

# **UPC** offsetting examples - **Q&A** session with **GAD**

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#### Introduction

#### Roles and responsibilities

- HMRC
- Scheme managers
- Administrators
- NPCC and LGA
- GAD commissioned by HO

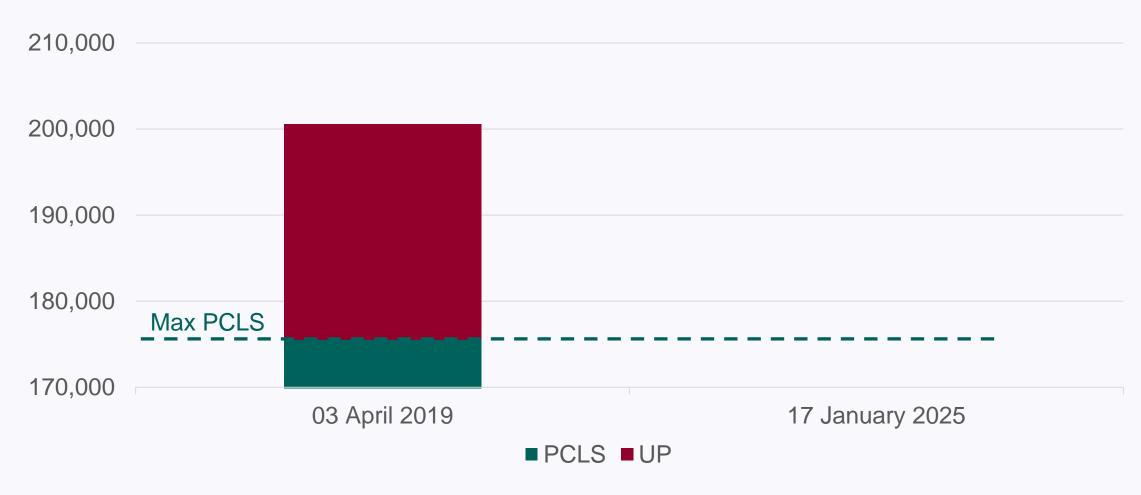
#### **Agenda**

- HMRC example 2
- GAD example 1
- Next steps

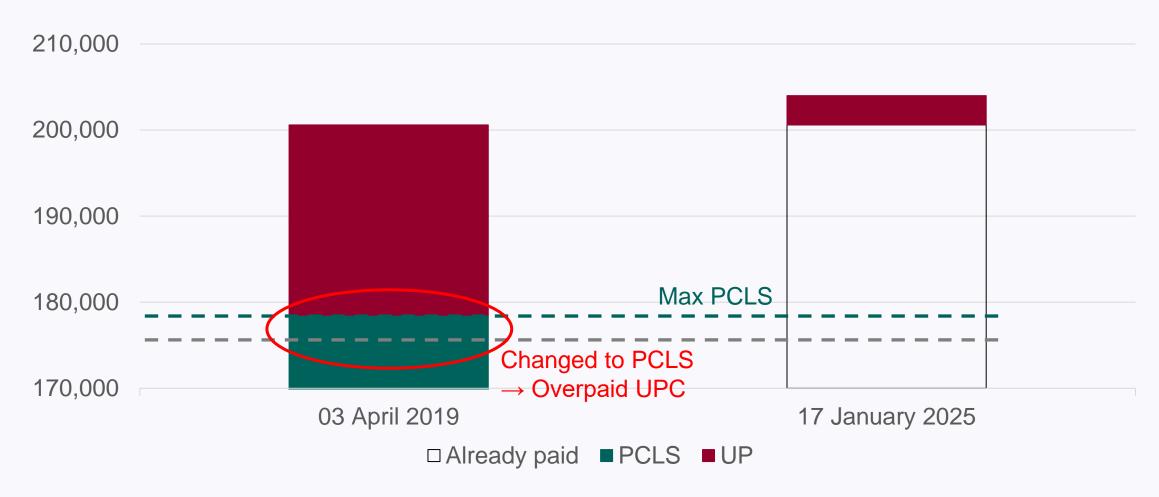
### HMRC example 2



### HMRC example 2, before remedy



### HMRC example 2, after remedy



## HMRC example 2 – Taper protected member, 2015 scheme benefits not in payment

#### **Original benefits**

Legacy scheme	Date
Pre remedy lump sum paid	3/4/2019
Pre remedy UPC paid	31/1/2020

#### Legacy scheme – pre remedy

Post commutation	25,075
annual pension	
Lump sum	200,600
PCLS	175,525
Unauthorised	25,075
payment	
UPC	10,030

#### Post remedy

Legacy scheme – post remedy

Post commutation annual pension	25,500
Lump sum	204,000

- Pension goes up, lump sum goes up
- Member will be owed additional top up lump sum and refund of overpaid UPC
- Member will need to pay UPC on top up, offset against refunded UPC

Remedy: chooses legacy

#### Offsetting calculations – recalculate UPC post remedy

Step 1 Calculate PCLS paid by reformed scheme related to service prior to 1 April 2022	Member has no reformed scheme benefits – no calculation needed	
Step 2 Calculate lump sum due from legacy scheme	Pension: £25,500 Lump sum: £204,000	
Step 3 Recalculate maximum PCLS due from Legacy based on member choice for remedy	Update for new pension and lump sum above	(25,500 x 20 + 204,000)/4 = 178,500
Step 4 Recalculate the amount of the original UP	Allow for the increase in PCLS	<b>200,600</b> – 178,500 = 22,100
Step 5 Calculate UPC on revised UP	Assumes UP taxed at 40%	22,100 x 40% = 8,840
Step 6 Overpaid UPC		10,030 - 8,840 = <b>1,190</b>

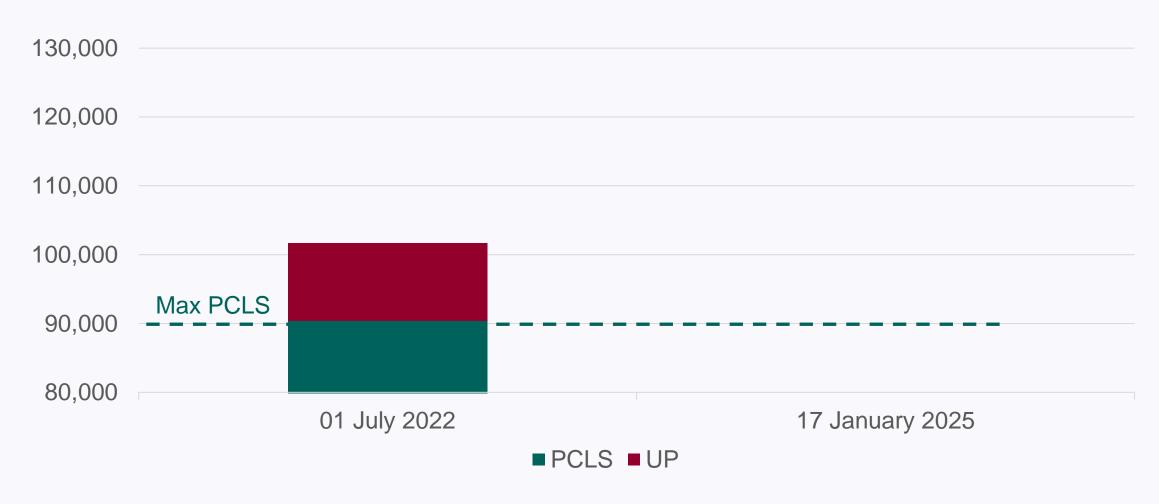
#### Offsetting calculations – UPC on top up

Step 7 Top up lump sum due from legacy		204,000 - <b>200,600</b> = 3,400
Step 8 Proportion of top up lump sum that is UP	Top up lump sum is fully unauthorised	3,400
Step 9 Interest on top up lump sum	Use Judgments and NS&I approach	1,575
Step 10 Amount of interest that is UP	Top up LS is fully unauthorised so interest also UP	1,575
Step 11 UPC before offsetting		(1,575 + 3,400) x 40% = 1,990
Step 12 Interest on original overpaid UPC	Calculated using Part 4 tax losses methodology	115
Step 13 Calculate net UPC on top up lump sum and interest		1,990 – (1,190 + 115) = <b>685</b>
Top up lump sum and interest UP less net UPC payable		3,400 + 1,575 - 685 = <u>4,290</u>

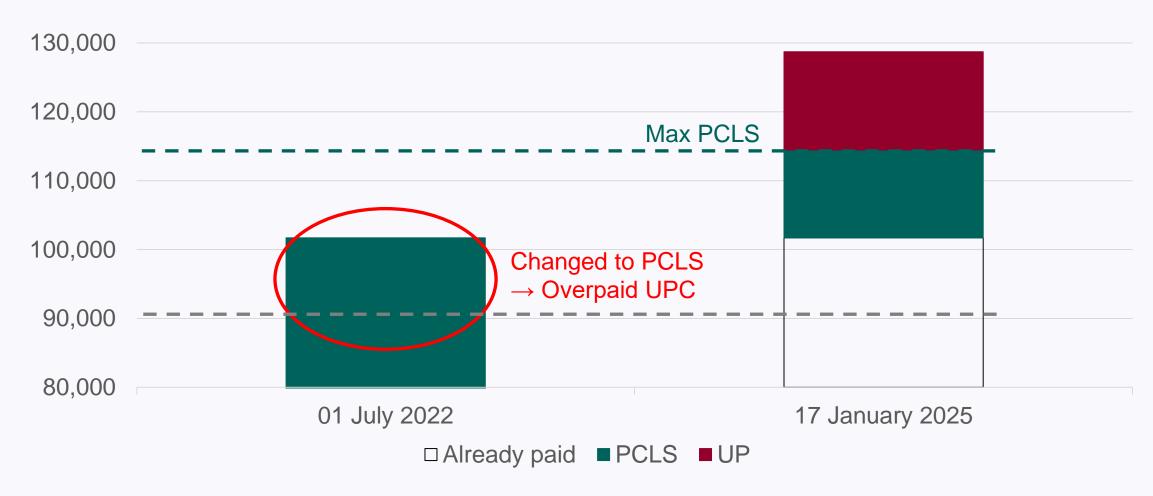
### GAD example 1



### GAD example 1, before remedy



### GAD example 1, after remedy



## GAD example 1 – Taper protected member, 2015 scheme benefits not in payment

#### **Original benefits**

Legacy scheme	Date
Pre remedy lump sum paid	1/7//2022
Pre remedy UPC paid	31/1/2024

#### Legacy scheme – pre remedy

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Post commutation annual pension	13,000	
Lump sum	101,703	
PCLS	90,426	
Unauthorised payment	11,277	
UPC	4,511	

Remedy: chooses legacy

#### **Post remedy**

Legacy scheme – post remedy

Post commutation annual pension	16,453
Lump sum	128,718

- Pension goes up, lump sum goes up
- Lump sum post remedy is partially UP
- Member will be owed additional top up lump sum and refund of overpaid UPC
- Member will need to pay UPC on UP proportion of top up, offset against refunded UPC

#### Offsetting calculations – recalculate UPC post remedy

Step 1 Calculate PCLS paid by reformed scheme related to service prior to 1 April 2022	Member has no reformed scheme benefits – no calculation needed	
Step 2 Calculate lump sum due from legacy scheme	Pension: £16,453 Lump sum: £128,718	
Step 3 Recalculate maximum PCLS due from Legacy based on member choice for remedy	Update for new pension and lump sum above	(16,453 x 20 + 128,718)/4 = 114,445
Step 4 Recalculate the amount of the original UP	Allow for the increase in PCLS	$\max(0,101,703-114,445)=0$
Step 5 Calculate UPC on revised UP	Assumes UP taxed at 40%	0 x 40% = 0
Step 6 Overpaid UPC		4,511 – 0 = <b>4,511</b>

#### Offsetting calculations – UPC on top up

Step 7 Top up lump sum due from legacy		128,718 – <b>101,703</b> = 27,015
Step 8 Proportion of top up lump sum that is UP		128,718 – 114,445 = 14,273
OF .		14,273/27,015 = 53% (12,742 as authorised payment)
Step 9 Interest on top up lump sum	Use Judgments and NS&I approach	5,426
Step 10 Amount of interest that is UP	Top up LS is partially unauthorised so prorate to get UP interest	53% x 5,426 = 2,867 (2,559 payable as SAMP)
Step 11 UPC before offsetting		(2,867 + 14,273) x 40% = 6,856
Step 12 Interest on original overpaid UPC	Calculated using Part 4 tax losses methodology	185
Step 13 Calculate net UPC on top up lump sum and interest		6,856 – (4,511+185) = <b>2,160</b>
Top up lump sum and interest UP less net UPC payable		27,015 + 5,426 – 2,160 = <u><b>30,281</b></u>

### Next steps



#### Next steps

- Performing calculations
- Further examples
  - Overpaid UPC greater than UPC due now
  - Unauthorised lump sum over 12 months after retirement
- Help on new types of case
  - Provide all inputs used in GAD examples, plus any other relevant details
  - Provide your calculation for comment
- Methodology note with HMRC for review
  - No change in lump sum, pension is increased
  - Reduction in lump sum, but because of an increase in the pension max PCLS has increased

#### Questions and discussion





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