

NHS Pensions - Member character key

To help you identify what type of membership applies to you we have created a set of characters that depict the main NHS pension membership types.



An active contributing member is always identified as a green character



An active contributing practitioner member will be identified with a green character wearing a stethoscope



A deferred* member is always identified as a grey character



A member in receipt of their benefits is always identified as a pink character

Behind the character there may be coloured shadows to illustrate what section or scheme you belong to.

Types of shadow



Orange

An orange shadow means you have membership in the 1995 Section of the NHS Pension Scheme.



Blue

A blue shadow means you have membership in the 2008 Section of the NHS Pension Scheme.



Purple

A purple shadow means you have membership in the 2015 NHS Pension Scheme.



If you are a member with membership in multiple Sections/Schemes, there will be a shadow for each shown in chronological order.

* A deferred member is a member who has left the Scheme but hasn't claimed their pension benefits.

Membership protection status

If you have membership protection, a shield symbol will be used to illustrate if you have full or tapered protection. If there is no shield shown there is no protection.



- Full protection



- Tapered protection

Other member characteristics will be explained in the green boxes alongside the characters. For instance in example 1 below Alexandria is a 1995 Section member, which is illustrated by an orange shadow, but she also has Special Class status which is explained in the box.

Examples

1)



Alexandria is a **1995 Section** member with Special Class status and full protection



2)



Jasper is a **2008 Section / 2015 Scheme** member with tapered protection



3)



Kayla is a deferred member with membership in the **1995 Section**

4)



James is a **1995 Section / 2008 Section** member in receipt of their benefits