



Reasons why you may not have a NHS Pension Choice Statement

If NHS Pension Choice Statements are being delivered by your employer but you don't have one yet there is probably a good reason and no need for you to be concerned. This factsheet explains the main reasons why you may not have received a statement.

IMPORTANT

It is important to remember that if you don't have a statement at this point you are not disadvantaged in any way. The time period to make your choice (3 months) will only begin once you receive your statement. The date you make your choice does not affect the benefits you receive either. All members who choose to move to the 2008 Section will have their choice backdated to 1 April 2008.

Below is a list of reasons why you might not have a statement.

1) Do you work for another NHS employer?

If you have an employment contract with more than one NHS employer your statement will be sent to the one where you have most recently signed an employment contract. You should check when statements are due to be distributed by this employer.

2) Have you ever worked as:

A GP?

If you have ever worked as a GP your benefits from the Scheme for this period of service will be calculated differently. This means you will get a different statement.

These statements are being prepared and following agreement with the British Medical Association it is anticipated that these statements will start to be issued from January 2011.

They will be despatched in regional order, starting in the South West. They will be distributed by Primary Care Trusts (PCT) or Local Health Boards (LHB). If you no longer work for a PCT or LHB they will be sent out by your latest employer.

Further information about the anticipated delivery of packs will be provided on the website as soon as possible.

A Dental Practitioner?

The Pensions and Dental Services divisions of the Business Services Authority are currently working closely together to collate the pensionable pay data required to produce statements for General Dental Practitioners. Further information about the anticipated delivery of packs will be provided on the website as soon as possible.

An Ophthalmic Practitioner?

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3) Are you a member of the 1995 Section?

The NHS Pension Choice Exercise is for members of the 1995 Section of the Scheme. If you joined the Scheme for the first time on or after 1 April 2008 you are already in the 2008 Section and will not be eligible for Choice and will not receive a statement.

If you opted out of the 1995 Section of the Scheme and have not elected to re-join the Scheme you are not a contributing member and are not eligible for Choice. This means you will not receive a NHS Pension Choice Statement.



4) Have you been offered the opportunity to opt out of Choice?

If you left the Scheme as part of a TUPE or TUPE like transfer you will have been given the option to make your choice early. If you chose to opt out of Choice at that time you will not receive a statement. You may be entitled to receive a Choice statement at a later date should you return to the NHS Pension Scheme.

5) Were you already receiving a pension from the Scheme on 1 October 2009?

The NHS Pension Choice Exercise began on 1 October 2009. If you retired from the Scheme before 1 October 2009 you are not eligible for Choice and will not receive a statement.

6) Incomplete or inaccurate data

If none of the issues above apply to you and you don't have a statement it may be that we need longer to work out your pension projections. This could be due to inaccurate or incomplete data on your records. If this is the case your statement will be sent to you at a later date once your record has been updated.

What should I do if these reasons don't apply to me and I still haven't got a statement?

Some manual intervention may be required to produce your NHS Pension Choice Statement. If this is the case your statement will be issued as soon as possible. In most cases a statement will be issued eventually and you will not be disadvantaged in any way by making your choice at a later stage.

Most importantly please do not be unduly concerned if you do not have a statement at this stage.

We are working to produce a statement for all eligible members.

If you have any questions about the NHS Pensions Choice Exercise please contact the member helpline on 0300 123 1601.