





# PENSIONER NEWSLETTER

**AUGUST 2016** 

Dear NTRF Pensioner

VERY MPORTAN

Kindly find below some important information that we wish to share with you.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF EXISTANCE**

It is extremely important that pensioners submit proof of their existence to the Fund once a year. This is to ensure the continued payment of your monthly pensions.

In view of the prolonged postal strike and irregular delivery of post during the past year or two, it has happened that the distributed Certificate of Existence (COE) did not reach its addressed destination. Alternative options like e-mails and SMSs' were used to verify the existence of pensioners in order to minimise the risk of irrecoverable overpayments. However, not all pensioners have these facilities thus leading to the current problems. It is very important to update your data and the nomination of your beneficiaries on a regular basis which is not possible by using the SMS facility.

As far as pensioners with email facilities are concerned, communication continues uninterrupted. In respect of those pensioners without this facility, the Fund will continue to send these documents by post at the beginning of each year but we would encourage you to return them preferably by e-mail (via a relative or friend) or fax the relevant document to the contact numbers mentioned below. Please note that these contact details should also be used if you need to report any changes during the course of the year.

Email address : zzNTRFpensions@aforbes.co.za

Fax number : 011 263 0689 Telephone number : 012 452 7187

Please be aware that once a pension payment has been suspended because we did not receive your COE, the pension can only be re-instated approximately 10 days following the date on which such proof is received.

### **2016 INCREASE IN PENSIONS**

The Board of the Fund has decided to increase all pensions by 5,5% with effect from 1 March 2016. The Board has furthermore decided to pay a once-off lump sum equal to one month's pension as at 1 March 2016. This additional once-off payment was proportionally adjusted for pensioners who retired after 1 March 2015 and was paid at the end of June 2016.

Pensioners should note that the allocation of the additional payment was a once-off benefit which may not recur in future and should not be interpreted as a vested right.

All in-Fund pensioners' monthly pensions were adjusted to at least 100% of the consumer price index (CPI) as from their individual retirement dates to 31 December 2015. The actuary of the Fund has confirmed that the pension adjustments will ensure that the Fund complies with the required minimum pension increase provisions specified in the Pension Funds Act, and, will not place a burden on the current funding level of the Fund's in-Fund pensioner pool.

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#### PAYMENT OF BENEFITS ON THE DEATH OF A PENSIONER AND THEIR SPOUSE



Some of our members are under the impression that, following the death of a pensioner of the NTRF and their spouse, the balance of the pensioner's share or the remaining money in the Fund remains in the NTRF or is "lost". Please note that any amount left in your or your spouse's pension account on the death of the longest-living (after the deduction of the monthly pension payments and lump sum payments made to you since your retirement) will be paid to your estate or to your beneficiaries. Beneficiaries can only be traced through your beneficiary nomination form, so please make sure that it is kept up-to-date throughout your retired life.

## **2015 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The NTRF once again obtained a "clean" or unqualified audit report for the 2015 financial year. A copy of these audited financial statements is available on request from the offices of the Principal Officer of the Fund.

#### **2015 ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT**

An actuarial valuation was performed as at 31 December 2015 and the subsequent report revealed that the Fund was financially sound and in a position to meet its liabilities towards pensioners.



## **IN MEMORIAM**

The following pensioners passed away during the period 1 August 2015 to 30 June 2016. The Fund's deepest sympathies are extended to the relatives and friends left behind.

Member	Date of Death	Employer
Barnard, MM	26 12 2015	CUT
Bodibe, SM	09 03 2016	TUT
Boshoff, AG	06 03 2016	TUT
Botha, LJ	04 11 2015	TUT
Brijlal, P	25 10 2015	DUT
Brokensha, FJ	11 09 2015	DUT
Chetty, KD	24 10 2015	DUT
Chiya, BP	21 09 2015	DUT
Diale, MM	15 05 2016	TUT
Du Preez, SE	10 03 2016	NMMU
Evershed, SG	12 06 2016	DUT
Faccio, RL	11 11 2015	TUT
Grob, J	27 08 2015	UNISA
Kunkel, E	21 01 2016	TUT
Ledwaba, LM	03 11 2015	TUT
Mabolawa, ME	08 09 2015	TUT
Mahlangu, JD	11 06 2016	TUT
Mankanku, TM	08 04 2016	NMMU
Masemola, MP	28 09 2015	TUT
Mdebuka, MA	17 03 2016	CUT
Mkololo, MJ	07 08 2015	CUT
Morokhu, MM	16 04 2016	TUT

Member	Date of Death	Employer
Morudu, NS	11 11 2015	TUT
Mosia, MA	18 10 2015	TUT
Mubu, KS	31 08 2015	UNISA
Mulder, AJ	22 05 2016	WSU
Naude, D	27 03 2016	TUT
Ndlovu, BG	01 10 2015	MUT
Ngubane, DM	10 08 2015	MUT
Ntuli, B	13 08 2015	MUT
Omara-Ojungu, PH	18 10 2015	VUT
Raijmakers, LR	23 11 2015	VUT
Rasehlapa, MA	13 08 2015	TUT
Scheepers, MM	25 04 2016	VUT
Schulein, LKO	09 01 2016	CPUT
Seromo, DL	27 09 2015	TUT
Sikhosana, MS	12 01 2016	MUT
Tasker De Koningh, AR	10 11 2015	VUT
Thusi, D	26 05 2016	MUT
Tonisi, N	05 08 2015	CUT
Van Der Linde, CM	04 08 2015	TUT
Van Deventer, PH	15 03 2016	UNISA
Van Dyk, JH	08 07 2016	VUT
Vandayar, P	15 04 2016	DUT

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