



Finance Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 12

PART 4

PENSION SCHEMES ETC

CHAPTER 7

COMPLIANCE

Penalties

257 Registered pension scheme return

- (1) If the scheme administrator of a registered pension scheme fails to comply with a notice under section 250 (registered pension scheme return), the scheme administrator is liable to a penalty of £100.
- (2) If the failure continues after a penalty is imposed under subsection (1), the scheme administrator is liable to a further penalty not exceeding £60 for each day on which the failure continues after the day on which that penalty was imposed (but excluding any day for which a penalty under this subsection has already been imposed).
- (3) No penalty may be imposed under subsection (1) or (2) in respect of a failure after it has been remedied.
- (4) If the scheme administrator of a registered pension scheme fraudulently or negligently—
 - (a) makes an [^{F1}inaccurate] return required by a notice under section 250, or
 - (b) delivers any [^{F1}inaccurate] accounts, statements or other documents with such a return,the scheme administrator is liable to a penalty not exceeding £3,000.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Word in s. 257(4)(a)(b) substituted (17.7.2014) by [Finance Act 2014 \(c. 26\)](#), [Sch. 7 para. 23\(b\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 257 modified (6.4.2006) by [The Registered Pension Schemes \(Splitting of Schemes\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/569\)](#), regs. 1(1), 3(1)(2), [Sch. 3 Pt. 1](#)

Commencement Information

I1 Ss. 160-274, 281, Schs. 30-35 in force at 6.4.2006 but any power to make an order or regulations under those provisions may be exercised at any time after Royal Assent, see s. 284

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- s. 236ZA inserted by [S.I. 2024/357 art. 2\(2\)](#)