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MEMBERSHIP CONTINUATION PROCESS

This document is to be used for continuing a medical aid membership for retiring or deceased members' widows or widowers.

Continuation membership is when the main member goes on retirement or passes away and a dependant wants to continue with the membership as a main member.

MEMBERS CAN CONTINUE WITH POLMED IN TERMS OF THE SCHEME RULES WHEN THEY RETIRE AS A RESULT OF:

- Normal retirement (age)
- Ill health retirement
- Severance package
- Deceased members (widows/widowers and orphans)

Members must notify the Scheme of their intention to continue with membership within 90 days either before or after going on retirement. Failing which they will not be allowed to continue with the Scheme.

DEPENDANTS OF DECEASED MEMBERS:

Only the wife, life partner or youngest orphan child can become main members after the member has passed on. All other dependants who were active at the time of death of the main member can become the dependants of this new membership.

Dependants who become main members after the death of the member cannot add new dependants that were not active at the time of death.

NB: MEMBERS WHO VOLUNTARILY RESIGN FROM THE EMPLOYER (SAPS) DO NOT QUALIFY FOR CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

Contributions are payable monthly and are deducted directly from the member's bank account on the first working day of each month.

Proof of pension from GEPP should be submitted to the Scheme as soon as it is available to assist the Scheme in raising the correct contributions.

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

- Normal retirement – monthly pension from GEPP
- Ill health retirement – monthly pension from GEPP
- Severance package – last salary before terminating employment
- Deceased members – monthly pension from GEPP

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Application for Continuation of Membership.
- Tax reference number.
- Service certificate/letter from Employer/death certificate.
- Copy of the member and spouse's ID.
- Copy of a bank statement or a letter from the bank confirming the new bank account number and/or authorisation letter if premiums are paid by third party.
- Marriage certificate.
- Birth certificates and IDs of all active dependants.
- Remuneration will not be changed if GEPP letter is not received (For POLMED: GEPP Pension must be in the widow's/widower's name).