

Press release: Pension enrolment companies wound up for misleading new members

NAEH Ltd, Wise Auto Enrolment Ltd (Wise) and National Auto Enrolment Helpline Ltd were all wound up by the High Court in Manchester on 17 September 2018.

NAEH Ltd and Wise acted as introducers where they referred employers, required by law to enrol certain staff into a pension scheme, to a pension administrator in order to set up new schemes.

However, the Insolvency Service received complaints about the two companies and with assistance from The Pensions Regulator (TPR), investigators found that NAEH and Wise traded with a lack of commercial probity.

The two pension enrolment companies would make misleading and unfounded statements on their websites and to employers, as well as charge advance fees for services which they then completely failed to provide.

Investigators also found that the two companies operated with a lack of transparency. They would use incorrect company names on invoices and it was unclear who was in control of NAEH and Wise.

The third company that was wound up, National Auto Enrolment Helpline, had not conducted any activities but investigators demonstrated to the court there were strong grounds to believe that the company would have been used to continue the activities carried out by NAEH and Wise.

Scott Crighton, Chief Investigator at the Insolvency Service, said:

The Insolvency Service will investigate and bring to a halt the activities of companies that fail to meet the required standards of commercial probity and transparency and that are found to be operating against the public interest.

The Official Receiver is now responsible for the affairs of the companies and we want to assure the public that the court's actions have put an immediate stop to their activities.

All enquiries concerning the affairs of the companies should be made to: The Official Receiver, Public Interest Unit, 2nd Floor, 3 Piccadilly Place, London Road, Manchester M1 3BN, Email: PIU.North@insolvency.gsi.gov.uk.

NAEH Ltd (CRN 7928084) was incorporated on 30 January 2012 as Ventica Limited. Its name was changed to NAEH Ltd on 9 August 2016. NAEH's registered

office is at 23 New Mount Street, Manchester, M4 4DE.

Wise Auto Enrolment Ltd (CRN 10617040) was incorporated on 13 February 2017. Its registered office is at 21 Broad Street, Bury, BL9 0DA.

National Auto Enrolment Helpline Ltd (CRN 10180658) was incorporated on 16 May 2016. Its registered office is at Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

The petitions to wind up the companies were presented in the High Court Manchester on 19 July 2018, under the provisions of section 124A of the Insolvency Act 1986 following confidential enquiries by Company Investigations under section 447 of the Companies Act 1985, as amended. Company Investigations, part of the Insolvency Service, uses powers under the Companies Act 1985 to conduct confidential fact-finding investigations into the activities of live limited companies in the UK on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

The Insolvency Service administers the insolvency regime, investigating all compulsory liquidations and individual insolvencies (bankruptcies) through the Official Receiver to establish why they became insolvent. It may also use powers under the Companies Act 1985 to conduct confidential fact-finding investigations into the activities of live limited companies in the UK. In addition, the agency deals with disqualification of directors in corporate failures, assesses and pays statutory entitlement to redundancy payments when an employer cannot or will not pay employees, provides banking and investment services for bankruptcy and liquidation estate funds and advises ministers and other government departments on insolvency law and practice.

Further information about the work of the Insolvency Service, and how to complain about financial misconduct, is [available](#).

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[Press release: UK expertise to help developing countries tackle climate change and move to cleaner energy](#)

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The UK is committed to sharing its expertise and help developing countries in the global challenge of tackling climate change. The government has committed at least £5.8 billion of funding between 2016 and 2020 to help developing countries both reduce emissions and build resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Appearing at the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly in New York, the Prime Minister was clear that it is only through collective effort that we can successfully address the threat of climate change. She joined the UN Secretary General to call for countries to work together and strive towards ambitious outcomes at COP24, at the UN Secretary General's 2019 Climate Summit, and beyond.

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Energy and Clean Growth Minister Claire Perry said:

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countries. This £60 million programme could provide the boost they need to begin their own clean growth movements, building economies fit for the future.

International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt said:

When drought strikes in the developing world, it is the most vulnerable communities which are hit the hardest by damage to livestock and crops. I witnessed earlier this year in northern Kenya how the swift support of UK aid and our partners helped households, which would otherwise be at risk of sliding deeper into poverty.

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The UK will lead global efforts to mitigate and respond to the effects of climate change protecting food, water and jobs for the future, and building resilience to cut the impact and cost of natural disasters. It is well placed to offer this expert advice and support in cutting carbon emissions as a global leader in tackling climate change, playing a vital role in negotiating the Paris Agreement.

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1. On Monday 15 October, the government will launch the first [Green GB week](#). This will be a week of events and announcements across the UK designed to promote the opportunities that come from clean growth and raise awareness of how businesses and the public can contribute to tackling climate change.
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 4. A third and final phase of UK support of £94.5 million has been committed to the government of Kenya's Hunger Safety Net Programme with the government of Kenya leading and fully financing the programme from 2024.
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[News story: UK Hydrographic Office wins National Apprenticeship Award](#)

The UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO) has won the Royal Navy Award for 'Large Employer of the Year' within the South West, as announced during the regional National Apprenticeship Awards ceremony.

The National Apprenticeship Awards celebrate outstanding apprentices, employers and individuals who go above and beyond to champion apprenticeships across England. Having been announced as a regional finalist earlier in the year, the UKHO received the award for demonstrating best practice in recruitment, training, diversity and career progression.

The UKHO's apprenticeship scheme gives applicants an opportunity to gain an industry recognised qualification whilst getting hands on experience in the workplace as a paid employee. Its current intake includes over 50 apprentices across a wide range of roles that include software testing, data analysis, business administration, HR and many more.

Amy Carrillo, Head of People at the UKHO, commented:

"Since our first apprentice joined in 2016, we have now grown our programme both in numbers and variety. Today, we have 51 apprentices across digital, data and technology roles, as well as in management, finance, HR, marketing, customer services and more.

"Our success has depended on collaboration across the organisation and ensuring a close network between apprentices, line managers and training

providers. We hope to expand and improve our offering in the future.”

As part of the ceremony the UKHO also received a high commendation for the PeoplePlus Recruitment Excellence Award, which recognises employers who have attracted a diverse and high-quality apprenticeship workforce through new approaches to recruitment.

[Press release: Queen appoints new Constable of Caernarfon Castle](#)



The Queen has been pleased to appoint Mr Edmund Bailey as Constable of Caernarfon Castle in succession to the late Lord Snowdon GCV0.

Biographical Notes

Edmund Bailey has been the Lord-Lieutenant of Gwynedd since 2014. A farmer with business interests in tourism and renewable energy, he has previously served as President of NFU Cymru, as a member of the Lord Chancellor’s Agricultural Land Tribunal and as High Sheriff of Gwynedd. He lives at Llanbedr.

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