

# Updating a member's National Insurance number

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We've been made aware that members are experiencing problems associated with QQ (temporary) numbers or incorrect National Insurance numbers that weren't recognised. This resulted in them getting locked out of the system and opt in/opt out issues.

It's important to maintain accurate records of member details and as an employer or Payroll Provider, you'll be able to correct personal details via the Employer Portal.

#### **Member Search**

When making these changes, you need to submit them through the Member Search section of the Employer Portal.

You'll need one of the following combinations to search for a member:

- Teachers' Pensions Reference number and gender
- National Insurance number and Date of Birth
- National Insurance and surname
- Surname and Date of Birth this search will only return members with no previous service and have a QQ (temporary) National Insurance number.

You can narrow the search further by using the initial and forename fields. Entering data into all fields will return no results.

Once a member has been located, a magnifying glass icon will appear next to the member's name. When you select this it will enable you to change their personal details.

The change will occur immediately.

You'll need to request a Member Print to confirm the details are correct.

For more information on Member Search, read our helpful guidelines.

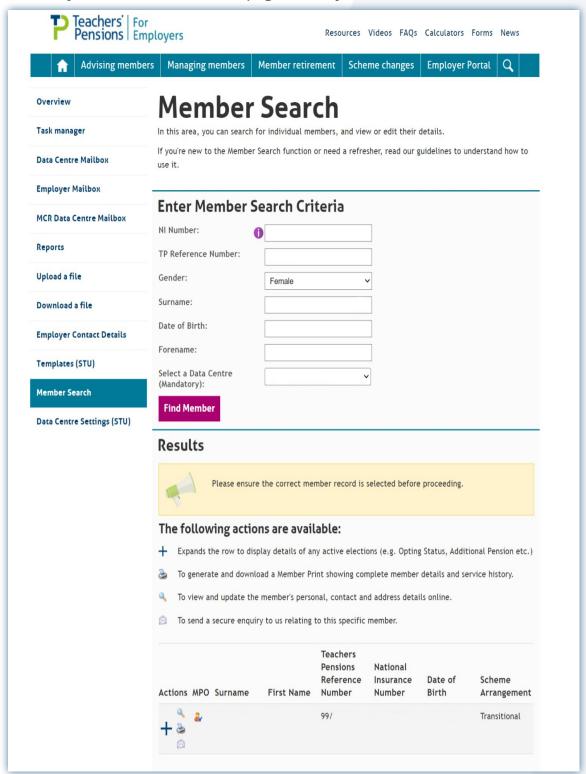
### **Monthly Contributions Reconciliation (MCR)**

As an employer, you can't change National Insurance numbers through an MCR form unless it's a QQ (temporary) number. In this instance, you'll need to make sure to use the member's Teachers' Pensions Reference number and it will change the QQ (temporary) number to the National Insurance number on the MCR form.

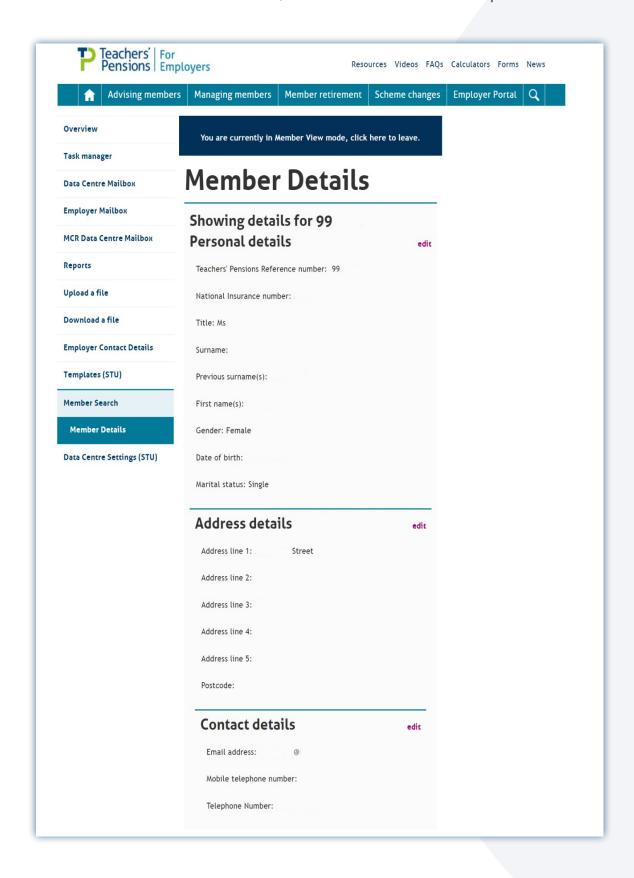
For other changes, you'll need to use the Member Search function on the Employer Portal or request the change through contacting the MCR team. They'll then request evidence to be uploaded to the Portal before making any changes.

## Employer Portal - How to change a member's National Insurance number

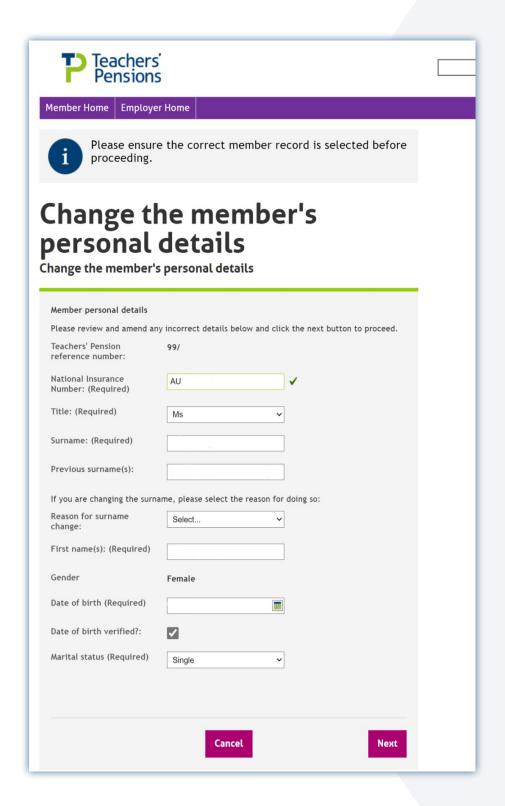
- To make the change, you'll find the Member Search section in the left navigation of the Employer Portal
- Here you'll be able to search for the member, view and edit their details
- Enter the member details then select 'Find Member'
- Once search is complete the results will come up
- Click the magnifying glass under Actions
- This will take you to the Member View page where you can edit the details.



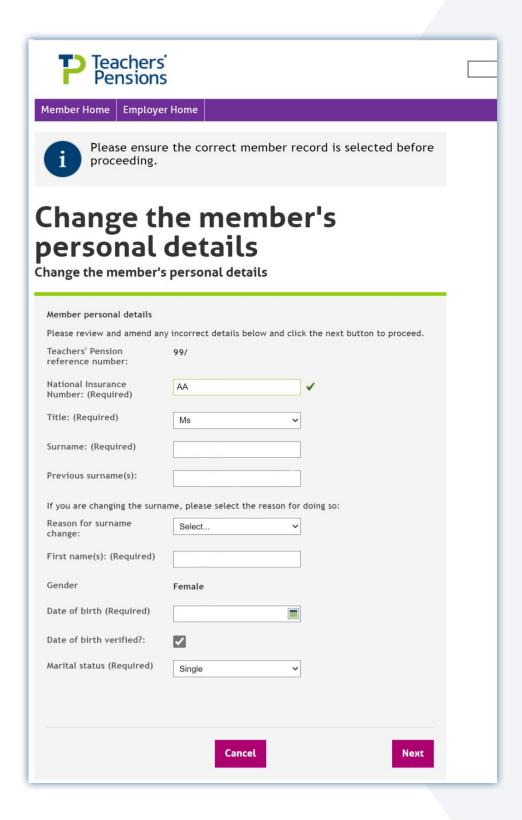
- Once you're in the Member View page, you'll be able to see the member's details
- To edit the National Insurance number, click the 'edit' button in the personal details section.



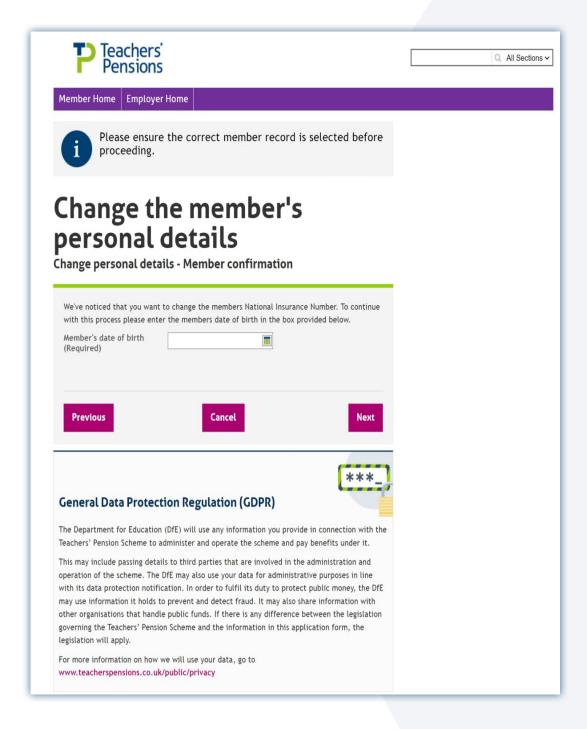
• You'll then be able to change the member's National Insurance number in the fields below.



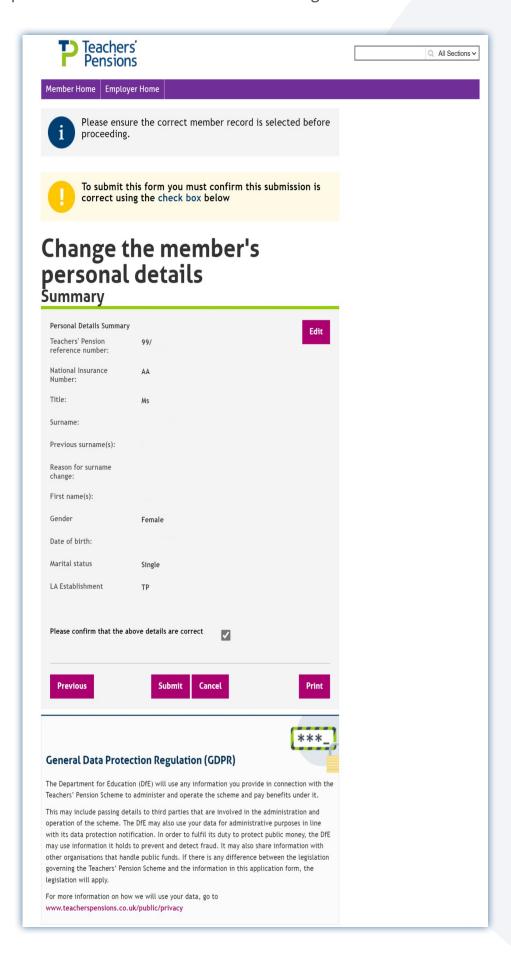
- Once the change has been made select 'Next'
- Then you'll need to confirm the change by entering the member's date of birth.



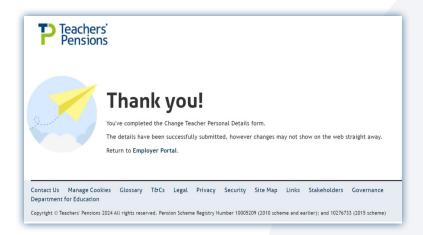
- · After you've confirmed the member's date of birth, select 'Next'
- You'll then see a summary of the member's personal details to make sure the change is correct.



- To submit the form you'll need to confirm the details are correct by checking the check box at the end
- You can request a Member Print and submit the changes with the buttons below.



• You'll then be brought to the 'Thank you' page which confirms you've completed a change.



#### Things to remember

- If you're updating a member's National Insurance number or Date of Birth, you can only do this if you've up to date service on their record
- We don't accept email requests to make this change, because if a member moves between establishments, the new establishment will need accurate records of their service
- The only exception for this would be if we hold a QQ (temporary) National Insurance number
- You should encourage members to keep their personal information up to date in their secure My Pension Online (MPO) account
- You can also request to update member details through Employer Secure Messaging, if you're unable to update the Member Print yourself
- Get familiar with your Employer Portal by reading our useful guide.