Guidance

Title	Filing Process for Defined Benefit Pension Plan Returns
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All defined benefit pension plan returns that are submitted annually or triennially* must be filed using the Regulatory Reporting System (RRS). Returns are not considered received at OSFI until the filing process is complete and the returns have been accepted in RRS.

The Manage Corporate Returns User Guide (PDF) provides information for creating and submitting returns in RRS to update a plan's Organizational Profile on page 44.

The Manage Financial Returns User Guide (PDF) provides instructions for filing

- via electronic file upload on page 15;
- using the on-line web form on page 24; and
- via document upload on page 55.

Return	Filing Process and Support
Annual Information Returns – OSFI 49, OSFI 49A and the Pension Plan Annual Corporate Certification (PPACC) Due within six months after the plan year end.	Submit using the on-line web form or, where permitted, via electronic file upload Guide to Completing the OSFI 49 Annual Information Return, OSFI 49A Schedule A – Canada Revenue Agency Information Requirements and the Pension Plan Annual Corporate Certification (PPACC)
OSFI 60 (Certified Financial Statements) Due within six months after the plan year end.	Submit using the on-line web form or via electronic file upload Guide to Completing the Certified Financial Statements (OSFI 60)
Auditor's Report Filing Confirmation (ARFC) Due within six months after the plan year end.	Submit using the on-line web form and, if required, attaching Audited Financial Statements via electronic file upload. Guide to Completing the Auditor's Report Filing Confirmation (ARFC)
Actuarial Valuation Report (VR) – if required* Due within six months after the plan year end.	Submit via document upload Instruction Guide for the Preparation of Actuarial Reports for Defined Benefit Pension Plans
Actuarial Information Summary (AIS) – if required* Due within six months after the plan year end.	Submit using the on-line web form Guide to Completing the Actuarial Information Summary
Replicating Portfolio Information Summary (RPIS) – if required* Due within six months after the plan year end.	Submit using the on-line web form Guide to Completing the Replicating Portfolio Information Summary
OSFI 575 (Solvency Information Return) Due before February 15 or within 45 days after the plan year end, if later.	Submit using the on-line web form Guide to Completing the Solvency Information Return

* A plan administrator will be permitted to file an actuarial report and related AIS and RPIS, if required, every three years if

- the pension plan meets the definition of a Designated Plan (see section 8515 of the *Income Tax Regulations*); or
- the solvency ratio (see subsection 2(1) of the Pension Benefits Standards Regulations, 1985) disclosed in the previous actuarial report filed with OSFI was 1.20 or greater.

If a plan is not registered to file returns using RRS, it should do so immediately. Pension plan administrators must contact the Bank of Canada, as host of the RRS system, to register for access to the Bank of Canada secure site and the RRS system. For assistance in registering, please contact RRS Support at the Bank of Canada by phone at 1-855-865-8636, or by email at rrs-sdr@bank-banque-canada.ca.

For further information, please visit the OSFI website or contact us at:

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