

You can apply for retired/deferred membership if you are already a member and have stopped practising dentistry, either temporarily because you are on sabbatical or maternity leave, for example, or permanently because you have retired.

While in full membership, you pay for occurrence-based indemnity, which means that, providing you were paying the appropriate subscription at the time, you can apply for our assistance with any dentolegal matters arising from that period of membership, even after retirement.

As a retired/deferred member, you would not be required to pay a subscription, but would:

- continue to receive our *Riskwise* journal by email
- be entitled to apply to us for assistance with dentolegal problems arising from Good Samaritan acts.\*

Please note that this membership status is only valid if you do not undertake any dental practice other than bona fide Good Samaritan acts. We would be unable to help you with dentolegal problems arising from the conduct of normal clinical practice unless you were paying the appropriate subscription.

Should you at some date resume practice, including any further instruction received in relation to dentolegal or expert work on which you were previously instructed, please tell us 6 weeks in advance where possible. This allows Dental Protection sufficient time to review your membership and consider reinstatement. Referral to our Underwriting Department may be required if your break in practice has been over 18 months. If over 2 years, you will also be asked to provide details in writing of CPD or refresher training undertaken.

You can continue to update your contact details and access exclusive CPD by logging into MyMPS at [dentalprotection.org](https://dentalprotection.org) and visiting [dentalprotection.org/cpd](https://dentalprotection.org/cpd)

\*A Good Samaritan act is one in which dental assistance is given, free of charge, in a bona fide emergency upon which the member chances in a personal as opposed to a professional capacity. Examples include accidents and emergencies at public events attended as a spectator.

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