# ADVANCE CLAIMS AND AWARDS OF STATE PENSION

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## INTRODUCTION

This memo provides guidance on The Pensions Act 2014 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Amendments) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015 / 1985). The changes covered by this memo come into force on 4.1.16<sup>1</sup>. The provisions being commenced earlier to other SP provisions relate to advance claims and awards.

1 The Pensions Act 2014 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Amendments) Order 2015, reg 1(2)(a)

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The general rules on claiming benefit in advance, which allow such claims to be made up to 3 months before the date of entitlement, subject to certain conditions, do not apply to RP. They similarly do not apply to SP<sup>1</sup>. Instead a claim for SP, and an award on such a claim can, like RP, be made up to 4 months in advance<sup>2</sup>.

1 SS (C&P) Regs, reg 13(3); 2 reg 15(1)

## **ANNOTATIONS**

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