

Peoples Pension – Pension Deductions

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Introduction

This guide will give you an overview of how to configure your Peoples Pension deductions in the payroll. Creating the output file is covered in a separate guide, see the Pension Guide for more information.

The guide covers:

- Creating an employee pension deduction
- Creating an employer pension deduction

Peoples Pension permit employers to calculate the pension deduction based on a percentage of Qualifying Earnings, Pensionable Earnings or Total Earnings. The tax basis of the pension deduction can be via Salary Sacrifice (also known as Salary Exchange), Gross or Net. For more information about People's Pension terminology click here.

For instructions on how to setup the employee and employer pension deduction, select your pension scheme option from the list:

- Salary Sacrifice (Salary Exchange) pension based Qualifying Earnings
- Net pension based on Qualifying Earnings
- Gross (Net Pay Arrangement) pension based on Qualifying Earnings
- Salary Sacrifice (Salary Exchange) pension based on Pensionable Earnings or Total Earnings
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Salary Sacrifice or Salary Exchange pension - based on Qualifying Earnings

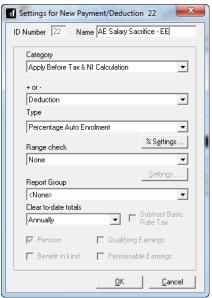
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A Qualifying Earnings pension deduction is calculated as a percentage of the employee's Qualifying Earnings between the lower limit and upper limit. For tax year 2015/16, the lower limit is £5,824 and the upper limit is £42,385.

Add employee pension deduction:

- 1. Go to the Company menu and select 'Alter Payments / Deductions'
- 2. Click on 'Add New'
- 3. Click 'No' to the message asking if you want to use the wizard
- 4. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
- In the Category field select 'Apply Before Tax & NI Calculation'
- 6. In the + or field, select 'Deduction'
- 7. In the Type field, select 'Percentage Auto Enrolment'
- 8. In the Range check field, leave the default as 'None'
- In the Report Group field, leave the default as '<None>'
- 10. When Clear Totals field is set to 'Annually', during Year-end Restart the year to-date total for this pension deduction will be clear along with other year to-date totals





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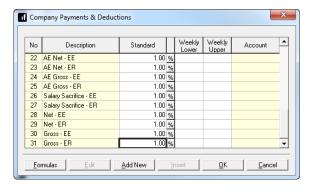


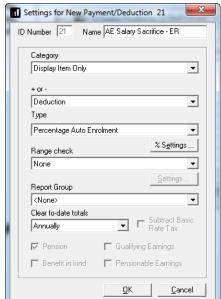
- **4.** Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
- This option is chosen so the employee's pay isn't affected. If you don't want to show the employer's

deduction on the employee's payslip, select **'Display Item Only – Hidden from Payslip'**

- 6. In the + or field, select **'Deduction'**
- In the Type field, select 'Percentage Auto Enrolment'
- 8. In the Range check field, leave the default as 'None'
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- 10. When Clear Totals field is set to 'Annually', during Year-end Restart the year to-date total for this pension deduction will be clear along with other year to-date totals
- **11.** Click '**OK**'

- 1. Go to the Company menu and select 'Alter Payments / Deductions'
- Next to the employee pension deduction, click in the 'Standard' field and enter the default percentage
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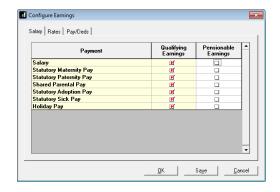


Configure pension deduction pay elements:

- Go to the Pension menu and select 'Configure Earnings'
- Tick 'Qualifying Earnings' box for all pay elements to include in employees' total earnings when payroll assesses employees for automatic enrolment

The employees' pension contribution will also be calculated on these pay elements

3. Click 'OK'





Net pension - based on Qualifying Earnings

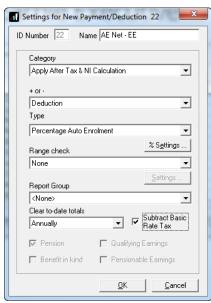
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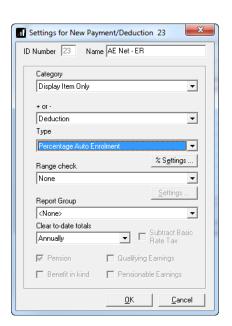
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- 3. Click 'No' to the message asking if you want to use the wizard
- 4. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
- In the Category field select 'Apply After Tax & NI Calculation'
- 6. In the + or field, select 'Deduction'
- 7. In the Type field, select 'Percentage Auto Enrolment'
- 8. In the Range check field, leave the default as 'None'
- In the Report Group field, leave the default as '<None>'
- 10. When Clear Totals field is set to 'Annually', during Year-end Restart the year to-date total for this pension deduction will be clear along with other year to-date totals
- 11. Tick 'Subtract Basic Rate Tax' box
- 12. Click 'OK'



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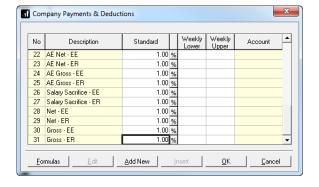


- 4. Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
- 5. In the Category field select 'Display Item Only'
- 6. In the + or field, select 'Deduction'
- 7. In the Type field, select 'Percentage Auto Enrolment'
- 8. In the Range check field, leave the default as 'None'
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- 10. When Clear Totals field is set to 'Annually', during Year-end Restart the year to-date total for this pension deduction will be clear along with other year to-date totals
- 11. Click 'OK'



Enter default percentage for the employee and employer pension deduction:

- 1. Go to the Company menu and select 'Alter Payments / Deductions'
- Next to the employee pension deduction, click in the 'Standard' field and enter the default percentage
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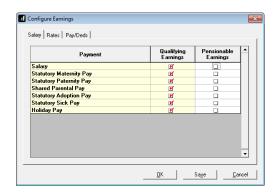


Configure pension deduction pay elements:

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The employees' pension contribution will also be calculated on these pay elements

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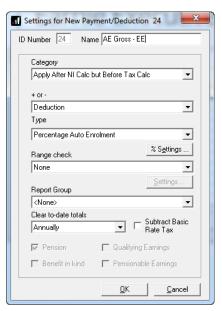


Gross (Net Pay Arrangement) pension - based on Qualifying Earnings

During payroll, a Gross (Net Pay Arrangement) pension deduction is deducted from the employee's pay after NI is calculated but before Tax is calculated. This means the employee's Taxable Gross pay is reduced and the employee is due to pay less Tax from their pay. HMRC call this method of deducting pension contributions "Net Pay Arrangement".

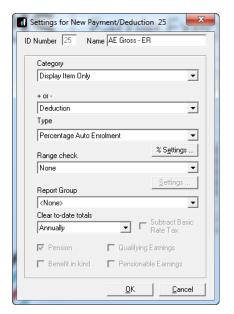
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- 1. Go to the **Company** menu and select 'Alter Payments / Deductions'
- Click on 'Add New'
- 3. Click 'No' to the message asking if you want to use the wizard
- **4.** Enter the **Name** of the pension deduction
- 5. In the Category field select 'Apply After NI Calc but Before Tax Calc'
- 6. In the + or field, select 'Deduction'
- 7. In the **Type** field, select **'Percentage Auto Enrolment'**
- 8. In the Range check field, leave the default as 'None'
- In the Report Group field, leave the default as '<None>'
- 10. When Clear Totals field is set to 'Annually', during Year-end Restart the year to-date total for this pension deduction will be clear along with other year to-date totals
- 11. Leave the 'Subtract Basic Rate Tax' box un-ticked
- 12. Click 'OK'



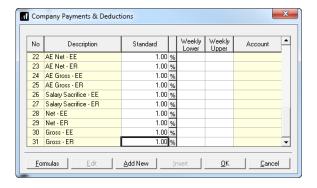


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- 5. In the Category field select 'Display Item Only'
- 6. In the + or field, select 'Deduction'
- 7. In the **Type** field, select **'Percentage Auto Enrolment'**
- 8. In the Range check field, leave the default as 'None'
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- 10. When Clear Totals field is set to 'Annually', during Year-end Restart the year to-date total for this pension deduction will be clear along with other year to-date totals
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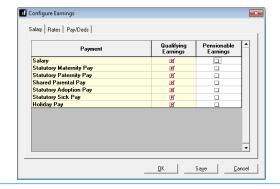
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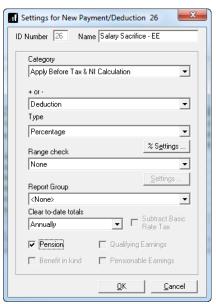


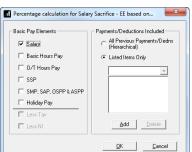
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- 7. In the **Type** field, select **'Percentage'**
- 8. In the Range check field, leave the default as 'None'
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- 10. When Clear Totals field is set to 'Annually', during Year-end Restart the year to-date total for this pension deduction will be clear along with other year to-date totals
- 11. Tick the 'Pension' box
- **12.** Click the **'% Settings'** and then tick all the pay elements you want the pension deduction to be calculated on
- **13.** Click **'OK'** on the **Percentage calculation** screen
- **14.** Click **'OK'** on the **Settings for New Payment/Deduction** screen to save the new employee pension deduction

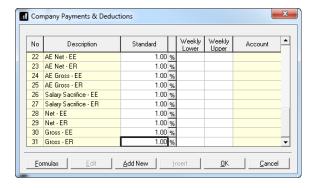


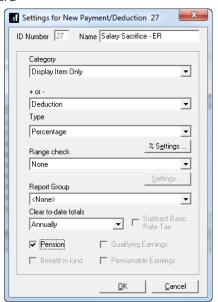




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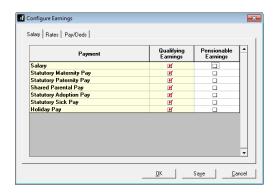






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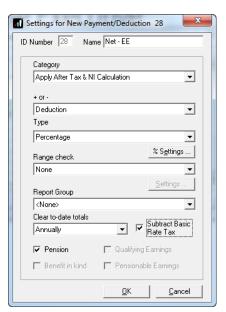
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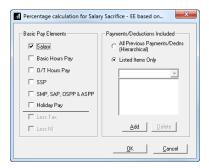
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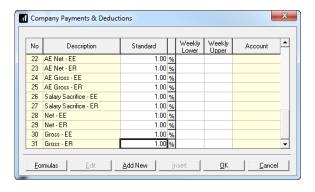






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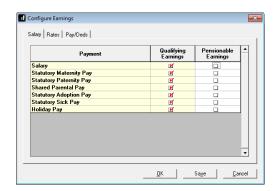






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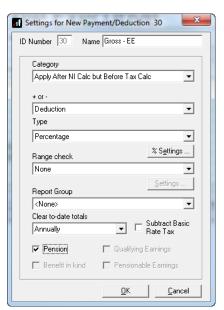


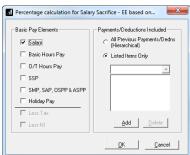
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- 12. Leave the 'Subtract Basic Rate Tax' box un-tick
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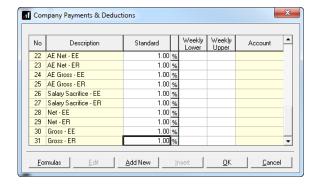


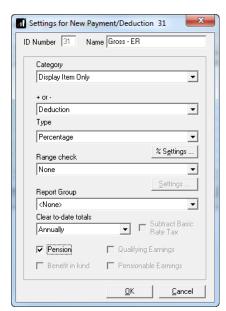




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