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B.C. ENTERS NEW AGREEMENT BENEFITTING MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PENSION PLANS

British Columbia has signed the new *2020 Agreement Respecting Multi-Jurisdictional Pension Plans*. This agreement will better coordinate and streamline regulation of pension plans while continuing to protect member entitlements.

The Agreement was the result of negotiations through the Canadian Association of Pension Supervisory Authorities (CAPSA), the regulatory association for Canadian pension regulators. British Columbia, through the BC Financial Services Authority, was an active participant in these negotiations. It replaces agreements from 2000 between British Columbia and Canada and 2016 among five jurisdictions, reducing the number of multi-lateral agreements from three to two.

Effective July 1, 2020, Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan and Canada will all be bound by the Agreement. CAPSA continues to work with Manitoba, Newfoundland and Labrador to help those provinces enter the agreement as soon as possible.

Multi-jurisdictional pension plans are employment-based pension plans with members in more than one Canadian jurisdiction. These plans are often sponsored by larger employers and unions. Participation in the agreement provides almost 85,000 British Columbians, who are members of multi-jurisdictional pension plans registered elsewhere in Canada, with greater security and certainty.

The Agreement:

- Streamlines the regulatory process by requiring that multi-jurisdictional plans only register with one pension regulator;
- Sets out clear rules for allocating the assets of a plan between jurisdictions in the event of a plan termination and wind up or a plan split;
- Accommodates recent legislative changes by some jurisdictions to eliminate traditional solvency funding requirements;
- Requires that the “final location” approach to determining a plan member’s benefits be applied in cases where the member has been employed in more than one jurisdiction while a member of the plan.

For more details, please find the Agreement on BCFSAs website [here](#), and visit the CAPSA website [here](#).

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