



Wednesday, May 13th **MAKE SMART CHOICES**

7:10 AM Smile Jamaica TVJ

Jacqueline Simpson, Client Relationship Officer, Haughton Terrace Branch, examines Pension Planning and the launch of JMMB Retirement Scheme.

QUICK RECAP:



1. What is pension planning?

- a) A facility which helps us in planning our future and ensures that we are financially secure upon retirement. Pension provides the income needed in retirement.
- b) JMMB's pension plan is licensed by the Financial Services Commission (FSC) and is generally encouraged through monthly contributions of up to 20% of your annual income.

2. Who is pension planning for?

- a) Everyone between the ages of 18 and 69 years.
 - i. Employed and unemployed
 - ii. Employed persons both with and without a formal plan
 - iii. Young professionals
 - iv. Professionals – contract workers, doctors, land surveyors.
 - v. Small business operators

3. How do I benefit from pension planning?

- a) The portion of salary contributed towards pension will not be taxed.
- b) The earnings from the pension fund will not be taxed.
- c) The pension fund can be accessed between the age 60 and 65 years, depending on the age previously chosen by the member.
- d) Clients will have online access to view contributions made and see the value of the investment every 6 months.

- e) Clients will also have access to an online calculator which can be used to determine the expected pension amount based on the desired retirement date.

4. How do I make contributions?

- a) Salary deductions
- b) Cheques
- c) Transfer from an existing JMMB account
- d) Wire Transfers
- e) Cash lodgments via JMMB's ETMs

Pension Tips

1. Contributing to a pension fund is a discipline, which should become a way of life. Put something tangible in place, no longer can children be viewed as old age pension.
2. Transferring pension contributions from one employer to another (portability) ensures that the funds are used for the purposes intended and not cannibalized.
3. Pension cannot be accessed until retirement.

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

Please email us at smart@jmmb.com to let us know how it's going or to provide any other feedback. Our commitment to you is to provide practical and useful ideas in our JMMB 'Make Smart Choices' Segment.