

Approved Retirement Fund (ARF) Lifestyle Strategy

The CERS Trustee introduced an Approved Retirement Fund (ARF) Lifestyle Option which may be suitable for members who intend to transfer their retirement accounts to an ARF at retirement instead of purchasing a pension from the CERS scheme. This strategy is based on gradual de-risking of investment strategy over the last 7 years prior to a member's normal retirement age (NRA). Members who select the ARF Lifestyle Option will invest 100% in the Multi Asset Fund until 7 years prior to their NRA with 5.5% being automatically transferred out of the Multi Asset Fund to the Cash Fund in each of the last 7 years. Ongoing future contributions would also be invested in accordance the ARF Lifestyle matrix with effect from the switch date. The member's fund will rebalance at yearly intervals thereafter.

The Scheme will have 4 Lifestyle dates each year, 1st January, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October. Once a member is within 7 years of their NRA, the first switch and contribution redirection will occur on the quarterly switch date immediately after the member's birthday.

The ARF Lifestyle table is as follows:

Period Remaining to Normal Retirement Age	Allocation of Existing Assets and Future Contributions	
	Multi Asset Fund	Cash Fund
More than 7 Years	100%	Nil
6-7 Years	94.5%	5.5%
5-6 Years	89.0%	11.0%
4-5 Years	83.5%	16.5%
3-4 Years	78.0%	22.0%
2-3 Years	72.5%	27.5%
1-2 Years	67.0%	33.0%
0-1 Year	61.5%	38.5%

The ARF Lifestyle strategy is **NOT** the default investment strategy of the Scheme - the default investment strategy (i.e. the investment strategy for those who do not choose their own investment strategy) is the Standard Lifestyle strategy. Therefore, it is necessary to select the ARF Lifestyle strategy if you wish to avail of it. Please visit www.cers.ie/forms for a fund selection form which should be completed and returned to this office.

If you are considering your investment choices please visit www.cers.ie/funds to ensure you have the most up to date information. This Factsheet is for information purposes only and does not constitute financial or other professional advice. The Trustee recommend that members should consider taking independent investment advice when reviewing their investment choice. The CERS Trustee preferred Independent Financial Adviser is Milestone Advisory DAC. You can contact them or your own independent financial adviser to assist you to review your investment choices. You can contact Milestone Advisory DAC at info@milestoneadvisory.ie or call them on 01 4068020. Milestone Advisory DAC t/a Milestone Advisory is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

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