

## 6. Retirement Assistance Scheme

The **Retirement Assistance Scheme** was introduced in **1998** to provide financial support to members upon their retirement from service.

Benefits under this scheme are available exclusively to members who have received an official **Letter of Retirement** issued by the **Ministry of Health** or a **Provincial Health Authority**. Through regular contributions of a modest amount during their period of service, members become eligible to receive a **Retirement Assistance Grant** upon retirement.

In **2002**, the scheme was revised to increase the **maximum Retirement Assistance Grant to LKR 200,000.00 per member**.

Furthermore, with effect from **1 September 2019**, the scheme was expanded to allow **all members aged 50 years and above** to participate, thereby extending both eligibility and the range of benefits available under the scheme.