

## Self-employment provisions.

The occupational pension provision model 'Abfertigung Neu' (new severance pay scheme) was extended on 1 January 2008 to include tradesman and newly selfemployed. Freelancers as well as farmers and foresters can use the model on a voluntary basis.

The new model will allow you a vested entitlement to a severance payment, which can be used as a tax-free additional pension for protection in old age. The contributions (1.53% of your income, maximized with the maximum contribution basis) pass via the social security institute into Valida Plus AG and there form the basis of your old-age provision.



The full tax exemption greatly increases the attractiveness of your pension option and can significantly contribute to the expansion of the second pillar of your pension plan.

### Your advantages:

- Privilege tax 2018 investable maximum contribution: EUR 1,098.85
- All contributions are business expenses (at 50% tax rate this is a tax benefit of up to EUR 549.46)
- Capital guarantee on all contributions and tax-free sustainable investment
- Severance pay either as a tax-free additional pension or as a one-time privilege taxed at 6%
- It is possible to carry your contributions into employed work (employee provision)

### Mandatory model for the self-employed.

At business inception, as a self-employed person with compulsory health insurance, in accordance with the Austrian Social Security Act (GSVG) you are required by law to contribute to self-employment provision. Your health insurance contributions have been reduced by 1.45 percentage points. They therefore have a great advantage (see advantage box) at a low price (0.08 percentage points extra charge).

If, after 6 months, you have still not selected a company pension fund, the Hauptverband (main association) will assign you to any company provident fund. Your employees must be in the same provident fund as you.

### Voluntary model for freelancers, farmers and foresters.

For freelancers (doctors, dentists, dental technicians, veterinarians, lawyers, pharmacists, patent agents, solicitors, civil engineers) and for farmers and foresters, the self-employment provision is a voluntary model.

At business inception you can join this model voluntarily and only once within twelve months after starting your activity. If you let this period pass, you will no longer have the opportunity to take advantage of the self-employment benefits.

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### **How are the contributions collected?**

After the conclusion of a contract with a company pension fund, the contributions are collected by the SVA retrospectively from business inception or from the beginning of compulsory insurance and forwarded to us. We will handle the registration for you. Contributions from lawyers are raised directly by Valida Plus. More detailed information can be found on the product sheet „Self-employed provisions for lawyers“.

### **How do I receive an overview of my paid-in contributions?**

Account information - as a list of account movements - is sent to you once a year by post. You can also use our secure service portal for convenient, environmentally friendly and instant access to your account information.