

Summary of waiting periods and late-joiner penalties

Type 1 membership	Type 2 membership	Type 3 membership
No previous cover or more than a 3-month break in cover from previous medical scheme	Less than 2 years continuous cover with less than a 3-month break in cover from previous medical scheme	More than 2 years continuous cover with less than 3-month break in cover from previous medical scheme
Waiting periods that may be applied		
12-month condition specific waiting periods 3-month general waiting period	12-month condition specific waiting period for newly diagnosed conditions Balance of any waiting periods still active from previous scheme	3-month general waiting period
Prescribed Minimum Benefits		
Not eligible for cover of Prescribed Minimum Benefits	Eligible for cover of Prescribed Minimum Benefits	Eligible for cover of Prescribed Minimum Benefits

Late-joiner penalties

A late joiner is an applicant or dependant, who at time of application with Momentum Medical Scheme:

- is 35 years or older, and
- was not a member of a registered medical scheme on or before 1 April 2001, or
- has allowed more than 3-months break in membership since 1 April 2001.

How to calculate the late-joiner penalty:

$A = B - (35 + C)$ where B = age and C = creditable coverage (number of years on a South African registered medical scheme).

The late-joiner penalty is applied to the risk portion of the contribution based on the following scales:

Years not covered on a previous medical scheme from age 35 onwards	Late-joiner penalty
1 - 4 years	5%
5 - 14 years	25%
15 - 24 years	50%
25+ years	75%