



MORE THAN 200 PROFESSIONAL PENSION TRUSTEES RECEIVE APPT ACCREDITATION

08 OCTOBER 2020 - The Association of Professional Pension Trustees (APPT) is pleased to announce that more than 200 professional pension trustees have now passed through the APPT accreditation programme.

In a progress update issued today, the APPT can confirm that 209 professional trustees have attained accreditation in the months following the opening of the process, in April this year.

APPT accreditation is designed to promote and maintain the highest possible standards across the professional pension trustee industry. It is the APPT's expectation that schemes and sponsors appointing professional pension trustees will appoint accredited trustees. A full list of accredited members of the APPT is available on the APPT's website.

In order to become accredited, professional pension trustees need to demonstrate their competency through passing exams covering technical and soft skills, and comply with the Standards for Professional Pension Trustees overseen by the APPT. They must also demonstrate that they are fit and proper, through criminal record and professional reference checks.

Nita Tinn, Chair of the Association of Professional Pension Trustees, said: *"I am delighted that so many professional pension trustees have come forward to become APPT accredited, despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. APPT accreditation is recognised by the industry as the market-leading standard for professional trustees, and we continue to encourage all members of the professional pension trustee community to become accredited."*

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Notes to editors:

The Association for Professional Pension Trustees is the industry body for professional pension trustees of occupational pension schemes, working to encourage best practice within the sector and promote the interests of our members. We are the recognised accreditation body for professional pension trustees, responsible for promoting and maintaining high standards amongst practitioners.

Key facts about accreditation:

- Professional pension trustees need to demonstrate their competency through passing two exams, covering technical and soft skills
- Accredited pension trustees will be required to comply with the Professional Pension Trustee Standards; undertake a minimum of 25 hours a year of continuing professional development; and demonstrate that they are fit and proper through criminal records and professional reference checks
- The full set of Professional Pension Trustee Standards can be found [here](#)
- Click [here](#) for the updated Guidance Notes and the APPT Accreditation Scheme Application