

Employee Capital Plans

As of 2019, Employee Capital Plans have been launched in Poland.

Employee Capital Plans (in Polish: PPK) have been established for employees to systematically contribute to a savings scheme.

Issue	Principle
Entities Obliged to Establish PPK	 Employer hiring at least 250 employees (as at December 31, 2018) as of July 1, 2019
	 Employer hiring at least 50 employees (as at June 30, 2019) – as of January 1, 2020
	 Employer hiring at least 20 employees (as at December 31, 2019) – as of July 1, 2020
	Remaining employers – as of January 1, 2021
Entities Exempt From the Obligation to Establish PPK	• Employers who have Employee Pension Plans (in Polish: PPE) in place and who contribute basic PPE premiums in the amount of at least 3.5% of the remuneration, if at least 25% of that entity's employees have joined the PPE
	Micro-entrepreneurs, if all employees submit a PPK participation waiver to the entity
	Individuals who do not conduct business activity
PPK Participation Principles	• Quasi obligatory system — participation in PPK is elective, yet individuals that meet the age criterion are automatically enrolled
	 Automatic, obligatory enrollment for all employees aged 19 through 55, as of the lapse of the third month of employment (with an optional PPK participation waiver)
	PPK is offered to all employees, irrespective of the type of employment agreement
	An employee may elect not to contribute to PPK by virtue of a declaration filed with the employer
Forms of Operating the Program	Solely under a PPK management agreement
	Each employer operates PPK on its own
Institution Managing the Accrued Funds	Closed circle of partners — entities permitted to offer PPK:
	 An investment fund managed by an investment fund association (TFI)
	- A pension fund managed by a general pension association (PTE) or an employee pension association
	 An insurance company
Principles of Choosing the Managing Entity	 The financial institution is chosen by the employer in agreement with the workplace trade union organization
	 The financial institution is chosen by the employer in agreement with the employee representatives, selected in the manner adopted at the employing entity (if a given workplace does not have a trade union organization in place)
	• In the event the PPK management agreement is not concluded in a prescribed timeframe, the employer is requested to make such agreement with a designated financial institution

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Payment	Basic payment – 1.5%
On the Part of the Employer*	 Additional payment – 2.5% (with an option to be differentiated)
*Percentage of employee's remuneration	
Payment	\bullet Basic payment – 2% (0.5% for individuals with low remuneration)
On the Part of the Employee*	 Additional payment – 2%
*Percentage of employee's remuneration	
Disbursement	• Upon reaching 60 years of age (25% will be available as a single disbursement, and the remaining 75%, in principle, will be disbursed in 120 monthly instalments)
	 The funds accrued on the account are inheritable by the individuals indicated by the employee under inheritance laws
Earlier Disbursement	• In the event of the employee's illness or illness of their spouse or child, a disbursement of 25% without it being necessary to return the amount
	 In the event of it being necessary to purchase an apartment – "own loan" – the funds ought to be returned within a designated timeframe (though no later than 15 years following the funds disbursement)
Preferential Conditions	• The payments financed by the employer are not included in the remuneration comprising the basis for the pension and disability benefit contributions; they are partially (except for awards and bonuses) included in deductibles
	The payments financed by the employee are withheld from the remuneration post tax
	• The employer and the employee are exempt from financing the payments during an economic downturn
	• A single welcome payment for the employee, in the amount of PLN 250, is financed by the Labour Fund
	 An annual PPK subsidy, in the amount of PLN 240, for the employee is financed by the Labour Fund on condition that a certain amount has been accrued on the PPK account in a given calendar year
Supervisory Body	Polish Financial Supervision Authority (KNF)
	Polish Development Fund (PFR)
	National Labour Inspectorate (PIP)

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