

State pension: 500,000 Britons will not get increase in April due to frozen pensions

HUNDREDS of thousands of pensioners will not receive an increase to their state pension this April, and their sum will remain frozen instead.

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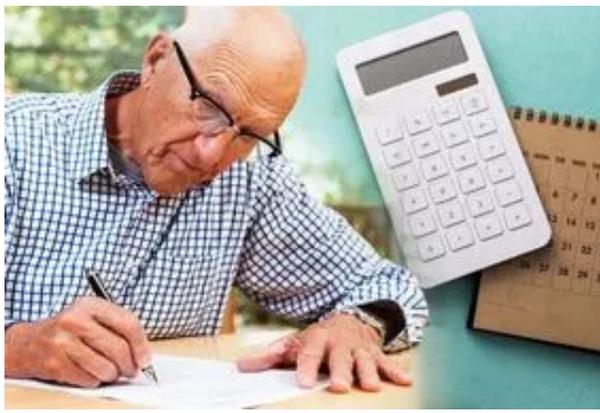
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While the state pension rises every year, some people are not able to get the increase due to where they live. British pensioners living overseas often see their state pension frozen.

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The state pension is currently worth up to £179.60 for the full new state pension, and this will increase to £185.15 from April 2022.

However, some Britons who have moved abroad in retirement will not receive this increase.

As the cost of living rises over time, people who have a frozen state pension will lose money in real terms as their state pension becomes less valuable.

The campaign group End Frozen Pensions estimates there are more than half a million pensioners impacted by a frozen state pension.

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The state pension is frozen in many overseas countries (Image: GETTY)

Many of the pensioners affected have said they were not aware their state pension would not increase once they moved abroad.

One of the countries where the state pension is frozen is Canada, despite the fact that expats south of the border in the USA do receive an annual increase to their state pension.

The Canadian politician Brad Vis recently raised the issue of frozen pensions in the Canadian House of Commons.

He said: “Approximately 127,000 Canadians receive state pensions from the United Kingdom.

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“While British expats living in some countries, notably, the United States, receive annual inflationary increases, the pensions of those residing in Canada are frozen.

“My constituents are calling on the Government of Canada to ensure any future trade agreement between Canada and the UK includes a provision to unfreeze the pensions of British expats living in Canada.”

End Frozen Pensions states a large number of people living in Australia are also affected.

A petition from End Frozen Pensions which calls on the Government to end the practice of freezing the UK state pension overseas has garnered more than 18,000 signatures.

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 - A man born before April 6, 1951
 - A woman born before April 6, 1953
- If you were born later, you'll need to claim the new State Pension.
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