# **Employer Payroll Deduction Option**

# Process Roadmap

Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs)

Read AVC Employer Payroll Deduction Roles and Responsibility document



Employer decision to offer AVC payroll deduction

Employer gives notice of AVC
Employer Payroll Deduction Option
effective date and deduction practice
timing as well as sets up the EFT or NDDS
payment arrangement with OMERS

Effective Date

OMERS supports employer with employee communication materials



Return executed AVC Employer Payroll Deduction Election Form to OMERS Employer tests payroll systems and deduction process

Employer establishes timing of deductions within each month, and identifies turn-around time for starting, stopping or modifying contributions (e.g. may not happen until following month).

Employer sets effective date for AVC deduction option, prepares EFT or NDDS payment setup



are distributed

to employees



Employee elects (with OMERS) to make automatic contributions via AVC Automatic Contribution Plan Registration Form or myOMERS

OMERS performs validation and confirmation



Employer completes authorized AVC payroll deduction for eligible employees



OMERS sends encrypted file by email to employer on the fifth calendar day of the month, outlining employee setups, changes, cancellations



Transfer AVC payroll deductions via EFT or NDDS and report via email to OMERS (within three business days of employer deduction)

Employer adds AVC payroll deductions to reportable registered pension plan contributions and PA on employee T4s at year-end



# Example of AVC Payroll Deduction Option Administration

- 1. Pat is an HR administrator for the City of Anytown, Ontario.
- 2. Pat reads the AVC Employer Payroll Deduction Roles and Responsibility document.
- 3. Pat speaks with an OMERS representative regarding the new AVC Payroll Deduction Option. Pat has all questions addressed and tests Anytown's payroll systems to ensure they can administer this option for their employees. Anytown decides to enroll as a participating employer. Pat already has EFT set up, so they can set up another EFT for the AVC account.
- 4. Based on Pat's assessment of their payroll abilities and established monthly deduction practice, Anytown chooses an appropriate effective date to begin the AVC Payroll Deduction Option. Pat also chooses a pay period within the month for the deductions to come off and has set up the EFT payment arrangement under the AVC account number with OMERS.
- 5. Before the chosen effective date, Pat retests the payroll system and deduction process to confirm the process is ready for launch.
- 6. The AVC Employer Payroll Deduction Election Form and the AVC Employer Payroll Deduction Contact Form is signed and returned to OMERS in time to meet the chosen effective date.
- 7. OMERS provides Pat with communications that can be used to educate and inform employees about the AVC Payroll Deduction Option.

  These are provided in a digital format, so Pat can print them out as required and/or post them on their intranet to begin promoting the program before the chosen effective date.
- 8. Pat refines communications to employees promoting the program, to make it clear which pay the once-a-month AVC deduction will occur. Anytown's policy is the first pay of the month (happening mid-month) as employees are paid twice per month. Pat also communicates any delays that may occur when employees start, stop or modify their contributions (e.g. changes may not take affect until the following month).
- 9. On the chosen effective date, the new AVC Payroll Deduction Option is launched. Pat's employees can also now see the payroll deduction option on myOMERS (as a choice available under start contributions). In addition, Pat ensures all internal communications (e.g., intranet, electronic bulletin board, printing needs, etc...) about the new program are posted and available for employees.
- 10. On the fifth calendar day in the month chosen for the effective date (and for each month thereafter), OMERS sends Pat (and other pre-determined contacts) the AVC Employer Payroll Deduction Report via encrypted email which outlines any of Anytown's employees who have decided to set up payroll deduction, modify their contributions, or who have decided no longer to participate in the program (sample of file, below).

### Sample of AVC Employer Payroll Deduction Report

## **Current AVC Payroll Deductions**

Last Name	First Name	Membership Number	Social Insurance Number	Employee ID	Effective From Date	Effective To Date	Current Contribution Amount	Remitted Money to OMERS	Notes to OMERS
Doe	John	8888880-01	123 456 789	564	1-Jan-14		\$250		
Smith	May	8888881-01	123 456 790	565	1-Jan-14		\$200		

#### **New AVC Payroll Deductions**

Last Name	First Name	Membership Number	Social Insurance Number	Employee ID	Effective From Date	Effective To Date	Contribution Amount	Remitted Money to OMERS	Notes to OMERS
Duncan	Paul	555555-01	123 456 792	567	1-Feb-14		\$120		

## **Modified AVC Payroll Deductions**

Last Name	First Name	Membership Number	Social Insurance Number	Employee ID	Effective From Date	Effective To Date	Contribution Amount	Remitted Money to OMERS	Notes to OMERS
Jones	Jon	5555551-01	123 456 791	566	1-Feb-14		\$75		

### **Stopped AVC Payroll Deductions**

Last Name	First Name	Membership Number	Social Insurance Number	Employee ID	Effective From Date	Effective To Date	Contribution Amount	Remitted Money to OMERS	Notes to OMERS
Robinson	Jack	444444-01	123 456 780	563	1-Jan-14	3-Feb-14	\$0		

# Example of AVC Payroll Deduction Option Administration (continued)

- 11. Pat will ensure deductions are made during the first pay period of the month (as determined above) and remit those monies to OMERS within a three-business-day period after deduction.
- 12. Along with deduction amounts, Pat also provides the AVC Employer Payroll Deduction Confirmation Report to OMERS, outlining the remittance for each participating member. Pat ensures social insurance numbers are removed from the file sent back to OMERS.
- 13. Moving forward, Pat receives the encrypted email with the *AVC Employer Payroll Deduction Report* from OMERS on the fifth business day of each month, outlining current deductions, new setups, changes to existing AVC deductions and deletions. Pat also continues to deduct payroll contributions on the first pay of each month and remit the monies for such deductions (along with the *AVC Employer Payroll Deduction Confirmation Report*, indicating remittance by participant) within three business days to OMERS.
- 14. During the year there may be AVC payroll deductions reported but not taken (e.g. an OTCFT employee does not work for a full pay period so they have no pay or not enough to cover the authorized deduction). Pat knows to alter the AVC Employer Payroll Deduction Confirmation Report to OMERS for this outcome.
- 15. At year-end Pat adds AVC payroll deductions to RPP contributions and pension adjustments on the employee's T4.

Example:	RPP Contribution	Pension Adjustment
Defined Benefit	\$5,907.16	\$7,096.00
AVC payroll deductions (\$50/month for 12 months)	\$600.00	\$600.00
Total for T4	\$6,507.16	\$7,696.00

