

## Pension Updates

### New Retirement Centre Videos

Retirement Centre

We recently launched our new [Retirement Centre](#) with many great tools and a lot of useful information for pension scheme members who are approaching retirement. The online centre also features new videos. Check out the following clip about making last minute AVCs (Additional Voluntary Contributions).



### Irish Life welcomes S&P's improved rating

Announcement from Standard & Poor



Irish Life Assurance plc ("Irish Life") welcomed the announcement from Standard & Poor's ("S&P") that it has raised its rating of the company to A-, one notch above the sovereign rating, in its latest research update on the company. Commenting, Irish Life Group Chief Executive, Bill Kyle said that the move was a positive development for the company. "We are particularly encouraged that S&P has pointed to Irish Life's very strong financial risk profile, capital

and earnings and strong risk management controls while also noting that our liquidity is exceptional." Based on its expectations that Irish Life is likely to continue to have a leading competitive position in Ireland, while maintaining its very strong capital and earnings, S&P has given a stable outlook for the rating.

### Have you downloaded the updated App yet?

Improved My Pension App available



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1. If your iphone allows for automatic downloads, simply open My Pension App on your iphone and you will have access to the updated version. You can log in using your existing pin number.

Or

2. Go to the App Store on your device, select ‘Updates’ and choose ‘My Pension’. When the app has finished updating, you can login to it by entering your existing four digit pin number. Our aim is make your key information more quickly accessible to you, and to provide lots of other useful information to help keep you up to date with the progress of your pension fund.

### What’s new?

- The current value of your pension fund.
- Total contributions paid to date.
- Years to go to retirement.
- Check the details of the fund in which you are invested in the ‘My Portfolio’ section.
- Check any payments you have made in the last 12 months in the ‘Recent Payments’ section.
- Check what funds are available to you in the ‘My Available Funds’ section.

We hope you enjoy exploring the improved app! Please feel free to contact us with any suggestions you may have – all feedback is welcome.



To find out more about the app check our guides:

### DC My Pension

- [My Pension DC guide](#)
- [My Pension DC Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### AVC My Pension

- [My Pension AVC guide](#)
- [My Pension AVC Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## Awards success

Irish Life Corporate Business is a winner



We are delighted to announce that we have had more awards success. We scooped the award for Best Innovation in Financial Services at the recent Digital Media Awards. We were honoured to collect this fantastic award. This is the second innovation award presented to Irish Life Corporate Business within the last number of months, a fantastic achievement for the company.

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## Great-West Life's report on pensions in Canada

The 2013 Capital Accumulation Plan - benchmark report



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The results of this analysis have been compiled into an interesting brochure which can be accessed via the link below. A lot of what they learned is very applicable to the Irish pension environment so we think you'll find the brochure insightful and relevant. We plan on doing a similar analysis of the defined contribution plans that we look after in the coming months which we will provide for you in a future newsletter.

[Read report](#)

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