

DAVY EXECUTIVE PENSION PORTFOLIO

The Davy Executive Pension Portfolio ('EPP') is a tax efficient occupational pension scheme which is set up under trust for the benefit of a single member. Contributions made by you and the employer may qualify for tax relief (within certain limits). All Davy EPPs are subject to approval by the Revenue Commissioners and the Pensions Authority.

The Davy EPP Service:

- **Application for approval** with the Revenue Commissioners and Pensions Authority
- Full **administration** services
- Access to the Davy **investment platform**

With a Davy EPP, you will be given access to a wide range of asset classes, including: ►

CASH	BONDS	EQUITIES
PROPERTY		ALTERNATIVES
In addition, you can also invest with other investment managers through your EPP. The selection of investments must be in line with Revenue and Pensions Act investment guidelines.		

Eligibility

In order to qualify for an EPP, you must be an employee or director of a company in receipt of Schedule E remuneration for income tax purposes.

Who contributes to my EPP?

Both you and your employer can contribute to your EPP. As a condition of Revenue approval of the scheme, your employer is obliged to make a 'meaningful' contribution.

Contributions

The maximum contributions that can be paid to your Scheme by you and/or your employer will depend on your personal circumstances including company service and salary and is restricted by Revenue limits.

You will receive full income tax relief at your marginal rate on contributions within the limits set out in the table opposite.

Age in Tax Year	Maximum Personal Contribution as a % of Remuneration*
Under 30	15%
30-39	20%
40-49	25%
50-54	30%**
55-59	35%
Over 60	40%

Source: Revenue as at January 2018.

*An earnings cap of €115,000 applies to personal contributions are capped at €115,000 for 2018. (Part 30 of the Taxes Consolidation Act (TCA) 1997 as amended.) Tax relief is only available where you have Net Relevant Earnings in the tax year. For AVC PRSAs, the contribution limit is based on your salary from the relevant employment.

**The rate of 30% applies to certain specified occupations irrespective of age.

Your company can make contributions on your behalf. Such contributions are not subject to tax in the hands of employees and are not considered for the purposes of determining maximum personal contribution limits for tax relief purposes.

There is an overall limit set by Revenue on the size of your retirement fund based on your salary and service. The standard fund threshold for 2018 is €2 million unless you have applied for a personal fund threshold to Revenue.

Transfers In

Transfers can be accepted from other pension arrangements including:

- i Other Occupational Pension Schemes;
- ii Retirement Bonds;
- iii Personal Retirement Savings Accounts ('PRSAs');
- iv Retirement benefits established outside of the State to the extent that transfers are permitted from that Scheme.

Transfers Out

The full value of your Davy EPP is available to transfer to another pension arrangement such as:

- i An Occupational Pension Scheme;
- ii A PRSA (subject to certain restrictions);
- iii A Retirement Bond.
- iv Arrangements for the provision of retirement benefits established outside of the State to the extent that transfers are permitted to that Scheme.

There are no exit penalties for transferring your benefits out of the EPP.

Benefits

You can normally start taking your benefits from age 60 (and up to age 70). In certain circumstances, you can take benefits earlier such as if you retire from employment at age 50 or over or if you can no longer work because of a serious illness or disability. This is restricted to age 55 in the case of a QROPS (Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pension Scheme) transfer in.

The amount of your benefits on retirement depends on the value of your fund which will depend on the level of contributions paid and the investment return earned on those contributions. The Davy EPP offers flexible retirement options.

You are entitled to take benefits in one of two ways:

Option 1

- A once-off lump sum of up to one and a half times final salary depending on your length of service*; and
- The balance of the fund must be used to purchase an annuity.

Option 2 (this option may be restricted where the transfer is from a Defined Benefit Scheme)

- A once-off lump sum of up to 25% of the value of the assets*; and
- The balance of the fund must be transferred to an Approved Retirement Fund ('ARF') / Approved Minimum Retirement Fund ('AMRF').

Death Benefits

The value of your fund at death may be used to provide the following benefits:

*The first €200,000 of a lump sum is tax free and the next €300,000 is subject to tax at the standard rate (20% at January 2018). The maximum lump sum is subject to the limits applicable to your occupational or statutory scheme and limits set down by the Revenue Commissioners.

- A tax free lump sum of up to four times final salary is payable to your Estate together with a refund of personal contributions; and/or
- The balance of the fund (if any) is used to secure an annuity for your spouse or dependants.

Risks

The value of your investment may go down as well as up. You may lose some or all of the money invested. Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. The EPP may be invested in particular securities, such as stocks or bonds, which can fall in value at any time due to the value in global stock markets.

There is no guarantee that the EPP will meet its objectives of providing for your longer term income needs.

In most cases, you cannot access your Executive Pension Portfolio before your Normal Retirement Age (i.e. at retirement).

Charges

- There are no set up charges.
- There are no contribution or transfer charges.
- For Execution-Only accounts, there will be an annual dealing charge for any number of transactions, subject to overseas charges for non-Irish/non-UK listed instruments.

In all cases, other charges apply.

Full information on fees and charges is available at <http://www.davyselect.ie/charges/fees-and-charges.html>

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