

Who needs a transitional tax-free amount certificate TTFAC?

Has the client crystallised benefits prior to 6th April 2024?

Yes

No

Client does not need a TTFAC

Does the client have further benefits they could crystallise?

Yes

No

Client does not need a TTFAC for PCLS purposes but may benefit for LSDBA purposes

Does the client have LTA protection?

Yes

No

Did the client take less than the equivalent of 25% of the value for LTA purposes from a crystallised pension (typically DB/Annuity purchase)?

Did the client crystallise DC pensions between 6th April 2016 and 5th April 2020 (when the LTA was less than £1,073,100) AND/OR did the client take less than the equivalent of 25% of the value for LTA purposes from a crystallised pension (typically DB/Annuity purchase)?

Yes to one or both

No to both

Client does not need a TTFAC unless they have used 100% of the LTA in which case a TTFAC would reinstate LSDBA entitlement

Does the client plan to Crystallise a pension?

Yes

No

They should obtain a TTFAC

They do not strictly need a TTFAC for PCLS purposes right now but will need one in the future. A TTFAC may also help with LSDBA entitlement



If you reach the point in which a client would benefit from a TTFAC, you should consider whether it is necessary based on the clients' circumstances. The TTFAC enables a client to obtain the full lump sum entitlement (£268,275 or higher if LTA protections are held) so you should judge whether the client has the uncrystallised funds available to benefit from this entitlement.