

## Pension Scheme 600 word essay.

### The State Pension Age is escalating and it's only climbing higher, but what is happening and why?

The increase of the State Pension in the UK has only been rising, and will increase more with years to come. But there is a question that lies deep within this, why is it being increased? Why is the Government making people work so long? Of course there is the obvious reason which is life expectancy within the UK is increasing. However this will look at every aspect, explaining what is happening and why?

[During the 1940s till April of 2010](#), the State Pension Age was simple. The age of receiving the State Pension was 60 for women and 65 for men. However the introduction of the Pensions Act in 1995 would see a controversial increase for women, escalating the age from 60 to 65 in the years between 2010 till 2020, so the age would be fair between both men and women. The first substantial rise, due to the Pensions Act 2011, began in April 2016 when women's Pension Age was increased to 63 and in November 2018, would rise towards the initial plan to bring it to 65. These significant changes saw women that were [born in the 1950s argue](#) the fact that they had been targeted to an extreme extent. It would later be revealed what happened and why. The Pension Act 1995 was [introduced to boost the pension schemes due to unethical movements and behaviours from certain companies](#) affecting the Pension in the early 90s.

Another twelve years later and the Pensions Act 2007 would make way. The State Pension Age would now increase from 65 to 68 between the years 2024 and 2046 for both genders. Then of course moving onwards the Pensions Act 2011 was introduced and [most recently the first periodic](#) review within the years 2016-17 was completed and now in the year 2023, another review is ready to be released in May. A statement in November of 2022, by the Chancellor, explains that the review must carefully '[balance important factors.](#)' These can go from statistics such as 'life expectancy data, economic context' and also the fairness between both 'pensioners and taxpayers.' These are some parts of the data that must be analysed and it may completely decide what happens towards the SPA in the near future.

The State Pension Age is constantly changing and it shows. By 2028 the SPA will reach the age of 67. It is constantly being kept under review, which ultimately means that anything can happen, depending on multiple factors, such as the [change in life expectancy](#) which is one of the dominating parts towards why the State Pension Age is increasing. However there are multiple other reasons towards why it is happening? For example, stats prove that if we want the same standard level of public services without having to pay [extremely high taxes. then in the end.](#) we must work longer.

The general increase is fundamentally a way for the [government to make more cash](#). The State Pension is expensive to fund. The weekly wage can range from £141.85 and go as high as £185.15. According to statistics by consultancy LCP, the treasury could pocket £9bn by just increasing the SPA earlier than planned which is of course another influence towards why it is happening? However other statistics prove that life expectancy has slowed down in

recent times, even going as far as declining, which raises other questions, should the SPA increase.

To fully summarise, the Government is in need of more money and from them reviewing certain statistics and looking at the current data of the UK, the State Pension may increase or decrease within the near future.

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