

# Can a **CHILD DEPENDANT** remain on Platinum Health upon reaching the age of 21?

**Reaching the age of 21 years is an exciting time for both parents and children alike, however; the question arises as to whether the child can remain as a dependant on Platinum Health (PH).**



In terms of the Scheme Rules, a child dependant can remain on PH as dependant, subject to the following conditions:

**If the child is studying full-or part-time and financially dependent on the parent,** Platinum Health will allow the child on the scheme for the duration of his/her studies, however the parent will need to submit the following documentation to the Scheme ANNUALLY:

- **Full-time**
  - Proof of study from tertiary institution.
- **Part-time**
  - Proof of study from tertiary institution and an affidavit that confirms the adult child is financially dependent on the parent and earns no income of more than the maximum social pension per month.
- Kindly note that student cards or accounts will not be accepted.

**If the child is unemployed and financially dependent on the member,** Platinum Health will allow the member to keep the child on the Scheme, however the member will need to submit the following documentation to the Scheme ANNUALLY:

- Affidavit that confirms the child dependant is financially dependent on the member/ parent and not in receipt of an income of more than the maximum social pension per month.

### **Important to note:**

Once a child turns 21, they will be classified as an adult dependant and adult dependant contributions will apply.

Should your dependant not qualify as per the stipulated conditions above, the principal member is responsible to complete and submit a document to Client Liaison, instructing the scheme to terminate the dependent. One month's notification of termination is applicable.

For more information or assistance, kindly talk to a Client Liaison Officer on site or contact the Client Liaison Call Centre on 014 590 1700 or 080 000 6942, or email [phclientliaison@platinumhealth.co.za](mailto:phclientliaison@platinumhealth.co.za)



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