

Sygnia Retirement Annuity Fund

Tax-efficient long-term savings for retirement

Product benefits:

Tax-free growth



Tax-deductible



Reg 28



A tax-efficient retirement savings plan

The Sygnia Retirement Annuity Fund (RA) is an individual retirement savings plan that allows you to save for your retirement in a tax-efficient manner.

Overview

Purpose	Pre-retirement tax-efficient savings
Minimum contribution	R20 000 lump sum or R500/month
Access	Only at retirement (55+)
Key features	Regulation 28 compliant, retirement focused

Real people. Real questions.

Who should invest?

The Sygnia RA Fund is most suitable for:

- Individuals who wish to supplement their existing retirement savings;
- Self-employed entrepreneurs who do not contribute to an occupational pension or provident fund;
- Employed persons whose employer does not offer (or does not make contributions to) an occupational pension or provident fund;
- Individuals who earn additional income that is not taken into account in determining contributions to an existing occupational pension or provident fund.

What investments make up the Sygnia Retirement Annuity Fund?

Any unit trusts, life funds, exchange traded funds (ETFs) or exchange traded notes (ETNs) available on the Sygnia investment platform. Please note that your investment choice must comply with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act. Once you have invested in the Sygnia RA Fund, we will monitor compliance for you on a monthly basis.

The key elements of Regulation 28 impose the following limits on your investments:

Strategic asset allocation	Percentage	Allocation
Equities	75.0	<div></div>
Foreign assets	45.0	<div></div>
Property	25.0	<div></div>
Hedge funds	10.0	<div></div>

*Fund allocation will be split proportionately across all components

Can I switch my investment to another investment fund?

Yes, you may switch between investment funds available on the Sygnia online investment platform at any time and at no cost.

When can I access my investment?

You can access your investment by retiring from the Sygnia RA Fund after your 55th birthday, or earlier if you are permanently disabled due to injury or illness. Under the recent two-pot retirement system (effective 1 September 2024), you may withdraw all the funds in your retirement pot in cash at retirement, or you can transfer the funds to your retirement pot to purchase an annuity. All the funds in your retirement pot must be used to purchase an annuity unless the value of the retirement pot plus ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the non-vested benefit in your vested pot is less than R165 000. You may also access 100% of the funds in your vested pot as cash or use it to purchase an annuity. Up to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the funds in your non-vested benefit can be taken as cash, but the rest must be used to purchase an annuity. At retirement the portion of your Sygnia RA transferred to a post-retirement annuity, such as a living annuity, is free of tax. The portion taken as cash may be subject to tax.

When can I withdraw from my investment?

No withdrawals are permitted before the age of 55 unless:

- Via a savings pot withdrawal. This is processed from the funds in your savings pot as per the two-pot retirement system and can be done once a year.
- You have emigrated from South Africa as recognised by the South African Reserve Bank (SARB), and your emigration application was submitted on or before 28 February 2021 and approved by SARB on or before 28 February 2022.
- You have not been a South African tax resident for an uninterrupted period of at least three years on or after 1 March 2021; or
- You depart from the Republic at the expiry of a visa obtained for the purposes of working in or visiting the Republic, and are not regarded as a resident by the South African Reserve Bank for purposes of exchange control; or
- The accumulated value of your investment is less than or equal to R15 000.

Can I transfer my investment?

Yes, you may transfer from an existing approved retirement annuity, preservation or occupational pension or provident fund to the Sygnia RA Fund. You may also transfer out of the Sygnia RA Fund to another approved underlying retirement annuity fund. The allocation of your retirement and savings pots will be transferred in the same proportions.

Are there contribution limits?

Minimum contributions:

- Initial lump sum of R20 000
- Additional lump sum of R5 000
- Debit order of R500 p/m

You may stop contributing at any time, with no penalty.

Please note: Minimum lump sum of R1 000 if investing into the Sygnia Money Market Class S1 or S2 (established by Sygnia Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd).

What are the tax benefits of a Sygnia Retirement Annuity?

The tax benefits are significant:

- Your contributions to an RA Fund, up to a legislated limit, are tax deductible, so you may be taxed on a lower taxable income amount.
- All growth, including interest income, net rental income, dividend income and capital growth, is tax-free.

Ready to apply?

Submit your application online by visiting our website and clicking on “Open an account”. Alternatively, contact the Sygnia Client Service Centre on 0860 794 642 (0860 SYGNIA) for any assistance.

Required documentation

- Copy of South African green barcoded ID/South African Smart ID Card, birth certificate (if minor) or valid passport (if a foreign national).
- Proof of residential address not older than 3 months.
- Proof of bank details not older than 3 months.
- Proof of deposit/transfer into the relevant Sygnia bank account.
- If a unit transfer is required, please provide a recent statement of your current investment.

I've already opened a Sygnia Retirement Annuity Fund – how do I transact online?

The Sygnia Alchemy Online portal is a one-stop online solution for your investment and retirement planning needs. Visit our website and click on “Log in” to access your secure online account or to register.

Need more help?

Don't miss out on this opportunity to invest with confidence and serenity. Contact your financial advisor or visit sygnia.co.za to find out more about the Sygnia Retirement Annuity Fund.

Disclaimer

The Sygnia Retirement Annuity Fund (RA) is an individual retirement savings plan that allows you to save for your retirement in a tax-efficient manner. The Sygnia Retirement Annuity is Regulation 28 compliant and tax-deductible. The Sygnia products described above and information provided are a general nature and are not intended to address the circumstances of any particular individual or entity. We are not acting and do not purport to act in any way as an advisor or in a fiduciary capacity. No one should act upon such information or opinion without appropriate professional advice after a thorough examination of a particular situation. We endeavour to provide accurate and timely information, but we make no representation or warranty, express or implied, with respect to the correctness, accuracy or completeness of the information and opinions provided. We do not undertake to update, modify or amend the information on a frequent basis or to advise any person if such information subsequently becomes inaccurate. Any representation or opinion is provided for information purposes only. Collective investment schemes in securities are generally medium- to long-term investments. The value of participatory interests may go down as well as up, and past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. The Manager does not guarantee the capital or the return of a portfolio.