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.
  - 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