

Blended Retirement Solutions



How combining your pension, ISA, and other income sources can help you fund the retirement you deserve



Plan your retirement income with confidence

Discover how blending your pension, ISA savings, and other income sources can create a flexible, tax-efficient retirement strategy tailored to your life.

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A Retirement on Your Terms

What Are Blended Retirement Solutions?

Blended Retirement Solutions combine traditional and Roth IRA contributions to provide tax flexibility and growth opportunities. This approach allows individuals to take advantage of both tax-deferred and tax-free growth, offering a more comprehensive retirement strategy.

By utilizing a combination of traditional and Roth IRAs, individuals can diversify their retirement portfolios and optimize their tax outcomes. This strategy is particularly beneficial for those who anticipate changes in their tax bracket during retirement.

- Tax efficiency from both the right source at the right time
- Flexibility to fund your retirement in your own way
- Broadly diversified investment options



Your Retirement at a Glance

These are typical values for planning purposes. The gap between average savings and comfortable retirement is wider than most people expect.

£11,973

Full new State Pension
per year (2025/26)

£32,700

Average UK pension pot
(median)

43%

UK adults undersaving
for retirement

UK Retirement Living Standards

Minimum

£13,400

Moderate

£31,700

Comfortable

£43,900

Did you know?

Your Retirement Building Blocks


Your retirement income will come from several sources. Each one works differently, and understanding them helps you build a plan that fits your life.

Guaranteed income

Your Social Security and IRA/401(k) are your guaranteed income. The Social Security age limit is 67 (62 for those born before 1955). A defined benefit (DB) pension from a former employer also can be a guaranteed income for life. Together, these cover your essentials.

Flexible income


Defined contribution (DC) pensions give you more control. Withdrawals vary with an account. IRA/401(k) annual limits are \$23,000 (or \$30,000 if 50+). You withdraw at any time. General investments and property can also be used.



Health Insurance

Life Insurance


Long-Term Care



IRA/401(k)

Defined Benefit Pension


DB Pension



IRA/401(k)

Defined Contribution Pension


DC Pension



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Making Your Money Work Harder

Working hard is only half the battle. Making your money work harder is the other half. That's why we've created a new way to help you grow your money. It's called Blended Retirement Solutions. And it's the smartest way to make your money work harder for you.

The right retirement strategy can help you reach your goals. And it can help you avoid the mistakes that can cost you money. That's why we've created Blended Retirement Solutions. It's the smartest way to make your money work harder for you.

- **Maximize your contributions** to get the most out of your plan.
- **Take advantage of the employer match** to get an extra boost to your savings.
- **Invest in a diversified portfolio** to help grow your money over time.



Drawdown vs Annuity

This table helps to compare your options for the income you need to drawdown and annuity. It is not intended to be a substitute for professional advice.

Flexi-Access Drawdown	CONSIDER THIS Annuity
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Flexible income amounts✓ Investment growth potential✓ 25% tax-free lump sum✗ No guaranteed income✓ No investment risk✗ Investment risk on job	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Guaranteed income for life✓ Best value in a decade (2015)✓ 25% tax-free lump sum✓ Cash life options available✗ No investment growth✗ Cash flexibility once purchased
<p>2015 rule Flexi-Access Drawdowns are available on 15th March 2015</p>	<p>2015 rule Flexi-Access Drawdowns are available on 15th March 2015</p>

This table is intended to provide a general overview of the options available. It is not intended to be a substitute for professional advice.

Tax-Efficient Withdrawal Strategies

The order you receive your income sources affects how much you pay in taxes. We use a "tax ladder" approach to try to get you as much as possible.

The withdrawal sequence

First, use general investments (20% cap) (including, because, you cannot do this until 2025). Then, draw from IRA to stay in the 12% tax bracket. Finally, use taxable investment income.

Before State Pension (55 to 67)

Draw pension income up to your personal allowance (£10,000) to stay in the 12% tax bracket.

With State Pension (67+)

Your State Pension (£10,000) uses most of your personal allowance. Use this for other income to avoid higher rates.

The target income

Withdrawal strategy to reach target of your plan. We also consider your pension, state pension, and other income.

Key Change: April 2027

From April 2027, the personal allowance will be reduced to £7,500. This means that the State Pension will no longer cover most of the personal allowance, and you will need to draw from other income sources to stay in the 12% tax bracket.

10,000

State Pension
Personal Allowance

£34,000

Target of income
£34,000

Key Allowances for 2025/26

These are the key figures for the 2025/26 tax year. We will have to update your account and this page as we know.

Allowance	Amount	Key Detail
Personal Allowance	£12,570	Frozen until April 2028
Pension Annual Allowance	£60,000	Carry forward up to 3 years
ISA Annual Allowance	£20,000	Use it or lose it each year
Tax-Free Lump Sum Cap	£268,275	Across all pension pots
Money Purchase Annual Allowance	£10,000	Triggered by flexible access
Capital Gains Exemption	£3,000	Down from £6,000 in 2023/24

Planning opportunities
 Please contact us for more information about the key figures and the current tax year.

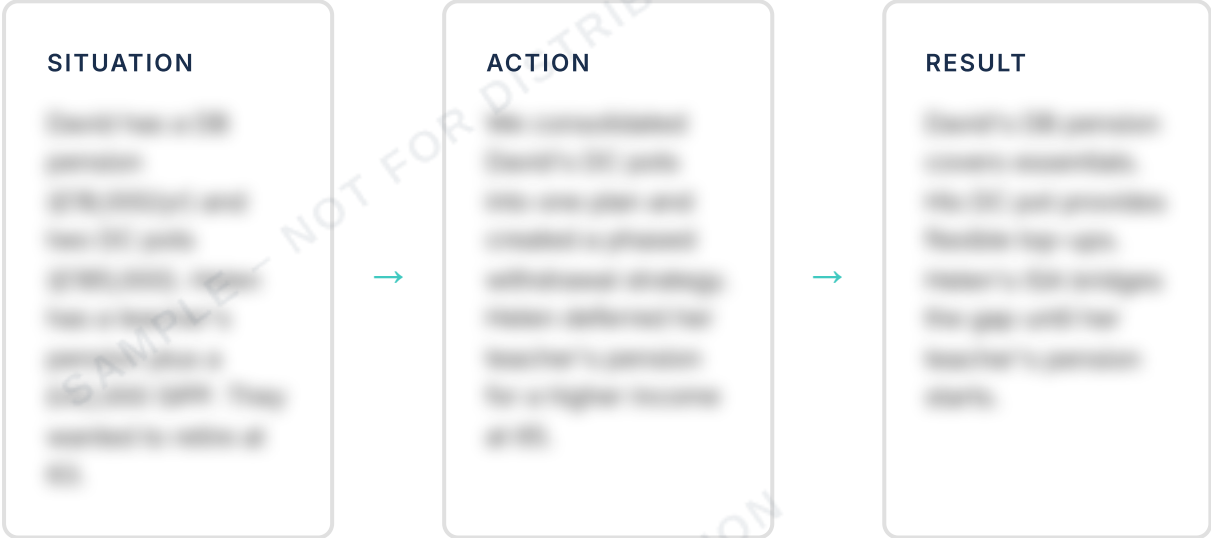
David & Helen's Blended Approach

Every retirement case is different & we are happy to create a unique plan for you.

David & Helen, 65 & 62 Retirees

David & Helen are looking for a blended approach to their retirement that allows them to:

- Travel to Australia
- Help son buy a flat
- Financial security in later life



What the Blended Approach Means

The blended approach combines the best of both worlds, allowing you to enjoy the security of a pension while also being able to access your savings to meet your needs.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

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Your Next Steps

Getting started is simpler than you think. Here's what to do next.

1 **Collect your pension statements** 15 MINS

Collect statements from all pension providers, including workplace schemes and IRAs.

2 **Check your State Pension and savings** 15 MINS

Get your current state pension forecast, and make sure you fill out retirement savings.

3 **Book a meeting with us** 5 MINS

We will help you review sources, make decisions, and build a strategy for 2026.

Ready to start?

[Get started now](#) or email advice@pensions.com



Your Financial Adviser

Your retirement, your way

Every retirement looks different. Whether you are planning to travel the world, spend more time with family, or simply enjoy the freedom of financial security, we are here to help you get there. Our blended retirement approach brings together your pensions, ISAs, and other income sources into a strategy built around your life.

Ready to take the next step?

Our team of experienced financial advisers is here to help you make the most of your retirement planning opportunities.