

Key Points

- Currently, most provisions are the same for The Church Pension Fund Clergy Pension Plan (Clergy Pension Plan) and the International Clergy Pension Plan (ICPP).
- In order to maintain a consistent plan design for the domestic and non-domestic dioceses, the changes to the Clergy Pension Plan have also been made to the ICPP for almost all of the provisions that were the same between the two plans.
- ICPP provisions that do not match the Clergy Pension Plan provisions will be evaluated under the General Convention Resolution 2015-A181 study.

International Clergy Pension Plan (ICPP)

Offering Consistency for Clerics

This summary describes change(s) to provisions related to the International Clergy Pension Plan as approved by The Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees in December 2016.

Provisions that Will Map from the Clergy Pension Plan to the ICPP

Effective January 1, 2018

- **Credited Service and Assessments***
- **Eligibility**
- **Participant Status**
- **Vesting**
- **Total Assessable Compensation**
- **Highest Average Compensation**
- **Early Retirement**
- **Joint and Survivor Options**
- **Life Insurance**
- **Child Benefit**
- **Christmas Benefit**
- **Resettlement Benefit**
- **Marriage After Retirement**
- **Late Marriage**
- **Graduate Study Waiver**
- **Billing and Assessment of Interest**
- **Special Situations***
- **Former Spouse Option & Qualified Domestic Relations Order***

*Note that the Hypothetical Minimum Compensation referenced in the fact sheet for the Clergy Pension Plan is not the same for the ICPP. Each non-domestic diocese has its own Hypothetical Minimum Compensation based on the compensation of clergy in that particular diocese. In addition, clergy in the non-domestic dioceses will earn Credited Service towards all benefits (pension, life insurance, and the Post-Retirement Medical Subsidy) as long as full Assessments are paid on their compensation regardless of whether their compensation is below the applicable Hypothetical Minimum Compensation for their non-domestic diocese.

*Although a qualified domestic relations order may not be a legal option in the non-domestic dioceses, an alternative option that generally accomplishes the same objectives will be available.

Provisions of ICPP that Will Be Evaluated Under the General Convention Resolution 2015-A181 Study

- Pension Formula
- Minimum Pension
- Lump-Sum Payment of Small Benefits
- Preretirement Survivor Benefit*
- Post-Retirement Medical Subsidy
- Disability Retirement

* The preretirement survivor benefit has largely remained the same, with the three exceptions noted below.

- 1) Participants in the ICPP will continue to have the ability to name any person as a beneficiary; however, neither a person's estate nor a trust (except a special needs trust for a disabled person) will be eligible beneficiaries.
- 2) The formulas used to calculate the amount of the preretirement survivor benefit have not changed, with one exception: the revised **early retirement reduction factor** will apply to the preretirement survivor benefit payable upon the death of a retirement-eligible cleric who had earned less than 30 years of Credited Service.
- 3) A minimum survivor benefit will continue to be provided if a cleric dies prior to retirement; however, only a legal spouse will be eligible for the minimum.

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FAQs: International Clergy Pension Plan (ICPP)

Q 1. Why did The Church Pension Fund change the International Clergy Pension Plan (ICPP)?

- A.** Most of the provisions in the Clergy Pension Plan and the ICPP are the same. Thus, it makes sense to provide consistent benefits across the domestic and non-domestic dioceses.

Q 2. Have all of the provision changes to the Clergy Pension Plan automatically been transferred to the ICPP?

- A.** No, there are a few provisions of the ICPP that have not changed given certain differences between the domestic and non-domestic dioceses (for example, the level of compensation paid to non-domestic clergy). The provisions that have not changed (Pension Formula, Minimum Pension, Lump-Sum Payment of Small Benefits, Preretirement Survivor Benefit, Post-Retirement Medical Subsidy, and Disability Retirement) will be evaluated under the General Convention Resolution 2015-A181 study.

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