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Judicial Review sought over pensions overpayments

PCS and five other unions will be in court on 31 January seeking a judicial review of the government's decision not to reduce members' contributions.

PCS, GMB, Unite, the FBU, POA and RCN will be in court on Tuesday 31 January to seek judicial review of the decision taken by the government in 2019 to block pension changes which would have reduced contributions from public service pension scheme members.

Scheme valuations carried out by the Government Actuary revealed that future pension costs were significantly lower than expected. In the case of the Civil Service Scheme the Advisory Board recommended a reduction of 2% in the rates of employee contributions from April 2019.

The government blocked this reduction and over 40,000 PCS members have worked out how much they have lost by using our [PCS pensions loss calculator](#). The **average loss per month is around £53**, which amounts to £1000s since April 2019.

General secretary Mark Serwotka said "At a time when PCS members are already suffering from years of low pay and the cost-of-living crisis, it is an outrage that the government is continuing to make our members overpay on their pensions and refuse to follow the guidance issued by the Advisory Board."

[Read more about our pensions campaign, the background and what has happened so far.](#)

There will be a small protest outside the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on 31 January from 9am before the court starts at 10am. Please come along if you're in the area.