

Before completing your application for MPS membership it is important that you **read and fully understand** the following information. If you have any questions please contact Member Services on **1800 509 441** or email member.help@medicalprotection.org. Calls may be recorded for training and monitoring purposes.

1. As part of our normal process, we may approach your previous indemnity or insurance organisation in the UK for your claims history. This process will take a minimum of 15 working days.
2. You should submit this form to MPS no earlier than 8 weeks before your requested start date.
3. Failure to disclose full and accurate details about your previous history, practice and income may invalidate your membership which means you are not entitled to any advice or assistance from MPS.
4. If you have had professional indemnity or insurance (other than from MPS) for any practice outside the United Kingdom you must obtain your case history to submit with your application.
5. We will not assist with any matter that pre-dates your MPS membership.
6. If you are leaving a claims made insurance contract, please ensure you have notified your previous provider of any adverse incident of which you are aware, that could become a claim. You should also check with the provider whether any closing payment is required to secure “run-off” cover for any future claim which may arise from an incident pre-dating your MPS membership.
7. Please note signing and returning your application indicates acceptance of the requirements below:
 - Members must keep MPS informed of their current address and any changes in their professional circumstances.
 - Failure to notify us of a change of address, scope of practice or other details (including in relation to income and number of sessions worked) could result in delay in providing or the suspension or withdrawal of the benefits of membership and/or the cancellation or termination of your membership.
 - Payments are subject to verification and acceptance of a payment by MPS does not of itself confirm membership and/or entitlement to request benefits.
8. MPS requires doctors undertaking hospital consultant work, whole-time private practice or GP work to hold registration in the Specialist Division of the IMC Register.

For GPs only: MPS does not indemnify for the practice of intrapartum obstetrics in GP primary care.

9. Those registered in the Trainee Specialist Division of the IMC register are restricted to the clinical site of the training post and are not permitted to practice medicine outside that particular training post.
10. The Clinical Indemnity Scheme (Enterprise Liability) will cover all aspects of a doctor's public practice ie. the diagnosis, treatment and care of public patients irrespective of location at a hospital, clinic or other facility operated by a health board, voluntary hospital or other body delivering services to eligible patients.

The Scheme will cover all work connected with the diagnosis, treatment and care of a hospital consultant's private patients in a public hospital or at another facility used by the public hospital to provide services to private patients of the hospital. This cover will apply where the consultant has a contractual right to treat private patients in the public hospital and is practicing within the terms of that contract.

If you are unsure about indemnity for private facilities in a public hospital, please contact hospital management for clarification.

11. MPS does not offer the benefits of membership for treatment with “Lipostabil”, “Lipodissolve”, “Flabjab”, “Fat-Away” or similar products with the active ingredient Phosphatidycholine.
12. Professional/semi-professional sport is defined as sport at a national or international level where the result and remuneration is paramount. This excludes minor professional events and includes sports where the person may not be a professional, in that they are employed or contracted, but depend upon remuneration from sponsorship. This term would also incorporate sports where in the event of litigation the damages a claim would reflect a loss of opportunity to develop to a higher level.

13. The address to return completed forms to is:

**Medical Protection
Member Operations
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