

Use your retirement assets for home ownership

You can use your retirement assets to finance your own home ownership. Find out what you can withdraw or pledge your retirement assets for and what the differences are.

You can use your retirement assets to purchase or renovate owner-occupied residential property. This includes:

- the acquisition or construction of an owner-occupied residential property in Switzerland and abroad (an apartment or single-family house)
- holdings in residential property, provided you live in the property yourself
- repayment of mortgage loans
- renovations of owner-occupied residential property

However, pension funds may in particular **not** be used for:

- the financing of building loans
- regular maintenance of residential property (ancillary costs)
- paying mortgage bond interest
- the purchase of second or holiday apartments

You may make an early withdrawal of or pledge part of your vested benefits. The maximum amount of the possible early withdrawal or the maximum amount of the pledge is listed on your pension certificate in the section "Additional information".

In general, the regulations and legal provisions applicable at the time of the early withdrawal or pledge apply to home ownership promotion. Any changes are reserved.

Early withdrawal

In the case of an early withdrawal, your retirement capital is reduced by the amount of the early withdrawal. This leads to reductions in Profond's pension benefits on retirement and above all in the event of disability and death.

- An early withdrawal must be at least CHF 20 000 and can be claimed every five years.
- The amount of the early withdrawal is taxed as a lump sum. We will report this amount to the Federal Tax Administration. Withholding tax is deducted for insured persons abroad. Withholding tax can be reclaimed, depending on the country. If you have any questions about tax liability, please contact a tax and financial specialist.
- In the case of real estate in Switzerland, we will arrange for the registration of a restriction on disposal in the land register (the costs will be borne by you).

- If you change jobs, we will inform your new pension fund that you have made an early withdrawal.

Pledge

In the case of a pledge, the vested benefits are blocked in the amount of the pledge in favour of the pledgee. The pledge does not result in any reduction in benefits as long as no pledge is realised.

- In the case of a pledge realisation by the pledgee, e.g. due to default or inability to pay, the same consequences apply as in the case of an early withdrawal.
- If you change jobs, we will inform your new pension fund of the pledge.



If you are married or live in a registered partnership, you will need the written consent of your wife, husband or partner for the pledge or early withdrawal.

If you are incapacitated for work, you cannot withdraw or pledge your retirement assets. In the case of partial earning capacity, an early withdrawal or a pledge is possible according to your degree of earning capacity.

Repayment option

You can voluntarily repay the early withdrawal amount. The minimum amount for repayment is CHF 10 000.

Repayment obligation

If you sell the residential property, you must repay the early withdrawal to us. If you die without pension benefits being due to surviving dependants, your heirs will have to repay the early withdrawal to us.

Your responsibility

You are responsible for your occupational retirement benefits. A pledge will not have a direct effect on your insurance until the pledge is realised. On the other hand, in the case of an early withdrawal, you must expect a reduction in your benefits and immediate taxation. You must close any gaps in your pension benefits upon retirement and in the event of disability and death and bear the costs of any risk insurance (death and/or incapacity to work).