

# GET READY TO VOTE

**Day of Action**  
**November 30th, 2011**  
**Defend YOUR pension**

**The government wants you to:**  
**Work longer**  
**Pay 50% more**  
**Get 50% less**



If the government gets its way those of you contributing to public service pension schemes in health, local authorities, the civil service, voluntary sector and education will be forced to work longer, pay higher pension contributions and then get a poorer pension in retirement.

While the union tried to negotiate a fair settlement the government would not listen. We now have no other option but to ballot you for industrial action on November 30th.

**Get ready to vote to defend your pension.**

It is not acceptable that the government want you to work until you are 68, pay 3.2% more and then, at retirement, receive a reduced pension by some 15% less.

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The government claims that workers in the public sector get a 'gold-plated' pension, but the reality is that across the public sector the average is £5,600 per year and for women across the public sector is just under £4,000, with 65% receiving less than £6,000.

**Get ready to vote to defend your pension.**

The government has already imposed a change on how your pension entitlement is calculated. Changing the indexation from RPI to CPI will cut the value of pensions by 15%. This will hit everyone hard, and the lowest paid the hardest.

**Get ready to vote to defend your pension.**

Your Unite ballot paper will be sent to you during October. Make sure you vote for the day of action on the 30th November to defend your pension.

**How to get ready to VOTE:** Log onto 'My Unite' at: [www.unitetheunion.org](http://www.unitetheunion.org) and make sure you provide the following details: your employer's name, your workplace and your job title.

