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Tens of thousands of pensioners face cuts to income after huge HMRC trawl identifies decades of errors

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Baroness Ros Altmann, a former pensions minister, has criticised the cuts



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Tens of thousands of retired workers face cuts to their pensions after the taxman identified errors in their records stretching back decades.

A huge trawl of records comparing HMRC's official files with those held by pension schemes has identified errors dating back as long as 40 years ago.

Retired workers with both public and private sector pensions face reductions to their future pension payments, which in some cases will see their retirement income halve.

In some cases pensioners have been paid too little and will receive back payments in addition to future increases. However they will not receive any interest on the payments or compensation.