2019 general election manifestos

Pension pledges

The table below summarises the pension-specific pledges set out in the manifestos of the three UK-wide parties – the Conservatives, Labour and the Liberal Democrats – and the SNP.

	Conservatives	Labour	Lib Dems	SNP
Reintroduce Pension Schemes Bill	✓	✗	✗	✗
Retain triple lock	✓	✓	✓	✓
Freeze state pension age at age 66	✗	✓	✗	✓
Review retirement ages for physically arduous and stressful jobs	✗	✓	✗	✗
Compensate WASPI women	✗	✓	✓	?
Review impact of tapered annual allowance on NHS	✓	✗	✓	✗
Extend auto-enrolment to self-employed	✗	✓	Conduct review	✓
Independent Pension Commission	✗	✓ (to recommend level of workplace pensions)	✗	✓ (remit to include demographic needs of different parts of UK in relation to SPA)
Support creation of pension dashboard(s)	✓	✓	✗	✗
Introduce legislation to enable establishment of CDC schemes	✓	✓	✗	✗
Introduce statutory requirement for executives pensions to be same as for other staff	✗	✗	✗	✓
Address loss of tax relief under net pay schemes	✓	✗	✗	✗

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Requirement for pension funds and asset managers to show how portfolios are consistent with Paris Agreement	✗	✗	✓	✗
Amend Companies Act 2006 to require companies to prioritise long-term growth while strengthening protection for pension funds	✗	✓	✗	✗
Unlock long-term capital in pension funds to invest in and commercialise UK scientific discoveries	✓	✗	✗	✗
Replace DWP with Department for Social Security	✗	✓	✗	✗
Address inequalities in pension law for those in same-sex relationships	✗	✗	✓	✗
Ensure state pensions of UK citizens living overseas rise in line with pensions in Britain	✗	✓	✗	✗

Key

✓	Specific pledge included in manifesto
✗	Manifesto silent on this issue
?	Issue mentioned but policy proposal unclear