



## General old age pension and retirement age gradually increases

The age at which someone is entitled to general old age pension (AOW) benefit will be increased the next years until 66 years and 4 months in 2020 to 67 years in 2025. From 2025, the general old age pension age will be linked to life expectancy.

The commencement date of the AOW benefit will be raised each time by some months. You will receive AOW benefit as from the day you reach your AOW age. Your AOW age depends on your date of birth. If you receive a benefit (for example WAO, WIA, WW) it will end the day before you reach your AOW age.

The table below includes the AOW age under the current arrangement. As of 2025, the AOW pension age will be linked to life expectancy.

You were born	You receive AOW in	Your age when your AOW benefit starts is
After 31-8-1953 and before 1-9-1954	2020	66 years and 4 months
After 31-8-1954 and before 1-9-1955	2021	66 years and 4 months
After 31-8-1955 and before 1-6-1956	2022	66 years and 7 months
After 31-5-1956 and before 1-3-1957	2023	66 years and 10 months
After 28-2-1957 and before 1-1-1958	2024	67 years
After 31-12-1957 and before 1-1-1959	2025	67 years
After 31-12-1958	unknown as yet	unknown as yet

The increase in the AOW age has also had effect on WKNL's pension plan. In 2018 it was decided to increase the target retirement age to 68 years, but with the option for you to delay retirement until for example the AOW age.

Anyone who as a result of the raise in AOW age does not have sufficient income, may be eligible for a municipal social assistance benefit or may apply for advance payment of AOW, i.e. an interest-free loan that is settled with future AOW payments.