



**Medical practitioner's certificate for current 3rd Tier Pensioner
where the cessation of employment occurred before 01/04/2014**

- review taking place 18 months after the date of cessation of employment (and before normal retirement age) [see note 7]

P72r(1)

Version 1



Former employer:

Please see Notes for guidance for help filling in this form:



*Mandatory fields are marked with **

A. Current 3rd Tier Pensioner details (To be completed by the employer)

Title:	Surname*:	Forename(s)*:
Address*:		Home email: (if known)
Postcode*:		Contact number: Home/Mobile if known)
National Insurance number*:		Date of leaving scheme*:
Date of Birth*:		

Position (post title) and nature of employment (normal occupation) at date became a tier 3 ill health pensioner* [a job description and full information on requirements of the job must be attached for the doctor]:

The person named above was, at the date of cessation of their former position, certified as being, on the balance of probabilities, permanently incapable [see note 4] 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 [see note 6] before their normal retirement age [see note 7], it was nevertheless likely that he/she would be capable of undertaking gainful employment [see note 6] within 3 years of the date of cessation of employment (or by his/her normal retirement age [see note 7], if earlier). He/she was awarded a short-term, reviewable, 3rd tier pension. It is now necessary to review, in accordance with regulation 20 of the LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007, whether he/she is still capable of undertaking [see note 5] gainful employment [see note 6] within 3 years of the date of cessation of employment (or by his/her normal retirement age [see note 7], if earlier).

Please note: It is the original ill health condition that should be taken into account, not whether the member is suffering from another ill health condition.

B. Medical Practitioner's certificate (To be completed by the IRMP)

This part is to be completed by an approved Independent Registered Medical Practitioner (IRMP) [see note 3]. Please refer to the relevant notes and definitions section on page 3 where appropriate.

Section 1:

I certify that, in my opinion having considered their ill health or infirmity, the person named in Part A [Please tick as appropriate]

B1: IS STILL ☐ **Go to section 2** **B2: IS NOT** ☐ **Go to Part C**

likely to be capable of undertaking [see note 5] gainful employment [see note 6] within three years of the date of leaving shown in Part A (or by their normal retirement age [see note 7], if earlier).

Please note: the answer to this question will determine whether the former employer uplifts the pension from a tier 3 to a tier 2 benefit at the 18 month review).

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P72r(1) form – Summary member details (To be completed by the former employer in case pages get separated)

Surname*:	Forename(s)*:
National Insurance number*:	Former employer*:

B. Medical Practitioner's certificate continued (To be completed by the IRMP)

Section 2: I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A [Tick B3, B4 or B5]

B3: ☐ → Go to section 3	IS STILL suffering from the original condition that rendered him/her, at the date of ceasing employment, permanently incapable [see note 4] 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 [see note 5] any gainful employment [see note 6] before reaching his/her normal retirement age [see note 7].
B4: ☐ → Go to section 3	IS STILL suffering from the original condition that rendered him/her, at the date of ceasing employment, permanently incapable [see note 4] 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 [see note 5] any gainful employment [see note 6] before reaching his/her normal retirement age [see note 7].
B5: ☐ → Go to section 3	IS NOT STILL suffering from the original condition that rendered him/her, at the date of ceasing employment, permanently incapable [see note 4] of discharging efficiently the duties of his/her employment because of ill health or infirmity of mind or body.

Section 3: Only complete if either B3, B4 or B5 have been ticked

I certify that, in my opinion, the person named in Part A [Please tick as appropriate]

B6: ☐ **IS** currently capable of undertaking [see note 5] gainful employment [see note 6]

B7: ☐ **IS NOT** currently capable of undertaking [see note 5] gainful employment [see note 6]

Please now complete Part C.

C. General statement (To be completed by the IRMP)

Please sign and complete the details below as a declaration that the following statements are true:

- I am a Greater Manchester Pension Fund approved doctor.
- I have given due regard to the guidance [see note 2] issued by the Secretary of State when completing this certificate.
- I am registered with the General Medical Council.
- 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.
- I attach a copy of my full report/assessment.

Signature of IRMP*:	Date*:
Printed name of IRMP*:	IRMP/Company's Official Stamp:

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Meaning of terms used

1. This medical certificate is provided by an independent, approved, duly qualified registered medical practitioner in respect of a **3rd 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).
2. The latest versions of the statutory guidance are available at:
<http://www.lgpsregs.org/index.php/dclg-publications/dclg-stat-guidance>
3. The independent registered medical practitioner (IRMP) signing the certificate must have been approved for this purpose by the administering authority i.e. Greater Manchester Pension Fund.
4. **Permanently incapable** means that the person was, more likely than not, 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 note 7].
5. The IRMP 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. **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.
7. **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 transferred to local government from the Learning and Skills council for England on 1 April 2010].
8. The IRMP signing the certificate does not have to be a different IRMP to the one who originally certified the member's permanent incapacity at the date of leaving i.e. **the same practitioner can sign this certificate too.**

General

- If **B2** has been ticked, the former employer can determine to award an enhanced (2nd tier) ill health pension, payable from the date of their determination.
- If **B2** has been ticked and the former employer determines to award an enhanced (2nd 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.
- If **B3** or **B4** or **B5 AND B6** have been ticked, the 3rd tier ill health pension will cease to be payable.
- If **B3** or **B4** or **B5 AND B7** have been ticked, the 3rd 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 [see note 7] 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 employer to make the formal determination.**
- If the former employer makes a formal determination to award an enhanced (2nd tier) ill health pension or to suspend the 3rd tier ill health pension, the employer will need to complete the appropriate sections of form P73b(1) and return, along with P72r(1) to the Pensions Office.

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