

The Local Government Pensions Committee  
Secretary: Jeff Houston

## **CIRCULAR**

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### **No. 252 – NOVEMBER 2011**

### **ILL HEALTH CERTIFICATES**

#### **Purpose of this circular:**

1. [Circular 249](#) of June 2011 provided sample ill health certificates for use by employers participating in the LGPS in England, Wales or Scotland.
2. Following comments received from LGPS administering authorities in England and Wales, the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier ill health retirement review certificate for a current 3<sup>rd</sup> tier pensioner in England or Wales – review taking place within 3 years of date of cessation of employment – has been updated further to better reflect the wording of regulation 20 of the LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007.
3. Where appropriate the sample certificates have also been updated to:
  - reflect the provision in the Pensions Act 2011 which delays, from April 2020 to October 2020, the date by which the State Pension Age for men and women will rise to 66; and
  - correct an error in the explanatory notes that accompany a number of the sample ill health certificates. In [Circular 249](#) those explanatory notes contained a reference to the State Pension Age being increased to age 67 between April 2034 and April 2046. The latter date was a mistype and should have referred to April 2036 (not April 2046). This has now been corrected.

4. The updated sample certificates for England, Wales and Scotland are attached to this Circular and are:

England and Wales

- ill health retirement certificate for current employees
- ill health certificate for a deferred beneficiary who ceased membership as an employee on or after 1 April 2008
- ill health certificate for a deferred beneficiary who ceased membership as an employee between 1 April 1998 and 31 March 2008
- ill health certificate for a deferred beneficiary who ceased membership as an employee prior to 1 April 1998
- ill health retirement certificate for current councillors
- ill health certificate for a deferred councillor member
- 3<sup>rd</sup> tier ill health retirement review certificate for a current 3<sup>rd</sup> tier pensioner – review taking place within 3 years of date of cessation of employment<sup>1</sup>

Scotland

- ill health retirement certificate for current employees and councillors
- ill health certificate for a deferred beneficiary who ceased membership as an employee or councillor on or after 1 April 2009

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<sup>1</sup> This certificate now better reflects the wording of regulation 20 of the LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007.

[Circular 221](#) also included a 3<sup>rd</sup> tier ill health retirement review certificate for a suspended 3<sup>rd</sup> tier pensioner where the review was taking place within 3 years of original date of leaving. This has not been included in the current set of certificates. This is because it is not clear whether a discontinued 3<sup>rd</sup> tier pension can be brought into payment under regulation 31 of the LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 on account of a medical condition beyond that which originally led to the award of the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier ill health pension. There is now a specific regulation, 30A, which details how a discontinued 3<sup>rd</sup> tier pension can be brought back into payment; regulation 31 appears to only apply to normal deferred benefits that would have become payable under regulation 30, not 30A. This view is backed up by the fact that regulation 31 only covers cases where the member left without entitlement to immediate payment of retirement benefits (whereas a tier 3 retiree did leave with entitlement to immediate payment of retirement benefits, albeit that these may be discontinued under regulation 20).

- ill health certificate for a deferred beneficiary who ceased membership as an employee or councillor between 1 April 1998 and 31 March 2009
  - ill health certificate for a deferred beneficiary who ceased membership as an employee prior to 1 April 1998
- 5. Administering authorities may want to use the sample certificates as the basis for their own Fund's ill health certificates.**
- 6. Employers should not use the sample certificates without checking with their Pension Fund administering authority. This is because the administering authority may well have their own certificates / forms which they wish employers in their Fund to use.**

### **Exclusions**

7. It should be noted that the sample certificates do not, due to the small number of cases involved, cover the following:

#### **Active members with an added years contract**

By virtue of regulation 2 and Schedule 1 of the LGPS (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2008, regulation 83 of the LGPS Regulations 1997 has not been revoked.

Similarly, by virtue of regulation 2 and Schedule 1 of the LGPS (Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, regulation 82 of the LGPS (Scotland) Regulations 1998 Regulations has not been revoked.

This means that where an active member has an added years contract, that contract will be deemed to have been fully paid for if the member meets the old definition of ill health retirement<sup>2</sup> under regulation 27 of the LGPS Regulations 1997 or regulation 26 of the LGPS (Scotland) Regulations 1998.

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<sup>2</sup> i.e. the member leaves a local government employment by reason of being permanently incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of that employment or any other comparable employment with his employing authority because of ill-health or infirmity of mind or body. "Comparable employment" means employment in which, when compared with the member's employment-

(a) the contractual provisions as to capacity either are the same or differ only to an extent that is reasonable given the nature of the member's ill-health or infirmity of mind or body; and

(b) the contractual provisions as to place, remuneration, hours of work, holiday entitlement, sickness or injury entitlement and other material terms do not differ substantially from those of the member's employment; and

"permanently incapable" means that the member will, more likely than not, be incapable, until, at the earliest, his 65th birthday.

The effect of this is that:

- a member who meets the old ill health definition under regulation 27 of the LGPS Regulations 1997 or regulation 26 of the LGPS (Scotland) Regulations 1998 but who does not meet the ill health definition in regulation 20 of the LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 or regulation 20 of the LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 will be deemed to have completed payment of the added years contract but will not be entitled to an ill health pension under the 2007 or 2008 Regulations
- a member who does not meet the old ill health definition under regulation 27 of the LGPS Regulations 1997 or regulation 26 of the LGPS (Scotland) Regulations 1998 but who does meet the ill health definition in regulation 20 of the LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 or regulation 20 of the LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 will not be deemed to have completed payment of the added years contract (they will only be entitled to the proportion they had paid for) but they will be entitled to an ill health pension under the 2007 or 2008 Regulations
- a member who meets the ill health definition under the 1997 or 1998 Regulations and under the 2007 or 2008 Regulations will be deemed to have completed payment of the added years contract and will be entitled to an ill health pension under the 2007 or 2008 Regulations

Due to the small number of cases involved, the sample certificates for current active members do not include a relevant question to cover cases where the member has an added years contract. Where the member does have an added years contract, the employer should ask the Independent Registered Medical Practitioner (IRMP) for a view on whether or not the member also meets the old ill health definition under regulation 27 of the LGPS Regulations 1997 or, in Scotland, regulation 26 of the LGPS (Scotland) Regulations 1998.

All of the regulations referred to above may be viewed at:

<http://timeline.lge.gov.uk/regidx.html> - England and Wales  
<http://timeline.lge.gov.uk/scot/scotregidx.htm> - Scotland

**Retrospective ill health retirements – leavers between 1 April 1998 and 31 March 2008 under the LGPS Regulations 1997 or between 1 April 1998 and 31 March 2009 under the LGPS (Scotland) Regulations 1998**

Under regulation 27 of the LGPS Regulations 1997 or regulation 26 of the LGPS (Scotland) Regulations 1998 a member only had to have left

employment because of permanent ill health or infirmity of mind or body; they did not have to be dismissed because of permanent ill health or infirmity of mind or body.

The LGPC Secretariat is aware that there are some cases where a person may have simply resigned rather than soldier on, or resigned because they did not want their employer to know that they were ill, and so the employer did not necessarily realise the member should have been considered for an ill health retirement and, in consequence, a deferred benefit was awarded. The member may, at some later date, make a decision to ask for their deferred benefits to be paid on the grounds of permanent ill health and it is at that stage where it might become apparent that the member should actually have been awarded an ill health pension at the date of leaving.

That was why the Secretariat included boxes B3 and B4 on the old sample certificate in [Circular 221](#) for deferred members in England and Wales who left between 1 April 1998 and 31 March 2008 (so that, where relevant, the case could retrospectively be dealt with as an ill health retirement where the member would have met the permanent ill health definition at the date of leaving, based on the medical evidence that would have been discoverable at the date of leaving).

However, now we are at least 3½ years beyond the date that a person could have left under the 1997 Regulations (and over 13½ years beyond when a person could have first left under the 1997 Regulations) the equivalent of boxes B3 and B4 in the old sample certificate in [Circular 221](#) for deferred members in England and Wales who left between 1 April 1998 and 31 March 2008 has not been included in the current sample certificate for such leavers. No equivalent has been included, either, in the sample certificate for deferred beneficiaries in Scotland who left between 1 April 1998 and 31 March 2009. This is on the grounds that the vast majority of such members who apply for their deferred benefit to be brought into payment on health grounds will not have left originally because of permanent ill health. If, however, the person claims to have been permanently ill at the time of leaving and was not seen by an Independent Registered Medical Practitioner (IRMP) at that time, the employer can now ask the IRMP whether the person would have met the permanent ill health definition under the 1997 or 1998 Regulations at the date of leaving (based on the medical evidence that would have been discoverable at the date of leaving) and, if so, award an ill health pension.

### **Further information**

8. It should be noted that, for employers in England and Wales:
  - the current statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State for the LGPS in England and Wales (which is referred to in the sample certificates for England and Wales)

- the Supplementary Guidance for Independent Registered Medical Practitioners qualified in occupational health medicine (IRMPs) and
- version 3 of the ill health Frequently Asked Questions document

can be found on the LGE website at

<http://timeline.lge.gov.uk/Statutory%20Guidance%20and%20circulars/statguide.htm>

### **Actions for administering authorities**

9. Administering authorities may wish copy this Circular to employers in their Fund or bring the Circular to the attention of employers by directing them to the [Circular on the LGE website](#).

Terry Edwards  
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November 2011

**Example Medical Certificate for a Current Employee – England and Wales**

**Part A: To be completed by the employer**

Surname of employee:

Forenames:

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms\*

Date of birth:

NI Number:

Home address:

Employer:

Place of work:

Nature of employment (job description and full information on requirements of the job are attached):

Hours of employment (i.e. whole-time or part-time and, if part-time, show proportion of whole-time hours or weeks):

Have the employee's contractual hours been reduced as a result of their ill health or infirmity or mind or body? Yes / No \* (If 'Yes', please attach a statement providing background details e.g. factors that led to the reduction in hours, number of hours by which contractual hours were reduced, date(s) reduction(s) in hours occurred. This is to assist the registered medical practitioner when answering questions B7/B8).

(\*delete as appropriate)

**Part B: To be completed by the approved (1) registered medical practitioner.**

**Please tick either B1 or B2**

I certify that, in my opinion, the employee named in Part A

B1: IS                       B2: IS NOT

suffering from a condition that, on the balance of probabilities, renders him / her permanently incapable (2) of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her employment with his / her employer because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body.

**If B2 has been ticked please move to Part D of this form.**

**If B1 has been ticked, please indicate which one of the following (boxes B3 to B6) applies.**

I certify that, in my opinion, as a result of that ill health or infirmity the employee named in Part A:

B3: **DOES NOT HAVE** a reduced likelihood of being capable of undertaking (3) gainful employment (4) before his / her normal retirement age (5). (Note: if this box has been ticked please move to Part D of this form).

**OR, where the employee does have such a reduced likelihood**

B4: **IS LIKELY** to be capable of undertaking (3) gainful employment (4) within the next three years (or before his / her normal retirement age (5), if earlier). (TIER 3)

**OR**

B5: **IS NOT CAPABLE** of undertaking (3) gainful employment (4) within the next three years but **IS LIKELY** to be capable of undertaking gainful employment (4) at some time thereafter and before his / her normal retirement age (5). (TIER 2)

**OR**

B6: **HAS NO REASONABLE PROSPECT** of being capable of undertaking (3) gainful employment (4) before his / her normal retirement age (5). (TIER 1)

**If B4, B5 or B6 have been ticked and the contractual hours of the person named in Part A have been reduced by the employer (as indicated in Part A) please tick B7 or B8**

I certify that, in my opinion, the employee named in Part A

B7: IS       B8: IS NOT

in part-time service wholly or partly as a result of the condition that has caused him / her to be permanently incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her employment.

**Part C: To be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner. Severe ill health test statement - as required by HMRC.**

**If B4, B5 or B6 have been ticked I further certify that, in my opinion, the employee**

B9: DOES       B10: DOES NOT      **satisfy the following statement:**

As a result of his / her ill health or infirmity, the employee is unable to continue in his / her current job and is unlikely to be capable of taking on any other paid work in any capacity, otherwise than to an insignificant extent (6) before State pension age (7). (Note: the answer to this question is used to determine whether or not the person could be subject to a tax charge in accordance with the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004).

Please now complete Part D.

**Part D: General statement to be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner.**

I do / do not\* attach a copy of my full report / assessment and I certify that:

I have not previously advised, or given an opinion on, or otherwise been involved in this case

AND I am not acting, and have not at any time acted, as the representative of the employee named in Part A, the employer or any other party in relation to this case

AND I am registered with the General Medical Council

AND I hold a diploma in occupational health medicine (D Occ Med) or an equivalent qualification issued by a competent authority in an EEA State (with 'competent authority' having the meaning given by Section 55(1) of the Medical Act 1983), or I am an Associate, a Member or a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine or of an equivalent institution in an EEA State

(\* delete as appropriate)

AND I have given due regard to the guidance issued by the Secretary of State when completing this certificate\*\*.

..... Date: .....  
Signature of independent registered medical practitioner

.....  
Printed name of independent registered medical practitioner

Registered medical practitioner's / company's official stamp  
(Optional)



(\*\* the latest versions of the guidance document, and the supplementary guidance document, are available from the table at <http://timeline.lge.gov.uk/Statutory%20Guidance%20and%20circulars/statguide.htm>)

## **Explanatory notes to accompany certificate**

### **Meaning of terms used**

- (1) The independent registered medical practitioner signing the certificate must have been approved for this purpose by the Pension Fund administering authority.
- (2) 'Permanently incapable' means that the person will, more likely than not, be incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of their employment with the employer because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body until, at the earliest, their 'normal retirement age' – see (5).
- (3) The independent registered medical practitioner is providing an opinion on the person's capability of undertaking gainful employment based solely on the effect the medical condition has on the person's ability to undertake gainful employment.
- (4) 'Gainful employment' means paid employment for not less than 30 hours in each week for a period of not less than 12 months. It does not have to be employment that is commensurate in terms of pay and conditions with that of the person's current employment.
- (5) 'Normal retirement age' means age 65 [apart from in the case of a small number of protected members who have a normal retirement age of 60 e.g. employees who were transferred to local government from the Learning and Skills Council for England on 1 April 2010].
- (6) 'Insignificant extent' means, for example, that the person could undertake voluntary work or unpaid work where out of pocket expenses are reimbursed or small amounts of travelling or subsistence payments are made. Any paid work should be insignificant, for example it should be infrequent or only for a few days during the year and the payment must be small in amount, not just as a proportion of the pay or salary they are earning in their current job.
- (7) State pension age is currently age 65 for men. State pension age for women is currently being increased to be equalised with that for men. The Government has announced that it will speed up the pace of State pension age equalisation for women, so that women's State pension age will reach 65 by November 2018. The State pension age will then increase to 66 for both men and women from December 2018 to October 2020. Under current legislation the State pension age is due to rise to 67 between April 2034 and April 2036 and to 68 between April 2044 and April 2046. For a full breakdown of State pension ages please see <http://www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk/state-pensions/state-pension-age-calculator>

### **General**

If B2 or B3 have been ticked, this means that the employee does not, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for an ill health pension under the LGPS.

If B1 and B4 have been ticked, this means that the employee, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meets the criteria for a tier 3 ill health pension under the LGPS.

If B1 and B5 have been ticked, this means that the employee, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meets the criteria for a tier 2 ill health pension under the LGPS.

If B1 and B6 have been ticked, this means that the employee, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meets the criteria for a tier 1 ill health pension under the LGPS.

The opinion given by the approved registered medical practitioner does not, in itself, give entitlement or otherwise to an ill health award. Nor should the medical practitioner indicate to the employee that such an award will or will not be made. It is for the employer to make the formal ill health award determination.

If B7 has been ticked (i.e. the reason that the contractual hours have been reduced is wholly or partly as a result of the condition that has caused the employee to be permanently incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her employment) the Pension Fund administering authority will ignore the reduction in hours when calculating the pension benefits due to the scheme member.

If B9 has been ticked this means that there is no pension input amount for the purposes of the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004 as the person meets the 'severe ill health condition' under section 229 of that Act.

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*This is a medical certificate provided in respect of a current employee by an independent, approved, duly qualified registered medical practitioner in accordance with regulation 20 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 (as amended) and regulation 56 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 (as amended) and for the purposes of section 229(4) of the Finance Act 2004.*

***Example Medical Certificate for a Deferred Beneficiary who ceased membership as an employee on or after 1 April 2008 – England and Wales.***

**Part A: To be completed by the former Scheme employer**

Surname of former employee:

Forenames:

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms\*

Date of birth:

NI Number:

Home address:

Employer at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Position (post title) at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Nature of employment at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member\*\*:

Date ceased to be an active Scheme member:

Date of application for early payment of deferred benefits:

(\*delete as appropriate)

(\*\* please give full description of the requirements of the job and / or attach copy of job description if available)

**Part B: To be completed by the approved (1) registered medical practitioner.**

**Please tick either B1 or B2**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B1: **WAS**                       B2: **WAS NOT**

at the date of application for early payment of deferred benefits shown in Part A, and on the balance of probabilities, permanently incapable (2), because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body, of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her former employment which gave rise to the deferred benefits in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

**If B2 has been ticked please move to Part C of this form.**

**If B1 has been ticked, please tick B3 or B4**

I certify that, in my opinion, as a result of their ill health or infirmity, the person named in Part A

B3: **DOES**                       B4: **DOES NOT**

have a reduced likelihood of being capable of undertaking (3) other gainful employment (4) within three years of the date of application shown in Part A or, if earlier, before normal retirement age (5).

**If B4 has been ticked please move to Part C of this form.**

**If B3 has been ticked:**

I certify that the date the person first became permanently incapable (2), because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body, of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her former employment which gave rise to the deferred benefits in the Local Government Pension Scheme and met the criteria in B3, based on evidence available at that time, was -

B5: [Enter date]

(Note: the date entered can be earlier than, and need not correspond with, the date of the person's application for early payment of deferred benefits, as shown in Part A, and will be used as the date from which the deferred pension benefits will be brought into payment).

**If B3 has been ticked and the person named in Part A is under age 55 at the date entered in B5, please tick B6 or B7 (otherwise please move to Part C of this form).**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B6: **IS**                               B7: **IS NOT**

permanently incapable by reason of disability caused by physical or mental infirmity of engaging in any regular full-time employment and, if B6 has been ticked, the date from which he / she became so incapable was -

B8: [Enter date]

(Note: a date entered at B8 can be the same as, or later than, the date entered at B5 and is used to determine the date from which the pension should be increased under Pensions Increase legislation).  
Please now complete Part C.

**Part C: General statement to be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner.**

I am registered with the General Medical Council

AND

I hold a diploma in occupational health medicine (D Occ Med) or an equivalent qualification issued by a competent authority in an EEA State (with 'competent authority' having the meaning given by Section 55(1) of the Medical Act 1983), or I am an Associate, a Member or a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine or of an equivalent institution in an EEA State

AND

I have given due regard to the guidance issued by the Secretary of State when completing this certificate\*\*.

..... Date: .....  
Signature of independent registered medical practitioner

.....  
Printed name of independent registered medical practitioner

Registered medical practitioner's / company's official stamp  
(Optional)

(\* delete as appropriate)

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## **Explanatory notes to accompany certificate**

### **Meaning of terms used**

- (1) The independent registered medical practitioner signing the certificate must have been approved for this purpose by the Pension Fund administering authority.
- (2) 'Permanently incapable' means that the person will, more likely than not, be incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of their former employment with the employer because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body until, at the earliest, their normal retirement age - see (5).
- (3) The independent registered medical practitioner is providing an opinion on the person's capability of undertaking gainful employment based solely on the effect the medical condition has on the ability to undertake gainful employment.
- (4) 'Gainful employment' means paid employment for not less than 30 hours in each week for a period of not less than 12 months. It does not have to be employment that is commensurate in terms of pay and conditions with that of the person's former employment which gave rise to the deferred benefits in the Local Government Pension Scheme.
- (5) 'Normal retirement age' means age 65 [apart from in the case of a small number of protected members who have a normal retirement age of 60 e.g. employees who were transferred to local government from the Learning and Skills Council for England on 1 April 2010].

### **General**

If B2 or B4 have been ticked, the deferred member does not, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.

If B1 and B3 have been ticked, the deferred member does, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.

The opinion given by the approved registered medical practitioner does not, in itself, give entitlement or otherwise to early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS. Nor should the medical practitioner indicate to the deferred member that such an award will or will not be made. It is for the former employer to make the formal award determination.

*These notes were up-to-date when this form was updated in November 2011 and are provided for information only. They confer no contractual or statutory rights and in the event of any dispute the appropriate legislation will prevail.*

*This is a medical certificate provided in respect of a deferred member by an independent, approved, duly qualified registered medical practitioner in accordance with regulation 31 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 (as amended) and regulation 56 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 (as amended).*

***Example Medical Certificate for a Deferred Beneficiary who ceased membership as an employee on or after 1 April 1998 and before 1 April 2008 – England and Wales.***

**Part A: To be completed by the former Scheme employer**

Surname of former employee:

Forenames:

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms\*

Date of birth:

NI Number:

Home address:

Employer at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Position (post title) at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Nature of employment at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member\*\*:

Date ceased to be an active Scheme member:

Date of application for early payment of deferred benefits:

(\*delete as appropriate)

(\*\* please give full description of the requirements of the job and / or attach a copy of the job description if available)

**Part B: To be completed by the approved (1) registered medical practitioner.**

**Please tick either B1 or B2**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B1: **WAS**                       B2: **WAS NOT**

at the date of application for early payment of deferred benefits shown in Part A, and on the balance of probabilities, permanently incapable (2), because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body, of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her former employment which gave rise to the deferred benefits in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

**If B2 has been ticked please move to Part C of this form.**

**If B1 has been ticked and the person named in Part A is under age 55 at the date of application shown in Part A, please tick B3 or B4**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B3: **WAS**                       B4: **WAS NOT**

at the date of application for early payment of deferred benefits shown in Part A, permanently incapable by reason of disability caused by physical or mental infirmity of engaging in any regular full-time employment. (Note: the answer to this question is used to determine whether the pension should be immediately increased under Pensions Increase legislation).

**If B1 has been ticked, please also tick B5 or B6**

I certify (3) that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B5: **IS** exceptionally ill, with a life expectancy of less than 1 year and

is aware of this

is not aware of this

B6: **IS NOT** exceptionally ill and has a life expectancy of 1 year or more

Please now complete Part C.

**Part C: General statement to be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner.**

I do / do not\* attach a copy of my full report / assessment and I certify that:

I have not previously advised, or given an opinion on, or otherwise been involved in this case

AND

I am not acting, and have not at any time acted, as the representative of the person named in Part A, the former employer or any other party in relation to this case

AND

I hold a diploma in occupational health medicine (D Occ Med) or an equivalent qualification issued by a competent authority in an EEA State (with 'competent authority' having the meaning given by Section 55(1) of the Medical Act 1983), or I am an Associate, a Member or a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine or of an equivalent institution in an EEA State.

..... Date: .....

Signature of independent registered medical practitioner

.....  
Printed name of independent registered medical practitioner

Registered medical practitioner's / company's official stamp  
(Optional)



(\* delete as appropriate)

## **Explanatory notes to accompany certificate**

### **Meaning of terms used**

- (1) The independent registered medical practitioner signing the certificate must have been approved for this purpose by the Pension Fund administering authority.
- (2) 'Permanently incapable' means that the person will, more likely than not, be incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of their former employment with the employer because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body until, at the earliest, their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday (age 70 in the case of former coroners).
- (3) Certification of limited life expectancy of less than 1 year may only be provided by a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983. The full text of the Act can be found at [www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical\\_act.asp#2](http://www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical_act.asp#2)

### **General**

If B2 has been ticked, the deferred member does not, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.

If B1 has been ticked, the deferred member does, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.

The opinion given by the approved registered medical practitioner does not, in itself, give entitlement or otherwise to early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS. Nor should the medical practitioner indicate to the deferred member that such an award will or will not be made. It is for the former employer to make the formal award determination.

If B5 has been ticked the Pension Fund administering authority may pay the member a lump sum equal to 5 times the member's annual pension. If such a payment is made this does not constitute a pension input amount for the purposes of the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004 as the person meets the 'severe ill health condition' under section 229 of that Act.

*These notes were up-to-date when this form was updated in November 2011 and are provided for information only. They confer no contractual or statutory rights and in the event of any dispute the appropriate legislation will prevail.*

*This is a medical certificate provided in respect of a deferred member by an independent, approved, duly qualified registered medical practitioner in accordance with regulation 97 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997 (as amended) and for the purposes of section 229(4) of the Finance Act 2004.*

***Example Medical Certificate for a Deferred Beneficiary who ceased membership as an employee before 1 April 1998 – England and Wales.***

**Part A: To be completed by the former Scheme employer**

Surname of former employee:

Forenames:

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms\*

Date of birth:

NI Number:

Home address:

Employer at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Position (post title) at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Nature of employment at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member\*\*:

Date ceased to be an active Scheme member:

Date of application for early payment of deferred benefits:

(\*delete as appropriate)

(\*\* please give full description of the requirements of the job and / or attach a copy of the job description if available)

**Part B: To be completed by the approved (1) registered medical practitioner.**

**Please tick either B1 or B2**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B1: IS                       B2: IS NOT

on the balance of probabilities, permanently incapable (2), because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body, of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her former employment which gave rise to the deferred benefits in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

**If B2 has been ticked please move to Part C of this form.**

**If B1 has been ticked:**

I certify that the date the person became permanently incapable (2) was -

B3: [Enter date]  and that this was discoverable at that time based on evidence available at that time.

(Note: the date entered can be earlier than, and need not correspond with, the date of the person's application for early payment of deferred benefits, as shown in Part A, and will be used as the date from which the pension benefits will be payable).

**If B1 has been ticked and the person named in Part A is under age 55 at the date entered in B3, please tick B4 or B5**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B4: IS                       B5: IS NOT

permanently incapable by reason of disability caused by physical or mental infirmity of engaging in any regular full-time employment and, if B4 has been ticked, the date from which he / she became so incapable was -

B6: [Enter date]

(Note: a date entered at B6 can be the same as, or later than, the date entered at B3 and is used to determine the date from which the pension should be increased under Pensions Increase legislation).

**If B1 has been ticked, please also tick B7 or B8**

I certify (3) that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B7: **IS** exceptionally ill, with a life expectancy of less than 1 year and

is aware of this

is not aware of this

B8: **IS NOT** exceptionally ill and has a life expectancy of 1 year or more

Please now complete Part C.

**Part C: General statement to be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner.**

I do / do not\* attach a copy of my full report / assessment and I certify that:

I have not previously advised, or given an opinion on, or otherwise been involved in this case

AND

I am not acting, and have not at any time acted, as the representative of the person named in Part A, the former employer or any other party in relation to this case

AND

I hold a diploma in occupational health medicine (D Occ Med) or an equivalent qualification issued by a competent authority in an EEA State (with 'competent authority' having the meaning given by Section 55(1) of the Medical Act 1983), or I am an Associate, a Member or a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine or of an equivalent institution in an EEA State.

..... Date: .....

Signature of independent registered medical practitioner

.....  
Printed name of independent registered medical practitioner

Registered medical practitioner's / company's official stamp  
(Optional)

(\* delete as appropriate)

## **Explanatory notes to accompany certificate**

### **Meaning of terms used**

- (1) The independent registered medical practitioner signing the certificate must have been approved for this purpose by the Pension Fund administering authority.
- (2) 'Permanently incapable' means that the person will, more likely than not, be incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of their former employment with the employer because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body until, at the earliest, their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday (age 70 in the case of former coroners).
- (3) Certification of limited life expectancy of less than 1 year may only be provided by a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983. The full text of the Act can be found at [www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical\\_act.asp#2](http://www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical_act.asp#2)

### **General**

If B2 has been ticked, the deferred member does not, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.

If B1 has been ticked, the deferred member does, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.

The opinion given by the approved registered medical practitioner does not, in itself, give entitlement or otherwise to early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS. Nor should the medical practitioner indicate to the deferred member that such an award will or will not be made. It is for the former employer to make the formal award determination.

If B7 has been ticked the Pension Fund administering authority may pay the member a lump sum equal to 5 times the member's annual pension. If such a payment is made this does not constitute a pension input amount for the purposes of the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004 as the person meets the 'severe ill health condition' under section 229 of that Act.

*These notes were up-to-date when this form was updated in November 2011 and are provided for information only. They confer no contractual or statutory rights and in the event of any dispute the appropriate legislation will prevail.*

*This is a medical certificate provided in respect of a deferred member by an independent, approved, duly qualified registered medical practitioner in accordance with regulation D11 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1995 (as amended) and for the purposes of section 229(4) of the Finance Act 2004.*

**Example Medical Certificate for a Current Councillor – England and Wales.**

**Part A: To be completed by the authority**

Surname of councillor:

Forenames:

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms\*

Date of birth:

NI Number:

Home address:

Authority:

Nature of office: Councillor (full description of the requirements of the role are attached)

(\*delete as appropriate)

**Part B: To be completed by the approved (1) registered medical practitioner.**

**Please tick either B1 or B2**

I certify that, in my opinion, the Councillor named in Part A

B1: IS                       B2: IS NOT

suffering from a condition that, on the balance of probabilities, renders him / her permanently incapable (2) of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her office as a councillor with his / her authority because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body.

**If B2 has been ticked please move to Part D of this form.**

**If B1 has been ticked, please tick B3 or B4**

I certify (5) that, in my opinion, the Councillor named in Part A

B3: IS exceptionally ill, with a life expectancy of less than 1 year and

is aware of this

is not aware of this

B4: IS NOT exceptionally ill and has a life expectancy of 1 year or more

After ticking B3 or B4 please move to Part C.

**Part C: To be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner. Severe ill health test statement - as required by HMRC.**

**If B1 has been ticked I further certify that, in my opinion, the Councillor**

B5: DOES                       B6: DOES NOT  
**satisfy the following statement:**

As a result of his / her ill health or infirmity, the councillor is unable to continue in his / her current office and is unlikely to be capable of taking on any other paid work in any capacity, otherwise than to an insignificant extent (3) before State pension age (4).

(Note: the answer to this question is used to determine whether or not the person could be subject to a tax charge in accordance with the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004).

Please now complete Part D.

**Part D: General statement to be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner.**

I do / do not\* attach a copy of my full report / assessment and I certify that:

I have not previously advised, or given an opinion on, or otherwise been involved in this case

AND

I am not acting, and have not at any time acted, as the representative of the Councillor named in Part A, the authority or any other party in relation to this case

AND

I hold a diploma in occupational health medicine (D Occ Med) or an equivalent qualification issued by a competent authority in an EEA State (with 'competent authority' having the meaning given by Section 55(1) of the Medical Act 1983), or I am an Associate, a Member or a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine or of an equivalent institution in an EEA State.

..... Date: .....

Signature of independent registered medical practitioner

.....  
Printed name of independent registered medical practitioner

Registered medical practitioner's / company's official stamp  
(Optional)



(\* delete as appropriate)

## **Explanatory notes to accompany certificate**

### **Meaning of terms used**

- (1) The independent registered medical practitioner signing the certificate must have been approved for this purpose by the Pension Fund administering authority.
- (2) 'Permanently incapable' means that the person will, more likely than not, be incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of their office because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body until, at the earliest, their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- (3) 'Insignificant extent' means, for example, that the person could undertake voluntary work or unpaid work where out of pocket expenses are reimbursed or small amounts of travelling or subsistence payments are made. Any paid work should be insignificant, for example it should be infrequent or only for a few days during the year and the payment must be small in amount, not just as a proportion of the pay or salary they are earning in their current job.
- (4) State pension age is currently age 65 for men. State pension age for women is currently being increased to be equalised with that for men. The Government has announced that it will speed up the pace of State pension age equalisation for women, so that women's State pension age will reach 65 by November 2018. The State pension age will then increase to 66 for both men and women from December 2018 to October 2020. Under current legislation the State pension age is due to rise to 67 between April 2034 and April 2036 and to 68 between April 2044 and April 2046. For a full breakdown of State pension ages please see <http://www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk/state-pensions/state-pension-age-calculator>
- (5) Certification of limited life expectancy of less than 1 year may only be provided by a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983. The full text of the Act can be found at [www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical\\_act.asp#2](http://www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical_act.asp#2)

### **General**

If B2 has been ticked, the Councillor does not, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for an ill health pension under the LGPS.

If B1 has been ticked, the Councillor does, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for an ill health pension under the LGPS.

The opinion given by the approved registered medical practitioner does not, in itself, give entitlement or otherwise to an ill health award. Nor should the medical practitioner indicate to the councillor that such an award will or will not be made. It is for the employing authority to make the formal ill health award determination.

If B3 has been ticked the Pension Fund administering authority may pay the member a lump sum equal to 5 times the member's annual pension. If such a payment is made there is no pension input amount for the purposes of the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004 as the person meets the 'severe ill health condition' under section 229 of that Act.

If B5 has been ticked this means that there is no pension input amount for the purposes of the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004 as the person meets the 'severe ill health condition' under section 229 of that Act.

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*This is a medical certificate provided in respect of a current councillor member by an independent, approved, duly qualified registered medical practitioner in accordance with regulation 97 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997 (as amended) and for the purposes of section 229(4) of the Finance Act 2004.*

**Example Medical Certificate for a Deferred Councillor Member – England and Wales.**

**Part A: To be completed by the former authority**

Surname of former councillor:

Forenames:

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms\*

Date of birth:

NI Number:

Home address:

Employing authority at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Position at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member: Councillor\*\*

Date ceased to hold office as a councillor (and ceased to be an active member of the LGPS):

Date of application for early payment of deferred benefits:

(\*delete as appropriate)

(\*\* please give full description of the requirements of the job and / or attach copy of job description if available)

**Part B: To be completed by the approved (1) registered medical practitioner.**

**Please tick either B1 or B2**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B1: **WAS**       B2: **WAS NOT**

at the date of application for early payment of deferred benefits shown in Part A, and on the balance of probabilities, permanently incapable (2), because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body, of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her former office as a Councillor which gave rise to the deferred benefits in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

**If B2 has been ticked please move to Part C of this form.**

**If B1 has been ticked and the person named in Part A is under age 55 at the date of application shown in Part A, please tick B3 or B4**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B3: **WAS**       B4: **WAS NOT**

at the date of application for early payment of deferred benefits shown in Part A, permanently incapable by reason of disability caused by physical or mental infirmity of engaging in any regular full-time employment. (Note: the answer to this question is used to determine whether the pension should be immediately increased under Pensions Increase legislation).

**If B1 has been ticked, please also tick B5 or B6**

I certify (3) that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B5: **IS** exceptionally ill, with a life expectancy of less than 1 year and

is aware of this

is not aware of this

B6: **IS NOT** exceptionally ill and has a life expectancy of 1 year or more

Please now complete Part C.

**Part C: General statement to be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner.**

I do / do not\* attach a copy of my full report / assessment and I certify that:

I have not previously advised, or given an opinion on, or otherwise been involved in this case

AND

I am not acting, and have not at any time acted, as the representative of the person named in Part A, the former authority or any other party in relation to this case

AND

I hold a diploma in occupational health medicine (D Occ Med) or an equivalent qualification issued by a competent authority in an EEA State (with 'competent authority' having the meaning given by Section 55(1) of the Medical Act 1983), or I am an Associate, a Member or a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine or of an equivalent institution in an EEA State.

..... Date: .....

Signature of independent registered medical practitioner

.....  
Printed name of independent registered medical practitioner

Registered medical practitioner's / company's official stamp  
(Optional)



(\* delete as appropriate)

## **Explanatory notes to accompany certificate**

### **Meaning of terms used**

- (1) The independent registered medical practitioner signing the certificate must have been approved for this purpose by the Pension Fund administering authority.
- (2) 'Permanently incapable' means that the person will, more likely than not, be incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of their former office with the employer because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body until, at the earliest, their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- (3) Certification of limited life expectancy of less than 1 year may only be provided by a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983. The full text of the Act can be found at [www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical\\_act.asp#2](http://www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical_act.asp#2)

### **General**

If B2 has been ticked, the deferred member does not, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.

If B1 has been ticked, the deferred member does, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.

The opinion given by the approved registered medical practitioner does not, in itself, give entitlement or otherwise to early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS. Nor should the medical practitioner indicate to the deferred member that such an award will or will not be made. It is for the former employing authority to make the formal award determination.

If B5 has been ticked the Pension Fund administering authority may pay the member a lump sum equal to 5 times the member's annual pension. If such a payment is made this does not constitute a pension input amount for the purposes of the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004 as the person meets the 'severe ill health condition' under section 229 of that Act.

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*This is a medical certificate provided in respect of a deferred councillor member by an independent, approved, duly qualified registered medical practitioner in accordance with regulation 97 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997 (as amended) and for the purposes of section 229(4) of the Finance Act 2004.*

**Example 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier Ill Health Retirement Review Certificate for a Current 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier Pensioner – England and Wales – Review taking place within 3 years of date of cessation of employment (and before normal retirement age (1)).**

**Part A: To be completed by the employer**

Surname of employee:

Forenames:

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms\*

Date of birth:

NI Number:

Home address:

Employer at date became a tier 3 ill health pensioner:

Position (post title) at date became a tier 3 ill health pensioner:

Nature of employment at date became a tier 3 ill health pensioner\*\*:

Date ceased to be an active Scheme member:

The person named above was, at the date of cessation of their former position, certified as being, on the balance of probabilities, permanently incapable (2) of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her employment with his / her employer because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body, and that, although having a reduced likelihood of being capable of undertaking other gainful employment (3) before their normal retirement age (1), it was nevertheless likely that he / she would be capable of undertaking gainful employment (3) within 3 years of the date of cessation of employment (or by his / her normal retirement age (1), if earlier). He / she was awarded a short-term, reviewable, 3<sup>rd</sup> tier pension. It is now necessary to review, in accordance with regulation 20 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007, whether he / she is still capable of undertaking (5) gainful employment (3) within 3 years of the date of cessation of employment (or by his / her normal retirement age (1), if earlier).

(\*delete as appropriate)

(\*\* please give full description of the requirements of the job and / or attach copy of job description if available)

**Part B: To be completed by the approved (4) registered medical practitioner.**

**Please tick either B1 or B2**

I certify that, in my opinion, having considered their ill health or infirmity, the person named in Part A

B1: **IS STILL**       B2: **IS NOT**

likely to be capable of undertaking (5) gainful employment (3) within three years of the date of leaving shown in Part A (or by their normal retirement age (1), if earlier). (Note: the answer to this question is used purely to determine whether the former employer can determine to uplift the person from a tier 3 to a tier 2 benefit).

**If B2 has been ticked please move to Part C of this form.  
If B1 has been ticked, please tick B3, B4 or B5**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B3: **IS STILL** suffering from the condition that rendered him / her, at the date of ceasing employment, permanently incapable (2) of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her employment because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body **and**, as a result of that condition, he / she still has a reduced likelihood of being capable of undertaking (5) any gainful employment (3) before reaching his / her normal retirement age (1).

B4: **IS STILL** suffering from the condition that rendered him / her, at the date of ceasing employment, permanently incapable (2) of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her employment because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body **but**, as a result of that condition, he / she **does not** now have a reduced likelihood of being capable of undertaking (5) any gainful employment (3) before reaching his / her normal retirement age (1).

B5: **IS NOT STILL** suffering from the condition that rendered him / her, at the date of ceasing employment, permanently incapable (2) of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her employment because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body.

**If B3, B4 or B5 have been ticked, please tick B6 or B7, then complete Part D**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B6: **IS** currently capable of undertaking (5) gainful employment (3).

B7: **IS NOT** currently capable of undertaking (5) gainful employment (3).

**Part C: To be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner.  
Severe ill health test statement - as required by HMRC.**

**If B2 has been ticked I further certify that, in my opinion, the person**

B8: **DOES**                       B9: **DOES NOT**

**satisfy the following statement:**

As a result of his / her ill health or infirmity, the employee was unable to continue in his / her former job and is unlikely to be capable of taking on any other paid work in any capacity, otherwise than to an insignificant extent (6) before State pension age (7).

(Note: the answer to this question is used to determine whether or not the person could be subject to a tax charge in accordance with the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004).

Please now complete Part D.

**Part D: General statement to be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner.**

I do / do not\* attach a copy of my full report / assessment and I certify that:

I am registered with the General Medical Council  
AND

I hold a diploma in occupational health medicine (D Occ Med) or an equivalent qualification issued by a competent authority in an EEA State (with 'competent authority' having the meaning given by Section 55(1) of the Medical Act 1983), or I am an Associate, a Member or a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine or of an equivalent institution in an EEA State

AND

I have given due regard to the guidance issued by the Secretary of State when completing this certificate\*\*.

**AND, IF B2 HAS BEEN TICKED**

I have / have not\* (8) previously advised, or given an opinion on, or otherwise been involved in this case and I am not acting, and have not at any time acted, as the representative of the employee named in Part A, the employer or any other party in relation to this case.

..... Date: .....

Signature of independent registered medical practitioner (8)

.....

Printed name of independent registered medical practitioner (8)

Registered medical practitioner's / company's official stamp  
(Optional)

(\* delete as appropriate)

(\*\* the latest versions of the guidance document, and the supplementary guidance document, are available from the table at

<http://timeline.lge.gov.uk/Statutory%20Guidance%20and%20circulars/statguide.htm>)

## **Explanatory notes to accompany certificate**

### **Meaning of terms used**

- (1) 'Normal retirement age' means age 65 [apart from in the case of a small number of protected members who have a normal retirement age of 60 e.g. employees who were transferred to local government from the Learning and Skills Council for England on 1 April 2010].
- (2) 'Permanently incapable' means that the person was, more likely than not, incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of their employment with the employer because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body until, at the earliest, their normal retirement age – see (1).
- (3) 'Gainful employment' means paid employment for not less than 30 hours in each week for a period of not less than 12 months. It does not have to be employment that is commensurate in terms of pay and conditions with that of the person's former employment.
- (4) The independent registered medical practitioner signing the certificate must have been approved for this purpose by the Pension Fund administering authority.
- (5) The independent registered medical practitioner is providing an opinion on the person's capability of undertaking gainful employment based solely on the effect the medical condition has on the ability to undertake gainful employment.
- (6) 'Insignificant extent' means, for example, that the person could undertake voluntary work or unpaid work where out of pocket expenses are reimbursed or small amounts of travelling or subsistence payments are made. Any paid work should be insignificant, for example it should be infrequent or only for a few days during the year and the payment must be small in amount, not just as a proportion of the pay or salary they were earning in their former job (i.e. the job which gave rise to the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier ill health retirement pension).
- (7) State pension age is currently age 65 for men. State pension age for women is currently being increased to be equalised with that for men. The Government has announced that it will speed up the pace of State pension age equalisation for women, so that women's State pension age will reach 65 by November 2018. The State pension age will then increase to 66 for both men and women from December 2018 to October 2020. Under current legislation the State pension age is due to rise to 67 between April 2034 and April 2036 and to 68 between April 2044 and April 2046. For a full breakdown of State pension ages please see <http://www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk/state-pensions/state-pension-age-calculator>
- (8) The independent registered medical practitioner signing the certificate does not have to be a different independent registered medical practitioner to the one who originally certified the scheme member's permanent incapacity at the date of leaving i.e. the same practitioner can sign this certificate too. However, if B2 has been ticked and the certificate has been signed by the independent registered medical practitioner who originally certified the scheme member's permanent incapacity at the date of leaving, the former employer will have to obtain confirmation from a different independent registered medical practitioner before being able to determine to award an enhanced (2<sup>nd</sup> tier) ill health pension.

## General

If B2 is ticked, the former employer can determine to award an enhanced (2<sup>nd</sup> tier) ill health pension, payable from the date of their determination (but see (8) above).

If B2 and B8 have been ticked and the former employer determines to award an enhanced (2<sup>nd</sup> tier) ill health pension, payable from the date of their determination, there is no pension input amount for the purposes of the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004 as the person meets the 'severe ill health condition' under section 229 of that Act.

If B3 or B4 or B5 and B6 have been ticked, the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier ill health pension will cease to be payable.

If B3 or B4 or B5 and B7 have been ticked, the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier ill health pension will continue in payment but must cease after it has been in payment for three years (unless the person reaches normal retirement age (1) before then or the pension is stopped before then upon the person obtaining gainful employment).

The opinion given by the approved registered medical practitioner does not, in itself, determine the cessation or otherwise of a benefit under the LGPS. Nor should the medical practitioner indicate to the individual that a benefit under the LGPS will or will not be payable. It is for the former employing authority to make the formal determination.

*These notes were up-to-date when this form was updated in November 2011 and are provided for information only. They confer no contractual or statutory rights and in the event of any dispute the appropriate legislation will prevail.*

*This is a medical certificate provided by an independent, approved, duly qualified registered medical practitioner in respect of a 3<sup>rd</sup> tier pensioner whose pension is currently in payment in accordance with regulation 20 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 (as amended) and regulation 56 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 (as amended) and for the purposes of section 229(4) of the Finance Act 2004.*

**Example Medical Certificate for a Current Employee or Councillor – Scotland**

**Part A: To be completed by the employer**

Surname of employee / councillor:

Forenames:

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms\*

Date of birth:

NI Number:

Home address:

Employer:

Place of work:

Nature of employment / office (job description and full information on requirements of the job are attached):

Hours of employment, if an employee (i.e. whole-time or part-time and, if part-time, show proportion of whole-time hours or weeks):

(\*delete as appropriate)

**Part B: To be completed by the approved (1) registered medical practitioner.**

**Please tick either B1 or B2**

I certify that, in my opinion, the employee / Councillor named in Part A

B1: IS                       B2: IS NOT

suffering from a condition that, on the balance of probabilities, renders him / her permanently incapable (2) of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her employment or office with his / her employer because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body.

**If B2 has been ticked please move to Part D of this form.**

**If B1 has been ticked I certify that, in my opinion, either:**

B3: As a result of his / her ill health or infirmity, there is no reasonable prospect of the employee / Councillor named in Part A being capable of obtaining (3) gainful employment (4) before normal retirement age (5).

**OR**

B4: Despite his / her ill health or infirmity, there is a reasonable prospect of the employee / Councillor named in Part A being capable of obtaining (3) gainful employment (4) before normal retirement age (5).

**If B1 has been ticked, please also tick B5 or B6**

I certify (8) that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B5: IS exceptionally ill, with a life expectancy of less than 1 year and

is aware of this

is not aware of this

B6: IS NOT exceptionally ill and has a life expectancy of 1 year or more

Please now complete Part C.

**Part C: To be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner.  
Severe ill health test statement - as required by HMRC.**

**If B1 has been ticked I further certify that, in my opinion, the employee /  
Councillor**

**B7: DOES**

**B8: DOES NOT**

**satisfy the following statement:**

As a result of his / her ill health or infirmity, the employee / Councillor is unable to continue in his / her current job and is unlikely to be capable of taking on any other paid work in any capacity, otherwise than to an insignificant extent (6) before State pension age (7). (Note: the answer to this question is used to determine whether or not the person could be subject to a tax charge in accordance with the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004).

Please now complete Part D.

**Part D: General statement to be completed by the approved registered  
medical practitioner.**

I do / do not\* attach a copy of my full report / assessment and I certify that:

I have not previously advised, or given an opinion on, or otherwise been involved in this case

AND

I am not acting, and have not at any time acted, as the representative of the employee / Councillor named in Part A, the employer or any other party in relation to this case

AND

I hold a diploma in occupational health medicine (D Occ Med) or an equivalent qualification issued by a competent authority in an EEA State (with 'competent authority' having the meaning given by Section 55(1) of the Medical Act 1983), or I am an Associate, a Member or a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine or of an equivalent institution in an EEA State

..... Date: .....

Signature of independent registered medical practitioner

.....  
Printed name of independent registered medical practitioner

Registered medical practitioner's / company's official stamp  
(Optional)

(\* delete as appropriate)

## Explanatory notes to accompany certificate

### Meaning of terms used

- (1) The independent registered medical practitioner signing the certificate must have been approved for this purpose by the Pension Fund administering authority.
- (2) 'Permanently incapable' means that the person will, more likely than not, be incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of their employment or office with the employer because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body until, at the earliest, their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- (3) The independent registered medical practitioner is providing an opinion on the person's capability of obtaining gainful employment based solely on the effect the medical condition has on the ability to undertake gainful employment.
- (4) 'Gainful employment' means paid employment (whether in local government or elsewhere) for not less than 30 hours in each week for a period of not less than 12 months. It does not have to be employment that is commensurate in terms of pay and conditions with that of the person's current employment or office.
- (5) 'Normal retirement age' means age 65 [apart from in the case of a number of protected members who have a normal retirement age of 60 i.e. employees who were transferred from the Scottish Legal Services Ombudsman to the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission, from the Scottish Administration to Learning and Teaching Scotland, from the SDS Scheme, or from the Scottish Administration to Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland].
- (6) 'Insignificant extent' means, for example, that the person could undertake voluntary work or unpaid work where out of pocket expenses are reimbursed or small amounts of travelling or subsistence payments are made. Any paid work should be insignificant, for example it should be infrequent or only for a few days during the year and the payment must be small in amount, not just as a proportion of the pay or salary they are earning in their current job.
- (7) State pension age is currently age 65 for men. State pension age for women is currently being increased to be equalised with that for men. The Government has announced that it will speed up the pace of State pension age equalisation for women, so that women's State pension age will reach 65 by November 2018. The State pension age will then increase to 66 for both men and women from December 2018 to October 2020. Under current legislation the State pension age is due to rise to 67 between April 2034 and April 2036 and to 68 between April 2044 and April 2046. For a full breakdown of State pension ages please see <http://www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk/state-pensions/state-pension-age-calculator>
- (8) Certification of limited life expectancy of less than 1 year may only be provided by a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983. The full text of the Act can be found at [www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical\\_act.asp#2](http://www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical_act.asp#2)

## General

If B2 has been ticked, this means that the employee / Councillor does not, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for an ill health pension under the LGPS.

If B1 and B3 have been ticked, this means that the employee / Councillor, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meets the criteria for a tier 1 ill health pension under the LGPS.

If B1 and B4 have been ticked, this means that the employee / Councillor, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meets the criteria for a tier 2 ill health pension under the LGPS.

The opinion given by the approved registered medical practitioner does not, in itself, give entitlement or otherwise to an ill health award. Nor should the medical practitioner indicate to the employee / Councillor that such an award will or will not be made. It is for the employer to make the formal ill health award determination.

If B5 has been ticked the Pension Fund administering authority may pay the member a lump sum equal to 5 times the member's annual pension. If such a payment is made there is no pension input amount for the purposes of the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004 as the person meets the 'severe ill health condition' under section 229 of that Act.

If B7 has been ticked this means that there is no pension input amount for the purposes of the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004 as the person meets the 'severe ill health condition' under section 229 of that Act.

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*This is a medical certificate provided in respect of a current employee or councillor by an independent, approved, duly qualified registered medical practitioner in accordance with regulation 20 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (as amended) and regulation 52 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (as amended) and for the purposes of section 229(4) of the Finance Act 2004.*

***Example Medical Certificate for a Deferred Beneficiary who ceased membership as an employee or councillor on or after 1 April 2009 – Scotland.***

**Part A: To be completed by the former Scheme employer**

Surname of former employee / councillor:

Forenames:

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms\*

Date of birth:

NI Number:

Home address:

Employer at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Position (post title) at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Nature of employment or office at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member\*\*:

Date ceased to be an active Scheme member:

Date of application for early payment of deferred benefits:

(\*delete as appropriate)

(\*\* please give full description of the requirements of the job or office and / or attach a copy of the job description if available)

**Part B: To be completed by the approved (1) registered medical practitioner.**

**Please tick either B1 or B2**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B1: **WAS**                       B2: **WAS NOT**

at the date of application for early payment of deferred benefits shown in Part A, and on the balance of probabilities, permanently incapable (2), because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body, of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her former employment or office which gave rise to the deferred benefits in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

**If B2 has been ticked please move to Part C of this form.**

**If B1 has been ticked, please tick B3 or B4**

I certify that, in my opinion, the ill health or infirmity of the person named in Part A

B3: **IS**                               B4: **IS NOT**

likely to prevent him / her from obtaining (3) other gainful employment (4), whether in local government or elsewhere, before normal retirement age (5).

**If B3 has been ticked, please also tick B5 or B6**

I certify (6) that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B5: **IS** exceptionally ill, with a life expectancy of less than 1 year and

is aware of this

is not aware of this

B6: **IS NOT** exceptionally ill and has a life expectancy of 1 year or more

**If B3 has been ticked and the person named in Part A is under age 55 at the date of application shown in Part A, please tick B7 or B8 (otherwise please move to Part C of this form)**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B7: **WAS**                               B8: **WAS NOT**

at the date of application for early payment of deferred benefits shown in Part A, permanently incapable by reason of disability caused by physical or mental infirmity of engaging in any regular full-time employment (7).

(Note: the answer to this question is used to determine whether the pension should be immediately increased under Pensions Increase legislation).

Please now complete Part C.

**Part C: General statement to be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner.**

I do / do not\* attach a copy of my full report / assessment and I certify that:

I hold a diploma in occupational health medicine (D Occ Med) or an equivalent qualification issued by a competent authority in an EEA State (with 'competent authority' having the meaning given by Section 55(1) of the Medical Act 1983), or I am an Associate, a Member or a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine or of an equivalent institution in an EEA State

..... Date: .....

Signature of independent registered medical practitioner

.....  
Printed name of independent registered medical practitioner

Registered medical practitioner's / company's official stamp  
(Optional)



(\* delete as appropriate)

## **Explanatory notes to accompany certificate**

### **Meaning of terms used**

- (1) The independent registered medical practitioner signing the certificate must have been approved for this purpose by the Pension Fund administering authority.
- (2) 'Permanently incapable' means that the person will, more likely than not, be incapable of discharging efficiently the duties of their former employment or office with the employer because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body until, at the earliest, their normal retirement age – see (5).
- (3) The independent registered medical practitioner is providing an opinion on the person's capability of obtaining gainful employment based solely on the effect the medical condition has on the ability to undertake gainful employment.
- (4) 'Gainful employment' means paid employment (whether in local government or elsewhere) for not less than 30 hours in each week for a period of not less than 12 months. It does not have to be employment that is commensurate in terms of pay and conditions with that of the person's former employment or office which gave rise to the deferred benefits in the Local Government Pension Scheme.
- (5) 'Normal retirement age' means age 65 [apart from in the case of a number of protected members who have a normal retirement age of 60 i.e. employees who were transferred from the Scottish Legal Services Ombudsman to the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission, from the Scottish Administration to Learning and Teaching Scotland, from the SDS Scheme, or from the Scottish Administration to Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland].
- (6) Certification of limited life expectancy of less than 1 year may only be provided by a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983. The full text of the Act can be found at [www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical\\_act.asp#2](http://www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical_act.asp#2)
- (7) The answer to this question will determine whether or not the pension will be immediately increased under Pensions Increase legislation. If B7 is ticked, the pension will be subject to immediate increase.

### **General**

If B2 or B4 have been ticked, the deferred member does not, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.

If B1 and B3 have been ticked, the deferred member does, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.

The opinion given by the approved registered medical practitioner does not, in itself, give entitlement or otherwise to early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS. Nor should the medical practitioner indicate to the deferred member that such an award will or will not be made. It is for the former

employer to make the formal award determination.

If B5 has been ticked the Pension Fund administering authority may pay the member a lump sum equal to 5 times the member's annual pension. If such a payment is made this does not constitute a pension input amount for the purposes of the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004 as the person meets the 'severe ill health condition' under section 229 of that Act.

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*This is a medical certificate provided by an independent, approved, duly qualified registered medical practitioner in respect of a deferred member in accordance with regulation 31 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (as amended) and regulation 52 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (as amended) and for the purposes of section 229(4) of the Finance Act 2004.*

**Example Medical Certificate for a Deferred Beneficiary who ceased membership as an employee or councillor on or after 1 April 1998 and before 1 April 2009 – Scotland.**

**Part A: To be completed by the former Scheme employer**

Surname of former employee:

Forenames:

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms\*

Date of birth:

NI Number:

Home address:

Employer at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Position (post title) at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Nature of employment or office at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member\*\*:

Date ceased to be an active Scheme member:

Date of application for early payment of deferred benefits:

(\*delete as appropriate)

(\*\* please give full description of the requirements of the job or office and / or attach a copy of the job description if available)

**Part B: To be completed by the approved (1) registered medical practitioner.**

**Please tick either B1 or B2**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B1: **WAS**                       B2: **WAS NOT**

at the date of application for early payment of deferred benefits shown in Part A, and on the balance of probabilities, permanently incapable (2), because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body, of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her former employment or office which gave rise to the deferred benefits in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

**If B2 has been ticked please move to Part C of this form.**

**If B1 has been ticked and the person named in Part A is under age 55 at the date of application shown in Part A, please tick B3 or B4**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B3: **WAS**                       B4: **WAS NOT**

at the date of application for early payment of deferred benefits shown in Part A, permanently incapable by reason of disability caused by physical or mental infirmity of engaging in any regular full-time employment. (Note: the answer to this question is used to determine whether the pension should be immediately increased under Pensions Increase legislation).

**If B1 has been ticked, please also tick B5 or B6**

I certify (3) that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B5: **IS** exceptionally ill, with a life expectancy of less than 1 year and

is aware of this

is not aware of this

B6: **IS NOT** exceptionally ill and has a life expectancy of 1 year or more

Please now complete Part C.

**Part C: General statement to be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner.**

I do / do not\* attach a copy of my full report / assessment and I certify that:

I hold a diploma in occupational health medicine (D Occ Med) or an equivalent

qualification issued by a competent authority in an EEA State (with 'competent authority' having the meaning given by Section 55(1) of the Medical Act 1983), or I am an Associate, a Member or a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine or of an equivalent institution in an EEA State.

..... Date: .....  
Signature of independent registered medical practitioner

.....  
Printed name of independent registered medical practitioner

Registered medical practitioner's / company's official stamp  
(Optional)



(\* delete as appropriate)

## **Explanatory notes to accompany certificate**

### **Meaning of terms used**

- (1) The independent registered medical practitioner signing the certificate must have been approved for this purpose by the Pension Fund administering authority.
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- (3) Certification of limited life expectancy of less than 1 year may only be provided by a fully registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983. The full text of the Act can be found at [www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical\\_act.asp#2](http://www.gmc-uk.org/about/legislation/medical_act.asp#2)

### **General**

If B2 has been ticked, the deferred member does not, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.

If B1 has been ticked, the deferred member does, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.

The opinion given by the approved registered medical practitioner does not, in itself, give entitlement or otherwise to early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS. Nor should the medical practitioner indicate to the deferred member that such an award will or will not be made. It is for the former employer to make the formal award determination.

If B5 has been ticked the Pension Fund administering authority may pay the member a lump sum equal to 5 times the member's annual pension. If such a payment is made this does not constitute a pension input amount for the purposes of the annual allowance test under the Finance Act 2004 as the person meets the 'severe ill health condition' under section 229 of that Act.

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***Example Medical Certificate for a Deferred Beneficiary who ceased membership as an employee before 1 April 1998 – Scotland.***

**Part A: To be completed by the former Scheme employer**

Surname of former employee:

Forenames:

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms\*

Date of birth:

NI Number:

Home address:

Employer at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Position (post title) at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member:

Nature of employment at date of becoming a deferred Scheme member\*\*:

Date ceased to be an active Scheme member:

Date of application for early payment of deferred benefits:

(\*delete as appropriate)

(\*\* please give full description of the requirements of the job and / or attach a copy of the job description if available)

**Part B: To be completed by the approved (1) registered medical practitioner.**

**Please tick either B1 or B2**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B1: IS                       B2: IS NOT

on the balance of probabilities, permanently incapable (2), because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body, of discharging efficiently the duties of his / her former employment which gave rise to the deferred benefits in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

**If B2 has been ticked please move to Part C of this form.**

**If B1 has been ticked:**

I certify that the date the person became permanently incapable (2) was

B3: [Enter date]  and that this was discoverable at that time based on evidence available at that time.

(Note: the date entered can be earlier than, and need not correspond with, the date of the person's application for early payment of deferred benefits, as shown in Part A, and will be used as the date from which the pension benefits will be payable).

**If B1 has been ticked and the person named in Part A is under age 55 at the date entered in B3, please tick B4 or B5**

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B4: IS                       B5: IS NOT

permanently incapable by reason of disability caused by physical or mental infirmity of engaging in any regular full-time employment and, if B4 has been ticked, the date from which he / she became so incapable was

B6: [Enter date]

(Note: a date entered at B6 can be the same as, or later than, the date entered at B3 and is used to determine the date from which the pension should be increased under Pensions Increase legislation).

**If B1 has been ticked, please also tick B7 or B8**

I certify (3) that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A

B7: **IS** exceptionally ill, with a life expectancy of less than 1 year and

is aware of this

is not aware of this

B8: **IS NOT** exceptionally ill and has a life expectancy of 1 year or more

Please now complete Part C.

**Part C: General statement to be completed by the approved registered medical practitioner.**

I do / do not\* attach a copy of my full report / assessment and I certify that:

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..... Date: .....  
Signature of independent registered medical practitioner

.....  
Printed name of independent registered medical practitioner

Registered medical practitioner's / company's official stamp  
(Optional)



(\* delete as appropriate)

## **Explanatory notes to accompany certificate**

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### **General**

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