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## **TRANSFER YOUR UK PENSION OFFSHORE**

Many South African residents hold UK pensions as a result of time spent living and working in the UK. South Africa is also home to many British Expats with pensions locked in the UK tax system.

Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pension Schemes (QROPS) provide an approved means of transferring UK pensions overseas. The potential benefits of transferring your UK pension to a QROPS are listed below:-

- **No Guernsey tax deducted from pension**
- **Entire pension fund available to beneficiaries upon death**
- **No requirement to purchase an annuity**
- **Wide range of investment options**
- **Choice of investment currencies**
- **Benefits may be drawn from age 55 including 30% as a lump sum**
- **Option to vary pension income according to requirements**
- **No lifetime cap on pension funding**

Any pensions left in the UK will generally be subject to UK income tax once in payment. Furthermore, high death taxes may apply to the fund reducing the inheritance of your heirs. QROPS transfers provide a legitimate means of avoiding these tax charges.

### **South African Tax**

Both income and lump sums are normally free of South African taxes so long as the pension was accumulated whilst not resident in South Africa.

### **Who is eligible?**

Any individual (any nationality) holding a UK pension who has already left the UK or plans to leave the UK in the future.

### **Next Steps**

Please contact Brian Groom of Groom Investment Consulting or Matt Tailford of FirstRand Trustees for more information.

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