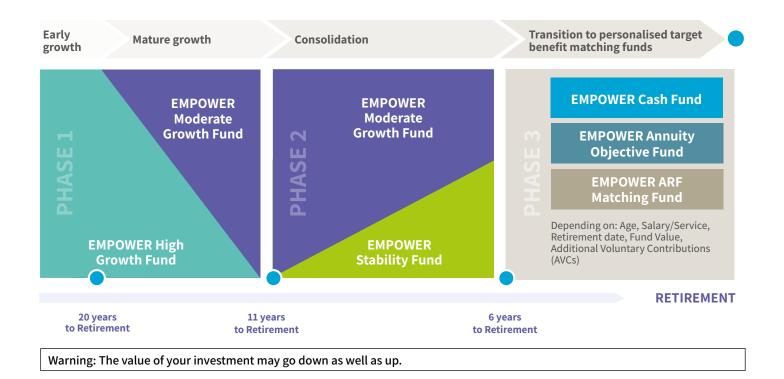
Securities Lending: The assets in these funds (except the EMPOWER Cash Fund) may be used for the purposes of securities lending in order to earn an additional return for the fund. While securities lending increases the level of risk within the fund it also provides an opportunity to increase the investment return.

How does the EMPOWER Personal Lifestyle Strategy (PLS) work?

PLS consists of three phases which span the years of your pension journey. It starts from the moment you join the strategy up to your retirement date.

The PLS Strategy lets Irish Life look after everything for you. Your pension fund will be invested according to the PLS Strategy, which means your pension fund is put into higher risk investments when you are further from retirement, with a view to maximising the growth potential of your pension fund.

As you get closer to retirement, your pension fund will automatically be moved to lower risk investments to help protect the value of your accumulated pension fund. Then, once you are within 6 years of retirement, your pension fund will be switched into investments that will aim to safeguard your accumulated pension fund.



PHASE 1 PHASE 2 PHASE 3 **Growth Phase Consolidation Phase Switches into Target Benefit Funds** Phase 1 puts you in funds designed to Phase 2 gradually moves Phase 3 moves your pension fund into achieve investment growth while at the investments that will be suitable for how your pension fund into same time balancing investment risk. the EMPOWER Stability you are most likely to draw down your Fund when you are 11 pension benefits on retirement. Initially, if you are more than 20 years years from retirement. away from retirement, you will be You might for example take a Cash Lump completely invested in the EMPOWER This helps to protect Sum, purchase a pension for life (annuity) High Growth Fund, with the aim of your pension fund or keep part of your fund for a post achieving best possible returns to make against volatile markets. retirement investment in an Approved Retirement Fund (ARF). your pension fund grow from early on in your savings journey. Then you will be switched into the EMPOWER Moderate Growth Fund, which has slightly lower risk and return expectations.

If you invest in the EMPOWER Personal Lifestyle Strategy then all of your pension contributions must be invested in this strategy, you cannot select other funds and have the PLS features outlined here.

Which investment funds are used in PLS?



The EMPOWER Cash Fund is a low risk fund which invests in bank deposits. It will be used for your likely lump sum benefit.



The EMPOWER Stability Fund is invested in a mix of assets such as bonds, shares, property and cash. It also features several risk management mechanisms.

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The **EMPOWER**

ARF Matching Fund is a mix of assets such as bonds, shares, property and cash.

It also features several risk management mechanisms.

It will be used for the part of the fund that may

be transferred

(ARF).

to an Approved

Retirement Fund



The **EMPOWER** Annuity **Objective Fund** invests in a mix of Government and/or Corporate bonds as appropriate. It is designed for the portion of your fund that may be used to purchase a pension for life.



The **EMPOWER Moderate Growth Fund** is a mix of assets such as bonds, shares and property. It features several risk management mechanisms and may invest in cash from time to time. This is a medium risk fund, which aims to have a moderate allocation to high risk assets such as shares and property.



The **EMPOWER High Growth Fund** is a mix of assets such as bonds, shares and property. This is a medium to high risk fund, which aims to have a relatively high exposure to high risk assets such as shares and property. It features several risk management strategies and may invest in cash from time to time.

Source: Irish Life Investment Managers.

Irish Life are committed to ensuring PLS remains the optimum strategy for you. We therefore reserve the right to alter the mix of the assets and funds being used to underpin the strategy as required to ensure the strategy objectives are being met. We will communicate any such changes to the Scheme Trustees and Advisors where appropriate.

Details of these funds are available on www.irishlifecorporatebusiness.ie.

The annual fund management charge for each fund used in PLS is 0.29% per year.

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Option 2 - You choose your own funds

Irish Life will notify you when the Scheme has transferred, and you will then be able to choose your own investment funds if you wish. The table below sets out the Irish Life investment funds that will be available to you and the charges for these.

Self Select Fund range

Members can choose from the following investment funds.

Memb	ers can choose from the following Trustee-selected funds	Risk Rating	Return Target	ESG Categorisation
↑ Risk Return	Sustainable Equity (ESG) Fund	6	In line with global equity markets	Article 8
	EMPOWER High Growth Fund	5	Cash + 4.5%	Article 8
	EMPOWER Moderate Growth Fund	4	Cash + 4.0%	Article 8
	EMPOWER Cautious Growth Fund		Cash + 3.0%	Article 8
	EMPOWER Stability Fund	2	Cash + 2.0%	Article 8
	EMPOWER Cash Fund	0	Cash Return	Article 6

Source: Irish Life Investment Managers.

The fund management charge for all funds is 0.29% per annum except for the EMPOWER Cash Fund which is 0.15% per annum, and the Sustainable Equity (ESG) Fund which is 0.23% per annum.

Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) considerations for Responsible Investment

The funds chosen by the Trustees aim to promote environmental and social characteristics, including enhanced exposure to more sustainable companies and alignment with the transition to a low carbon economy. Irish Life also engages with investee companies to encourage improved governance and management of sustainability issues.

The funds are ESG rated accordingly eg Article 8 funds promote environmental or social characteristics (although not exclusively) and invest in companies that follow good governance practices.

Article 6 funds have no explicit consideration of sustainability aspects as part of the investment process.

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Where can I find out more information?

The Trustees have arranged for Irish Life to be available to answer all of your queries. Contact details for Irish Life are outlined below.

Once the Scheme moves to Irish Life, you will have more information available on your Member Portal, including your Investment Guide. All Scheme information is also available on **www.fedvol.ie** (click on pension tab).

Contact Irish Life

Email: fedvol@irishlife.ie

Phone: 01 7041845

This line will be open from 9am - 12pm and from 2pm - 4pm Monday to Friday.



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