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## The Pension and Benefits Board

**To: Treasurers and Payroll Administrators**  
**Date: October 2020**  
**Re: 2021 Member Pension and Group Insurance, Maximum Qualifying Income and Health & Dental Premiums**

**Effective January 1, 2021:**

**2021 Maximum Qualifying Income**

For pension and group insurance purposes, the Maximum Qualifying Income is **\$74,880** (Records & Statistics 2020, p.5).

**2021 Health and Dental premium**

The Health and Dental premium is **\$4,592 per position** plus tax where applicable. Sales tax is applied to premiums in the following provinces: Ontario (8%); and Quebec (9%).

**2021 Member Pension Contribution Rate: 9%**

The member pension plan contribution rate is **9%** of the member's qualifying income.

**2021 Member Group Insurance Rate: 1.7%**

The member contribution rate for the group insurance plan is **1.7%** of the member's qualifying income plus tax where applicable. Sales tax is applied to premiums in the following provinces: Ontario (8%); Quebec (9%); and Manitoba (7%). Please note: in order for benefits claimed by the member to be non-taxable, the member (not the congregation) must pay the group insurance premium.

**2021 Congregation Pension Contribution Rate: 5%**

The Pension Plan Congregational Assessment rate is **5%** of the dollar base figure as determined by the Annual Session Statistical Report as at December 31, 2019. The Pension Plan Congregational Assessment is the **employer** contribution to the pension fund – it is not related to the individual minister's contribution.

**2021 'Other Employer' Pension Contribution Rate: 12%**

The employer contribution rate for congregational employees and other non-PCC clergy employees is **12%** of the member's qualifying income. Please note: the 12% employer contribution rate also applies to ordained or diaconal ministers not in a congregation, for example clergy who are employed by the colleges or mission extensions.

**Minimum Stipend and Allowance Schedule**

The 2021 Minimum Stipend and Allowance Schedule may be found in the Records & Statistics 2020, p.5 or on the Pension and Benefits website <https://presbyterian.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021-Minimum-Stipend-and-Allowance-Schedule.pdf>

## Remitting Deductions to the Pension and Benefits Office

**Automatic Withdrawal**

With your authorization, payments for pension, group insurance and health and dental can be automatically withdrawn from your bank account according to our payment schedule. Once set up, remittances will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account on the 15th of **each month**. To sign up for this service, please complete the **Automatic Withdrawal Authorization Form** – which can be found on [www.presbyterian.ca/resources/finance](http://www.presbyterian.ca/resources/finance) – and email the completed form to [onawar@presbyterian.ca](mailto:onawar@presbyterian.ca) OR mail to: **50 Wynford Drive, Toronto ON M3C 1J7, Attn: Omnya Nawar.**

### **On-line Fillable Remittance Forms**

To download the appropriate form, go to <https://presbyterian.ca/pensionandbenefits/employers/>. **Payments are due monthly.** Please ensure that all payments are remitted with the prescribed remittance form and include:

- Member Name\*
- Member ID#\*
- Congregation Code or Employer Code

*\*If your congregation has no member then these fields can be left blank.*

## **Clergy: Ordained & Diaconal**

### *Monthly Member and Employer Costs*

Please use the following chart to calculate **Member and Congregation** Pension and Group Insurance costs. The example below shows the maximum monthly deductions using the 2021 Maximum Qualifying Income of **\$74,880**.

	<b>2021 Calculations</b>	<b>2021 Maximum Deductions</b>
<b>Qualifying income (QI)*</b>	<b>(Basic stipend + 60%) = QI</b>	<b>\$74,880</b>
Employee Pension contribution	QI x 9% / 12	<b>\$561.60 per month</b>
Employee Group Insurance deduction	QI x 1.7% / 12	<b>\$106.08 per month + tax if applicable</b>
Optional group insurance		Invoiced separately – cost varies
Monthly Employer Pension cost	2019 Dollar base x 5% / 12	Refer to your Congregational Assessment

\*QI – For Professional Church workers, PCC ordained and diaconal, the qualifying income is defined as the sum of the actual stipend and 60% (percent) of stipend (in lieu of allowances) to the annual maximum. (Records & Statistics 2020, p.5)

## **Congregational Employees & Non-Clergy Employees**

### *Monthly Member and Employer Costs*

Please use the following chart to calculate **Member and Employer** Pension and Group Insurance costs: The example below uses an annual salary of \$40,000.00 and 2021 Health and Dental premium \$4,592.

	<b>2021 Calculations</b>	<b>Example</b>
<b>Qualifying income (QI)**</b>	<b>(Salary + \$4,592) = QI</b>	<b>\$44,592</b>
Monthly Employee Pension contribution	QI x 9% / 12	<b>\$334.44 per month</b>
Monthly Employee Group Insurance deduction	QI x 1.7% / 12	<b>\$63.17 per month + tax if applicable</b>
Monthly Optional group insurance		Invoiced separately – cost varies
Monthly Employer Pension cost	QI x 12% / 12	<b>\$445.92 per month</b>

\*\*For congregational employees and non-clergy employees, the qualifying incomes includes salary plus the amount of the health and dental premiums paid by the employer but *cannot* include any payments of bonus, overtime, or other fluctuating emoluments. **If the employee is not a member of the Church's health and dental plan, use salary figure only.**

Once members reach age 65+ LTD is no longer offered, resulting in a reduced Group Insurance premium. Please contact our office for details if applicable to your member.

Please contact Liane Maki at the Pension and Benefits office if you require assistance with this memo – **1-800-619-7301 or 416-441-1111 ext 233**. All treasurer memos can be found on the Pension and Benefits Board website: [www.presbyterian.ca/pensionsandbenefits](http://www.presbyterian.ca/pensionsandbenefits)