

Important information in relation to new regulations for investment through Self Administered Pension Funds effective 23rd September 2005.

These new regulations are largely centred around borrowing and investment in property and other unregulated investments. Property is considered an unregulated investment, and property funds, even multi property funds through an insurance company, are also considered to be an unregulated investment.

| | One member schemes | Small (multimember schemes) 2-99 members |
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| New borrowing | Allowed | Not allowed |
| Existing borrowing | Allowed | Trustees to take steps to reduce borrowing to nil as soon as practically possible, and notify Pensions Board of plans in this area |
| Unregulated investment (e.g. property, property funds, unquoted shares etc.) | Allowed | Allowed up to 50% of scheme assets (individualised by member) Where existing unregulated investment exceeds 50% of the individual member's scheme assets, steps must be taken by the trustees to dilute this over time by reallocation to other (regulated) asset classes. Trustees to notify the Pensions Board of plans in this area. |
| Trustees investment management expertise approved by the Pensions Board | Required (MacCourt Trustees are the first pensioner trustee to be approved by the Pensions Board for this purpose) | Required (MacCourt Trustees are the first pensioner trustee to be approved by the Pensions Board for this purpose) |
| Investments to be properly diversified | Not required | Required |
| Invest as a prudent person (investing sensibly) | Not required under this legislation but normal trustee obligations would require this anyway | Required |

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