

FOR PSA MEMBERS: MPUMALANGA, NORTH-WEST AND NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL OFFICES

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# Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF) information

## **Actuarial Interest Factors: Know Your Pension Value**

The Public Servants Association (PSA) ensures members fully understand how their pensions are calculated. A key tool used by the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF) is the Actuarial Interest Factor (AIF).

#### What is an AIF?

AIF determines the present-day value of your future pension. It acts as a standard formula, providing fairness and transparency across all members. It answers the question: "What is my pension worth today, based on my service and salary?"

## How is the AIF calculated?

- Actuaries consider: Current salary and years of service Your contributions and service determine the base value.
- Projected salary growth Expected increases until retirement are included.
- Time value of money Money today is worth more than in the future.
- Life expectancy and fund assumptions Ensures the fund remains sustainable for all members.

## **Applications for AIF**

- Resignation Benefits Calculates your lump sum if you leave before retirement.
- Retirement Benefits Determines both the commuted cash portion and the monthly pension.
- Death or III-health Benefits Protects dependents with fair and accurate payouts.

## Why it matters?

- Transparency Members understand how benefits are calculated.
- Fairness Everyone is treated equally.
- Efficiency Quick, consistent calculations.
- Security Supports the fund's long-term financial health.

# **Example**

A member with 20 years' service and a R300,000 salary resigns. Using the AIF, the fund calculates a fair lump sum without complex individual computations.

# **PSA Commitment**

The PSA fights for clear pension calculations, member education, and protection of your retirement benefits. Your pension is earned. The AIF ensures it is calculated fairly and scientifically.

PSA: Protecting your rights, securing your future.

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