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In the UK, you can collect the state pension if you meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Age: You must reach the State Pension age, which is currently set for men born on or after 6 April 1951 and women born on or after 6 April 1953.
- National Insurance Record: You need at least 10 qualifying years on your National Insurance record to get any new State Pension. A qualifying year is one in which you were either working and made National Insurance contributions, getting National Insurance credits (for example, if you were unemployed, ill, or a parent or carer), or paying voluntary National Insurance contributions.

For the full new state pension, you'll likely need at least 35 qualifying National Insurance years. If you have fewer than 10 qualifying years, you won't be eligible for the state pension when you reach the State Pension age.

If you're interested in finding out more about your specific situation or if you want to check your State Pension forecast, you can visit the official <u>GOV.UK website</u> for detailed information.