

Deferred Members at 31 March 2007

A deferred member is a member of the NITPS who left service before 1 April 2007 and has not yet retired

- If a member subsequently returns to service on or after 1 April 2007, they may come under transitional arrangements that preserve a Normal Pension Age (NPA) of 60.
- If a member returns to service before 1 April 2008, they will retain a NPA of 60 regardless of the length of the break in service.
- If a member returns on or after 1 April 2008, with more than a five year break in service, then future service will have a NPA of 65 but previous service will retain a NPA of 60.
- If a member returns after 1 April 2008 with a break of less than five years, then there will be a minimum period of scheme membership that must be undertaken after a break in pensionable



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service. This is to enable teachers who have a subsequent break in service to return at a later date and retain a NPA of 60 in respect of their future service.

- Future service will have a NPA of 60 provided the member continues in service for a minimum period of 30 days reckonable service or 60 days pensionable employment. If the return to service is for less, a NPA of 65 will apply to future service only after a subsequent break in service.
- If a member does not return to teaching before retirement:
 - they will not be able to nominate a partner to receive a dependant's pension;
 - they will not be entitled to contribute to an additional pension;
 - they will continue to be eligible to apply for ill health retirement benefits if they develop a medical condition that permanently prevents them from undertaking further gainful employment;
 - they will receive a pension based upon 1/80th and a lump sum of 3/80th;
 - their benefits will be calculated on the best year's salary in their final three years of service.

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