



# UK medical Retroactive Reporting Benefit (RRB) for individuals

## Statement of benefits

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<b>Company</b>	Medical Protection
<b>Product</b>	Discretionary claims-made retroactive indemnity

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The protection offered by the RRB is on a discretionary claims-made basis and supplements your occurrence-based membership with Medical Protection. This document provides key information about retroactive indemnity provided through the RRB. It does not contain information on your occurrence-based membership benefits, so you should also read the Statement of Benefits document applying to this (also available at [medicalprotection.org.uk](http://medicalprotection.org.uk)). Your membership documents will detail all the benefits available to you, and you should check these for any endorsements that change the scope of protection provided.

## Why do I need retroactive indemnity?

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The General Medical Council (GMC) requires you to have insurance or indemnity arrangements in place covering the full scope of your medical practice in the UK with no gaps in cover.

When you join Medical Protection, your membership only protects you for matters relating to incidents occurring after your membership start date. If your previous provider offered protection on a claims-made basis for your work in the UK, it's unlikely you will be able to receive assistance from them for incidents that occurred during this period of cover once you switch to Medical Protection. As such, you require extended reporting benefits, either from your last provider or from us to ensure there are no gaps in your protection for your work in the UK.

Regulated healthcare professionals moving from a claims-made provider to join Medical Protection on occurrence-based membership have the option to add an RRB at the application stage. Retroactive indemnity ensures that you have continuous protection for claims which you are currently unaware of that might arise from your clinical practice in previous years. If you do not add an RRB to your occurrence-based membership when you join, you will not be provided with indemnity or extended reporting rights for any incidents that may arise from your clinical practice prior to your start date with Medical Protection.



# What type of retroactive indemnity does Medical Protection offer?

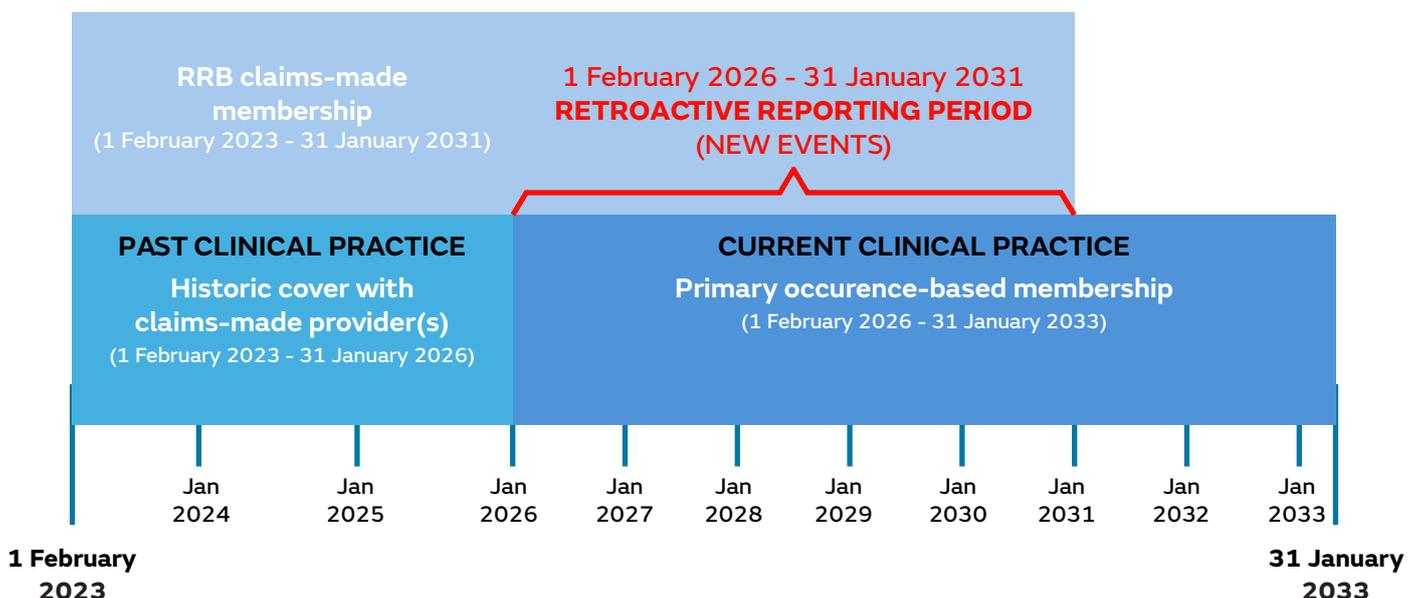


The standard membership offered to Medical Protection members is discretionary and occurrence-based indemnity for matters arising from their clinical practice and is not insurance. Occurrence-based indemnity means you can ask for assistance with a claim and other matters relating to your clinical practice that arise during your membership, regardless of when the claim is notified or whether you are still a member.

Our RRB membership is for your past practice and runs alongside your occurrence-based membership for your current practice however, it is provided on a claims-made basis. As the RRB expands protection to include reporting rights for your past work covered elsewhere, it is crucial that the start date (retroactive date) of your RRB membership is correctly set. It must align with your previous UK cover dates, so there are no gaps in your protection. The RRB provides an initial five-year fixed period of extended reporting rights from when you join Medical Protection that can be continued on expiry, subject to Underwriting review.

The protection offered by the RRB means if you become aware of an adverse incident that occurred during the time you were with your previous provider(s), you can report this to us and request assistance should anything arise from it in the future, so long as you notify us as soon as possible and before your RRB expires. This is providing you were not aware of the incident when you joined Medical Protection, as this should have been reported to your previous provider(s).

RRB membership is only available to individual healthcare practitioners that are joining Medical Protection from a claims-made provider. The below example illustrates an RRB with a retroactive date of 1 February 2023 (to include past work covered by claims-made protection) and extended reporting rights from 1 February 2026 for the full period of claims-made protection for up to five years:



# What does Medical Protection retroactive indemnity provide?



RRB membership is discretionary and, on a claims-made basis. It allows you to select a retroactive date to continuously protect past work previously covered by a claims-made provider and gives you a fixed period of extended reporting rights (initially five years, with the opportunity to extend further subject to Underwriting review), meaning you can:

- Report adverse incidents and claims to Medical Protection within the agreed RRB period that arise from your past UK cover with previous claims-made providers.
- Seek assistance with any subsequent matters or claims arising from incidents appropriately notified to Medical Protection during the agreed RRB period (initially five years).

All requests for assistance are considered on their individual circumstances, declared scope of practice and the terms of your RRB membership. Membership benefits that apply to your RRB are summarised in the table below:

## Indemnity for clinical negligence arising from:

- ✓ Some fee-paying work (for example, medicolegal reports)
- ✓ Private Practice / non-NHS work that is out-of-scope of state indemnity schemes
- ✓ Work undertaken in GP practices for which a fee is charged (for example, medical reports, medical certificates, travel services)
- ✓ Good Samaritan acts (worldwide)

## Representation for:

- ✓ Regulatory matters
- ✓ Disciplinary procedures
- ✓ Criminal allegations arising from clinical practice
- ✓ Coroners' inquests / fatal accident inquiries

## Support with:

- ✓ Medicolegal advice (emergency helpline available 24/7)
- ✓ Defamation cases (legal costs only)
- ✓ Complaints handling
- ✓ Unwanted media attention

**It is important to note that we cannot offer an RRB for any past period where you worked without any indemnity or insurance arrangements in place.**



## What must I do to maintain the protection offered by the RRB?



As both memberships with Medical Protection work in tandem, you **must** retain your occurrence-based membership for the RRB to remain active. Should you pause your primary membership temporarily (because you have stopped working in medicine due to maternity or paternity leave, for example) or permanently through retirement, you can apply for a deferred category of membership for your occurrence-based protection.

As a deferred member, you will still need retroactive indemnity for any incidents that may arise from your clinical practice covered by your claims-made provider(s) prior to the start date of your occurrence-based membership with Medical Protection.

As a deferred member with occurrence-based protection, you will not be required to pay a subscription for your primary membership and you still retain your RRB membership, so you can:

- continue to report matters to us from **before** you joined and seek assistance for any subsequent cases or claims.
- request assistance with any medicolegal problems arising from a Good Samaritan act **after** you joined and can continue to access our risk prevention and wellbeing support services.
- reactivate your occurrence-based membership should you decide to return to medicine after a career break.

In the event of either temporary or permanent cessation of your clinical practice (or upon death), your RRB membership will remain in force and as a deferred member with an active RRB, you will be required to pay any outstanding subscription for your RRB membership before the expiry date. This requirement is waived upon death.

## What is not indemnified by the RRB?



We carefully consider each request for assistance on a discretionary basis, but we would be unlikely to assist with:

- × Any previous practice undertaken
  - that is not within the RRB period.
  - without insurance or an indemnity arrangement.
- × Claims brought outside the UK (unless they arise from Good Samaritan acts which are protected worldwide).
- × Incidents known to you when applying for membership with Medical Protection (these should have been reported to your previous provider).
- × Any case or claim that has or should have been notified under any previous insurance or indemnity arrangement.



- ✘ Any case and / or claim relating to a procedure which is outside of the current scope of membership, and you did not declare to us when you joined that you were performing different types of procedures and / or working in a different specialty with your previous provider(s).
- ✘ Incidents that are notified to us after the RRB has expired.

## Are there any financial limitations to my RRB?



Subject to assistance being confirmed, the indemnity limit for each claim, and in the aggregate for all claims in the fixed five-year period of extended reporting rights is £10 million, including legal costs. No excess applies.

When we agree to take on a case, we can take care of any payments for damages or costs ordered against you or agreed in the settlement of the claim, as well as your legal costs.

## What does discretionary indemnity mean for you?



We are dedicated to treating members fairly and placing them at the heart of everything we do.

All the benefits of membership are discretionary, as set out in our Memorandum and Articles of Association (available on request and at [medicalprotection.org](http://medicalprotection.org)). Among these benefits is the right to ask for assistance with a range of medicolegal issues, including indemnity for clinical negligence claims. As a mutual society we are owned by our members, so our starting point is always to see how we can help.

When determining whether or not to provide a member with assistance, or the scope of any assistance that can be offered, we ensure that the circumstances of the member's case are considered on an individual basis by appropriately qualified advisers, who are trained in medicolegal matters.

These advisers will exercise their good judgment, on the basis of their experience and knowledge of modern practice, and in line with our established procedures to ensure due process is followed, to decide whether or not we should assist in each particular circumstance. We will never exercise our discretion in an arbitrary and irrational way.



## What are my responsibilities as a member?

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All the benefits of membership are discretionary and subject to you complying with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. You must:

- ! Check your membership documents and tell us of any inaccuracies to ensure that you are suitably protected.
- ! Ensure that any retroactive date is appropriate for your RRB membership.
- ! Pay the correct subscription rate on time.
- ! Let us know as soon as reasonably possible if your contact details change.

In the event that you become aware of a previously unreported adverse incident, complaint or claim, or you wish to seek our assistance, you must:

- ! Notify us at the earliest opportunity of any matter where assistance may be required or that may lead to a claim.
- ! Comply with our reasonable requirements for case management (for example, attending conferences or meetings to provide information).
- ! Be honest and truthful in all dealings and behave in a reasonable manner towards our staff.
- ! Accept our choice of legal representation.
- ! Accept our advice and conduct of cases in all material matters (including case strategy and settlement).
- ! Co-operate fully with us and our representatives.
- ! Provide full and accurate information relevant to the case without delay and act in good faith at all times.
- ! Not admit legal liability for a claim or settle a claim without our agreement. This does not restrict you from complying with your professional obligations relating to duty of candour and being transparent in the event of an adverse incident, or from providing an appropriate apology.

Any failure to disclose full and accurate details could result in us rejecting requests for assistance, declining or withdrawal of membership benefits and / or the cancellation of your RRB membership.

## When and how do I pay?

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You can choose to pay for your RRB membership subscription in full or pay one fifth annually over the five years, either once a year, or via 10 monthly payments. Payments can be made by card when paying in full or annually or Direct Debit for instalments. No charges will be applied for paying in instalments.



## When does my RRB membership start and end?



Your RRB membership period is shown on your certificate of membership. The fixed period of extended reporting rights will initially be five years from the start date of your occurrence-based membership with Medical Protection.

You **must** retain your primary occurrence-based membership with Medical Protection for the RRB to remain active (either as a full-paying member or deferred member). Protection offered by the RRB is for matters and claims which you are currently unaware of that might arise from your clinical practice covered by your claims-made provider(s) prior to your start date with Medical Protection.

## How do I cancel my RRB?



You may cancel your RRB membership by phone or in writing (email or post) within 30 days of the start date however, any circumstances arising from prior years that you first become aware of after your RRB membership is cancelled will not be indemnified by Medical Protection.