



PENSION TRUST FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND POLICY

Objectives of the Financial Support Fund

"The objects of the Company (hereinafter called 'the Charity') are the advancement of the religion of Christian Science, and the ministry of spiritual healing in accordance with its teachings, by providing financial support for the profession of Christian Science nursing generally by means of pecuniary or other assistance to persons who are or have been Christian Science Nurses."

Eligibility

Christian Science nurses may be working or retired and should have worked in the UK. A minimum time of service of usually two years (including training) but at the discretion of the Board where appropriate.

Financial Assistance (not means tested)

1. Rest and Study in one of the Christian Science Houses up to the value of £1,500 in any one-year period. Travel costs are included (air/train/bus/car at 45p/mile) and food within the facility but other costs like telephone calls will not be covered. Applications for Rest and Study will normally only be considered after one year of service ([Agreed at Board Meeting 03/02/2026](#))
2. Christmas gifts to retired Christian Science nurses at the discretion of the Board.
3. Financial assistance with annual payments for the Christian Science periodicals.
4. Financial assistance with the cost of listing in the Christian Science Journal.
(3 and 4 agreed at Board Meeting 03/02/2026)

Financial Assistance (means tested)

The type of assistance below is usually dependent on means testing. The Administrator will supply a form to be completed by the applicant giving details of financial circumstances for consideration by the Financial Support Sub-committee. In exceptional circumstances this may be waived, but requires a unanimous decision by Trustees.

5. Financial assistance with moving house or for essential home improvement.
6. Financial assistance with costs related to travel to and from work.
7. Assistance with fares to return home OR to Association. These can be granted once in 12 months unless an urgent need arises. ([Agreed at Board Meeting 08/08/2024](#)) Applications for assistance to go home or to Association will be considered after one year of service unless exceptional circumstances apply.
8. Grants to retired Christian Science nurses.
9. Regular monthly and one-off grants for Christian Science nurses in training, paid from the Training Fund. These will also be considered on an individual basis. ([See separate Training Fund Policy](#))
10. Financial assistance with accommodation and living expenses
11. Childcare costs
12. Other assistance not specifically covered elsewhere in this policy document at the discretion of the Board. The assistance must be directly related to and in support of Christian Science nursing activities.



Conditions

All grants depend on the balance in the Financial Support Fund and, as a Registered Charity, the Trust will comply with the Charity Commission's requirement that grant applications be recorded. They will be kept confidentially on file for a period.