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The Department for Work and Pensions is sending letters to everyone aged 66 and over with new state pension details ahead of an uplift in April. The **DWP** is writing to state pensioners who were born in and around 1960, or in the years before.

Letters are being sent to everyone over 66 with updated state pension payment details. One recipient of the letter took to the HMRC forum to detail: "I received a letter today saying that my State Pension will increase from April 2026. I receive my pension weekly."

The uprating will see those on the full New State Pension receive £241.30 per week, while those on the maximum Basic State Pension would receive £184.90 per week.

Someone on the full New State Pension currently receives £230.25 per week, or £921 every four-week pay period.

Those on the full Basic State Pension receive £176.45 each week, or £705.80 every four-week pay period.

CSPA General Secretary Sally Tsoukaris commented that the hike was "welcome news thanks to the continuation of the triple-lock, which is vital to ensure that State Pensions keep pace with wage growth as well as inflation so that pensioners income does not suffer the decline relative to wages that occurred prior to its introduction in 2011."

"Many pensioners are struggling in retirement and yet are being dragged into the 20% tax bracket on relatively low incomes," Sally added.

"Three-quarters of all pensioners are now paying income tax after a lifetime of working, and millions more are now paying tax."

The continuation of the freeze of income tax thresholds will mean more of the State Pension increase will be taken in income tax as more pensioners come into the tax threshold of £12,570.

Unfortunately for retirees, this has been frozen since April 2021, and not due to increase until at least April 2028.

Had the threshold risen in line with CPI inflation it would now be £15,518, well above the highest rate of State Pension, retirees are also told.

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