

# France pensions row

Nicolas Sarkozy wants to bring “special regime” pensions, enjoyed by a minority of state workers, into line with other pensions



► System benefits around 500,000 workers plus further 1.1m retirees

► Accounts for 6 percent of total state pension payments

► Applies in 16 sectors – rail and utilities employees account for 360,000 people

► Some workers can retire on full pensions aged 50

► “Special regime” pensions cost state 5 billion euros a year