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## Canada Pension Plan Considerations

In the past, we have identified government income as a main source of income for most Canadians during retirement.

The age at which you choose to receive Canada Pension Plan (CPP) payments greatly affects the amount you will receive, as your monthly CPP retirement pension amount will decrease by a larger percentage if you receive it before age 65.

As a result, by 2016, if you start receiving CPP at the age of 60, your pension amount would be 36% less than if you had waited until age 65.

Similarly, if you wait longer, the reward will be greater: collecting at age 70 will result in a 42% higher benefit.

Many Canadians choose to wait until age 65 to retire. As you now have the option of receiving CPP before age 65 while continuing to work, should you take less CPP now or more later? Your decision will be based on your personal situation. The following may be worth consideration:

You might take CPP early if...	You might take CPP later if...
You have health issues and/or a potentially shorter life expectancy.	You are in good health with a long life expectancy.
You will be collecting Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).	You plan on working and delaying receipt of CPP until you retire when your income will be lower.
You have several years of low or non-earnings in your work history.	You have spent many years in the workforce.

We encourage you to contact Service Canada by calling 1-800-277-9914 or reviewing their website at [www.servicecanada.gc.ca](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca) to learn more about the CPP options available. You may also contact Reuter Benefits at 1-800-666-0142 or by email at [retire@reuterbenefits.com](mailto:retire@reuterbenefits.com).