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Revised Annual Information Return Now Approved

On July 19, 1991, the newly revised Annual Information Return ("AIR") was approved by Cabinet and the amended form was published in the *Ontario Gazette*. This approval brought to a close an extensive consultation process which began last fall, between the pension community and a PCO task force. The new form and schedules were distributed to plans with a July 31 year end. A specimen sample of the new form, schedules and instructions follow this page. The official amendment to the Regulation is recorded in the Notices section.

The new AIR collects only essential information which is applicable and common to all pension plans. Supplemental information, specific to the plan itself, will be collected by way of the following schedules:

- **Schedule A (Annual Fees Payable):** for all plans
- **Schedule B (Pension Benefits Guarantee Fund Assessment):** for defined benefit plans only
- **Schedule C (List of Participating Employers):** for plans with more than one participating employer

During the first year of application, all pension plans will receive the basic form and all schedules. After the PCO's AIR database is constructed, only applicable schedules to the pension plans will be sent with the AIR core form.

During the consultation process the task force received valuable input from plan sponsors and pension professionals. The task force would like to thank all those who took time to participate in the development and consultation process.

As more pension plans begin to use the new AIR, instructions and schedules improvements may be made. If you have suggestions, please write to the Pension Commission of Ontario, Policy and Research Branch, 250 Yonge Street, 29th floor, Toronto, Ontario, Ontario M5B 2N7 or fax 416-314-0650.