

INFORMATION **BULLETIN** 

DATE:	June 2016
LEGISLATION:	Pension Benefits Standards Act
	Clarification of triennial (3-year) plan assessment timeline
BULLETIN NUMBER:	PENS 16-005

## **PURPOSE**

This bulletin provides clarification of the triennial (3-year) plan assessment timeline for pension plan administrators.

# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In May 2015, the office of superintendent of pensions published a bulletin <u>"PENS 15-001 – New Pension Legislation Proclaimed"</u> to notify stakeholders of the proclamation of the New Regulation and the coming into force of the New Act effective September 30, 2015. It also provided plan administrators and service providers with timelines for when specific documents must be filed with the Superintendent, and when other items must be in place to comply with the new legislation.

The Office of the Superintendent has since received enquiries to clarify the timeline of the triennial (3-year) plan assessment as set out on page 3 of bulletin <u>PENS 15-001</u>.

This bulletin provides revision of the example to provide clarifications on that regard.

## **REVISED EXAMPLE (Revisions are highlighted in red)**

Triennial (3-year) administrator assessment (All Plans)

The plan administrator must assess the administration of the plan in accordance with section 41 of the New Act at a date not later than the last day of the fiscal year of the plan after the fiscal year of the plan in which September 30, 2015 falls, and then every three years thereafter.

For example, if the plan year end is December 31, 2015, the first assessment must be performed with an effective date no later than December 31, 2016 and the written assessment completed by December 31, 2017.

#### **Superintendent of Pensions**

2800-555 West Hastings Vancouver, BC V6B 4N6 Telephone: 604 660-3555 Facsimile: 604 660-3365 www.fic.gov.bc.ca

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

If you have any questions, you may contact the Superintendent at Pensions@ficombc.ca or by phone at 604.660.3555.

At the Office of the Superintendent of Pensions, we issue information bulletins to provide technical interpretations and positions regarding certain provisions contained in the *Pension Benefits Standards Act*, Regulations and other pertinent legislation. While the comments in a particular part of an information bulletin may relate to provisions of the law in force at the time they were made, these comments are not a substitute for the law. The reader should consider the comments in light of the relevant provisions of the law in force at the time, taking into account the effect of any relevant amendments to those provisions or relevant court decisions occurring after the date on which the comments were made. Subject to the above, an interpretation or position contained in an information bulletin generally applies as of the date on which it was published, unless otherwise specified.