

## New Joiner Questionnaire

**This form is for Officer use.**

This questionnaire captures details from new employees regarding their current status within the HSC Pension Scheme and eligibility for an alternative pension scheme. This must be completed as fully as possible as part of the recruitment process.

Please note that the information provided will only be used for local and central pensions / payroll administration purposes to determine eligibility criteria.

**If you do not return this form to your HR department (details of where to return the form to are included on Page 7) you will be automatically enrolled into the 2015 HSC Pension Scheme.**

Before completing this form please see the process map, 'Which pension Scheme will I be enrolled into?' and Completion Notes at the back of this form.

Employer Name	<input type="text"/>
Name	<input type="text"/>
National Insurance Number	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
What is Your Job Role / Title	<input type="text"/>
Date Employment Started	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

### Part 1 – To be Completed by all

Q1	Are you currently a member of the HSC/NHS Pension Scheme at the date above?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> GotoQ2	No <input type="checkbox"/> GotoQ4
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Q2	Will you continue to have any other current HSC/NHS post (at the same time as this post) Including Bank (but excluding agency)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> SeeBelow	No <input type="checkbox"/> GotoPart2
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Who is your other employer (If the same as above then go to Question 4)

Q3	Please indicate contract type of the other post(s)	Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time <input type="checkbox"/> Bank <input type="checkbox"/>
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If **full time** please go to Part 2 (but please see note below).

If **part-time** please state number of contracted hours

If **part-time** or **Bank** please go to Question 4.

**Important Note:** – If you change your hours or leave the other role(s) it is your responsibility to advise the Payroll team as this may affect the eligibility to a pension scheme.

Q4	Have you previously been a member of the HSC/NHS Pension Scheme and taken pension benefits. (Retirement, Early Retirement, Ill Health Retirement or other type of HSC	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> See Below	No <input type="checkbox"/> Goto Q5
<p>Please indicate which HSC Retirement Benefit you are in receipt of :</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ill Health      <input type="checkbox"/> Redundancy      <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement (Early or Age)      <input type="checkbox"/> Drawdown</p> <p>Please indicate which Section of the scheme you were a member of</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1995 Section      <input type="checkbox"/> 2008 Section      <input type="checkbox"/> 2015 Scheme      <input type="checkbox"/> Not Known</p>			

Q5	Do you have any existing pension rights that you would be interested in transferring into the HSC Pension Scheme? If your answer is "Yes" please see the <a href="#">Transfer in Guide and Application Pack</a> on the HSC Pension Service Website at <a href="mailto:hscpensions@hscni.net">hscpensions@hscni.net</a> . However it is important to note that this can only be done in the first 12 months of joining the scheme, if a member of the 1995/2008 Section or within the first 12 months of becoming eligible to join the 2015 Scheme.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Q6	Have you previously been made redundant from an HSC Employer?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> See Below	No <input type="checkbox"/> Goto Q7										
<p>Date of Redundancy <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">/</td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">/</td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table></p> <p>Did you take an HSC Pension? <span style="float: right;">Yes <input type="checkbox"/>      No <input type="checkbox"/></span></p> <p>Name of HSC Employer made redundant from <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse; width: 300px; height: 20px;"></table></p>						/			/				
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Q7	Do or did you have any Additional Voluntary Contribution arrangements in place through the HSC Pension Scheme	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> See Below	No <input type="checkbox"/> Goto Q8
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Please contact your AVC provider if you wish to continue to pay AVC contributions. You will need to advise them of your new employer so they can provide details for payroll deductions to continue.

Q8	Do you have an added years contract or HSC Additional pension purchase in place? If your answer is "yes" please provide us with a copy of your contract:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Q9	In your new post will you be applying for Mental Health Officer Status (MHO)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> See Below	No <input type="checkbox"/> Goto Part 2
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If you had previous MHO status please provide the date the role ended

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If you did not have previous mental health officer status then your new post will not qualify for this status. Go to Part 2

## Part 2 - Declaration

I confirm that I have read the appropriate [HSC Pension Scheme Guide](#) and I have completed the above form to the best of my ability and knowledge and undertake to advise my HR department in the event that I should alter the position stated above in respect of employment with any other HSC organisations.

**I confirm that I understand that depending on the information I provide within this form, my current employer via the Payroll Shared Service Centre may need to view my previous electronic employment records to ensure you are opted into the correct scheme.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make sure this form is provided to your HR department by the commencement of your employment to enable the correct assessment of your pension position.

The completed form should be returned to the HR department of your new employer. The information on where to return your completed form to is detailed below;

<p><b>Belfast Health and Social Care Trust</b></p> <p>Please email to; <a href="mailto:HRenquiry@belfasttrust.hscni.net">HRenquiry@belfasttrust.hscni.net</a></p>	<p><b>Business Services Organisation (BSO &amp; Regional Organisations)</b></p> <p>Please email to; <a href="mailto:Bso.humanresources@hscni.net">Bso.humanresources@hscni.net</a></p> <p><b>Or alternatively post to;</b> Human Resources Department BSO Headquarters 7<sup>th</sup> Floor 2 Franklin St Belfast BT2 8DQ</p>
<p><b>Northern Health and Social Care Trust</b></p> <p>Please email to; <a href="mailto:pc.processes@northerntrust.hscni.net">pc.processes@northerntrust.hscni.net</a></p> <p><b>Or alternatively post to;</b> Human Resources Department, Pay and Conditions Holywell Hospital 60 Steeple Road Antrim BT41 2RJ</p>	<p><b>South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust</b></p> <p>Please email to; <a href="mailto:HR.RetainedRecruitment@setrust.hscni.net">HR.RetainedRecruitment@setrust.hscni.net</a></p> <p><b>Or alternatively post to;</b> Retained Recruitment Human Resources Department Lagan Side House Lagan Valley Hospital 28 Hillsborough Road Lisburn BT28 1JP</p>
<p><b>Southern Health and Social Care Trust</b></p> <p>Please post to; Employee Relations Human Resources Department Hill Building St Luke's Hospital Site Armagh BT61 7NQ</p>	<p><b>Western Health and Social Care Trust</b></p> <p>Please post to; Terms &amp; Conditions Department Human Resources Tyrone &amp; Fermanagh Hospital Omagh BT79 0NS</p>

**NI Blood Transfusion Service**

**Please email to:**  
[hr@nibts.nscni.net](mailto:hr@nibts.nscni.net)

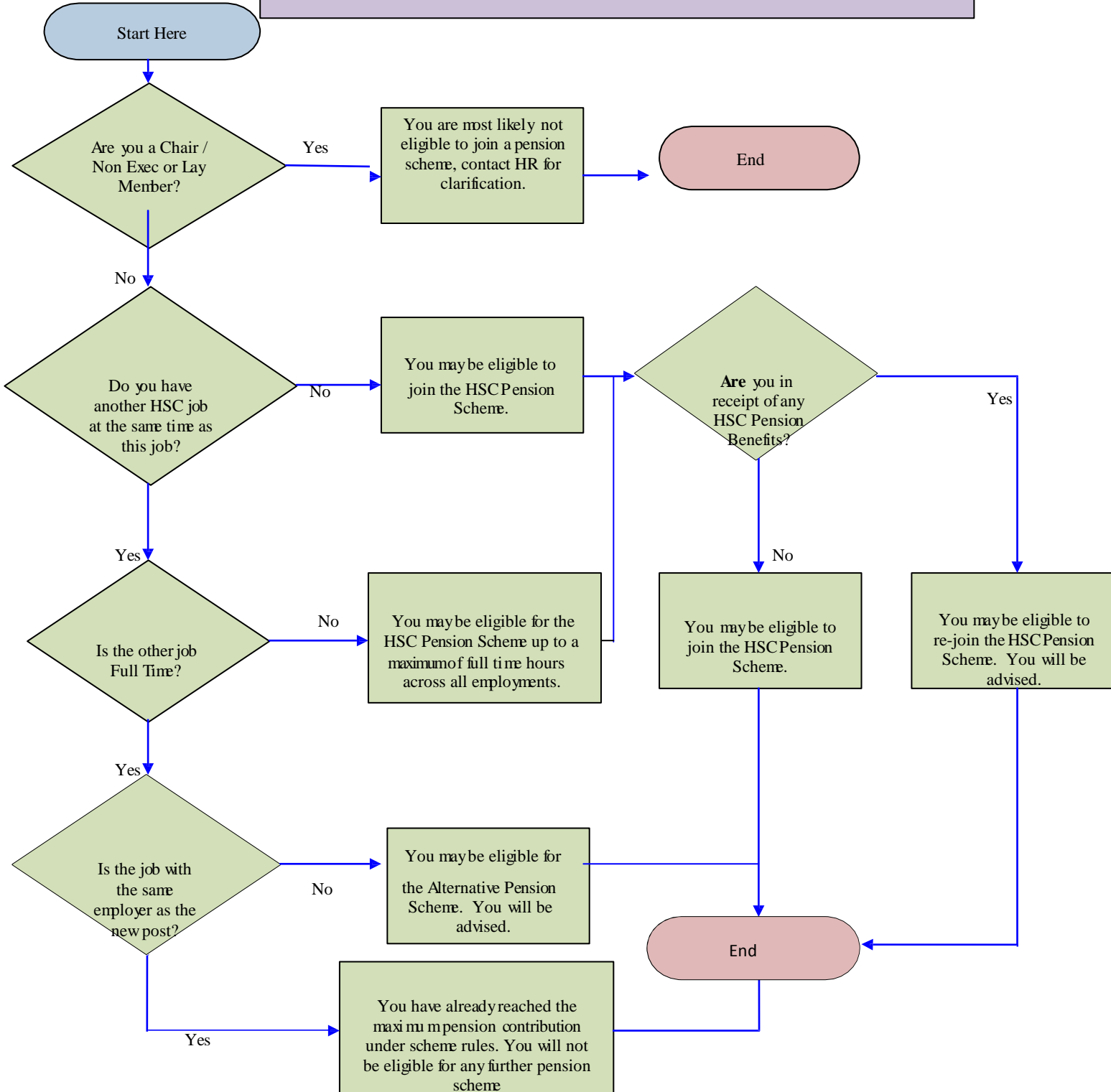
**NI Ambulance**

**Please email to:**  
[Deirdre.OHara@nias.hscni.net](mailto:Deirdre.OHara@nias.hscni.net)

## Which Pension Scheme will I be enrolled into?

To get an indication of which scheme you **may** be eligible for, the flowchart below can be used. This is provided for guidance only but due to the complex nature of the pension regulations and scheme rules the outcome cannot be guaranteed.

Note this process map is provided as a guide and is no guarantee of the position



## New Employee Completion Notes

The following completion notes are provided to assist you in completing the new joiner questionnaire. These questions are required due to the legislation contained in the Pension Act 2008 which requires employers to automatically enroll all new employees into a pension scheme on commencement.

Please complete the questionnaire as fully as possible so that the correct assessment can be made.

### Part 1

- Q1 – This question is to establish if you are a member of the HSC Pension Scheme at the date of starting this new employment. If you have left an employment that was pensionable the day before commencing this new job then you would indicate that you are not a current member. The only time you would answer 'Yes' is if you are continuing to work in another HSC job in addition to this role with any HSC organisation.
- Q2 – If you are continuing to work in another HSC post we need to know who your other HSC employment is with. This is important as there are reasons why you may not be eligible for the HSC pension scheme in two employments. The name of your other employer can be the same as the one you are starting with. Please note that if you are working for an HSC organisations through an employment Agency this does not count as HSC employment.
- Q3 – It is important in the assessment that we are aware of the total contracted hours you are working in the HSC across all employments. Please indicate, for any jobs that you hold and will continue to hold beyond the starting date, what the contractual type and hours worked are. As this is an important part of your pension assessment it is essential that if the details change in any of your employments that you advise the details of the change to your payroll department shown on the bottom of the questionnaire.
- Q4 – If you have or are in receipt of any HSC Pension Benefits then you cannot normally rejoin the HSC Pension Scheme however by providing the information requested we will be able to make the correct assessment. We ask you to identify which Section of the Scheme you were in (1995, 2008 or 2015) but if you are unsure then please tick the 'Not Known'.
- Q5 – You may be able to transfer other pensions into the HSC Pension Scheme however it is important to note that this can only be done in the first 12 months of joining the scheme, if a member of the 1995 Section or within the first 12 months of becoming eligible to join if in the 2008 Section. If you would like to consider this option please tick the 'Yes' box and a transfer pack will be provided to you. If you say no but decide at a later date that you wish to transfer service (within above parameters) then you can obtain the transfer pack from your employer or the HSC Pensions Website (see below).

- If you have previous NHS Pension Service, within England and Wales, Scotland or the Isle of Man this will **not** be automatically transferred to your Northern Ireland HSC Pension record. You must apply for this service to be transferred through the normal transfer procedures and within the normal transfer timescales i.e. one year of joining the Scheme. This service/benefit accrued will then be added to any new service/benefit you build up in the HSC Pension Scheme on completion of the transfer.
- Q6 – HSC Service that has been counted in the calculation of a redundancy payment needs to be declared to ensure the correct assessment of your service. If you are in receipt of an HSC Pension as the result of redundancy this will impact the assessment.
- Q7 – If you have additional voluntary contribution (AVC) arrangements with either Standard Life, or Equitable Life through the HSC Pension Scheme then you need to advise the AVC provider that you are changing employer to ensure continuity of the arrangement.
- Q8 – If you have either Added Years or Additional Pension Purchase through the HSC Pension Scheme it is essential that you confirm the details and provide a copy of the contract that was provided to you when you commenced the arrangement to ensure continuity of the arrangement.
- Q9 – Please note that MHO status no longer applies to any post commenced after 1<sup>st</sup> April 1995, however if you have previously held a post (in the last 5 years) that attracted Mental Health Officer (MHO) status and you believe the new post also qualifies for MHO status then you need to indicate this by ticking 'Yes' and completing the details of the previous employment.

Important Note for Staff employed on a “Bank” (As and when required) – If a member of staff employed on a bank contract does not have any pensionable employment for a period of three consecutive months their pension record for this employment will automatically be terminated. The onus will be on the member to re-join the scheme by completing the “Opt In” form if and when they re-commence pensionable employment.

Once the assessment has been made you will be notified by your employer by the first payday which scheme you have been enrolled in, what the scheme features are, the contribution rates and your options.

If a member who joined the HSC Pension Scheme after the 1st of April 2012 has had previous Public Sector Pension Scheme History (PSPSH), this can have a direct effect on the date they move to the 2015 Scheme, i.e. tapered or full protection may apply and also on the final salary link for the calculation of benefits. If you fall into this category you must advise HSC Pension Service of your PSPSH as soon as possible to ensure that your pension benefits are calculated correctly at retirement.

**Please note that depending on the information you provide within this form, your current employer via the Payroll Shared Service Centre may need to view your previous electronic employment records to ensure you are opted into the correct scheme.**