

South African tax residents and the

Know the Facts!

- 1. QROPS in some countries, like Gibraltar, result in higher taxes than would have been paid if the pension stayed in the UK**
- 2. There are NO tax advantages in transferring a UK pension into most QROPS and for some there can be a retrospective 25% tax charge
- 3. When taking benefits, QROPS are mostly not as flexible as British pensions having restrictions on access.

** Check the Double Tax Treaty and form SI2002 Number 3138 which allows for complete relief at source of UK income tax for South African residents!

QROPS debacle

What went wrong?

Many holders of British pensions, living in South Africa, were told to transfer their Defined Benefit and Contribution Pensions into a QROPS- usually in Malta, Gibraltar, the Isle of Man, Guernsey or New Zealand.

For most people this was the wrong advice.

Advisers then put pension funds into expensive commission generating insurance bond wraps that reduce investment performance, decreasing both fund values and income in retirement.

How this applies to you?

Your pension charges, indicated to be 1% per annum, are often 3 to 4 times that and the funds and / or wraps have penalties attached should you want to change the way your pension is invested.

Not only have you lost money already, but you WILL CONTINUE TO LOSE MONEY IF YOU TAKE NO ACTION.

Your future retirement income is at risk.

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