



Police Officer Pension Forfeiture

Applying for a pension forfeiture certificate

This is intended for use by the Local Policing Body (LPB) as the Pension Supervising Authority (PSA) for police officers in England and Wales. It should be read in conjunction with the **Home Office Guidance on Pension Forfeiture** and relevant Police Pension Regulations. Any queries should be directed to Pension.Forfeiture@homeoffice.gov.uk.



Application must be made by the LPB



Apply to be able to forfeit up to 65% of a police officer's pension after a conviction



Recover public funds following a conviction and regain public trust



Application must be post-conviction, but there are no time limits to applying

1. Criminal Conviction

Police officer is convicted of a criminal offence



Tip: This can be any criminal offence and includes former officers

2. LPB Assessment

LPB assesses that the conviction is in connection with the officer's service



Tip: This could include skills, knowledge or contacts gained through their service with the police

3. Submit to Home Office

LPB e-mails a full case summary to Pension.Forfeiture@homeoffice.gov.uk



Tip: Be detailed and include sentencing remarks, rationale for step 2 and pension scheme details. You must inform the officer of the application.

4. Home Office Review

Home Office will review and process the application before seeking a decision from the Secretary of State



Tip: This can take some time – alert the Home Office of any time issues e.g. officer is already in receipt of their pension

5. Certificate

Secretary of State will consider if the offence was:
a) gravely injurious to the interests of the State, or
b) liable to lead to a serious loss of confidence in the public service

If so, they will issue the LPB with a certificate

6. LPB Decision

LPB must then decide whether to forfeit the officer's pension and to what extent (up to 65%)



Tip: The LPB will need to consider relevant factors outlined in Home Office guidance when considering forfeiture / the extent