

HSC Pension Scheme – Important Information for those joining or rejoining the HSC Pension Scheme

The HSC Pension Scheme consists of two sections, the 1995 Section and the 2008 Section. The attached Scheme Guide provides detailed information about each of the sections. There is also a flowchart on the inside cover to assist you in determining which section of the Scheme you belong to. If you have been a member of the NHS Pension Scheme in England & Wales, Scotland or the Isle of Man within the last 5 years this can have an effect on which section of the HSC Pension Scheme you are a member of.

There are a number of other things you need to consider and some actions you need to take now. For example, if you wish to transfer benefits from another pension arrangement in to the HSC Pension Scheme there is a time limit for doing this.

What You Need To Do Now

- Read the Scheme Guide
- Use the flowchart on the inside cover to determine which section of the Scheme you can join
- **Complete the Joiner questionnaire at the back of the guide and forward to HSC Pension Service, Waterside House, 75 Duke Street, Londonderry BT47 6FP if you have been a member of the NHS Pension Scheme in England & Wales, Scotland or the Isle of Man within the last 5 years or had a previous employment which was part of a TUPE transfer to the HSC.**
- **If you wish to transfer previous pension rights into the HSC Pension Scheme** you will need to apply to do this within 12 months of joining the HSC Pension Scheme. This also applies if you wish to transfer previous service from the NHS Pension Schemes in England & Wales, Scotland or the Isle of Man. **Page 10** of the guide provides further information about transferring benefits.

Further information about the HSC Pension Scheme is available on the HSC Pension Service website www.hscpensions.hscni.net