



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

- review taking place 3 or more years after the
date of cessation of the 3rd tier pension (and before
normal retirement age) [see note 7]

P72r(3)

Version 2



Former employer:

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

*Mandatory fields are marked with **



A. Suspended 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*:	Date member asked for early payment of suspended 3rd tier ill health pension:	

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 which was subsequently suspended. It is now necessary to determine, in accordance with regulation 31(7) of the LGPS (Benefits, Membership and Contributions) Regulations 2007 whether he/she is permanently incapable of undertaking [see note 5] any gainful employment [see note 6] before his/her normal retirement age [see note 7].

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 either B1 or B2]

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B1: IS NOT permanently incapable of undertaking [see note 5] any gainful employment [see note 6] before his/her normal retirement age [see note 7]

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B2: IS permanently incapable of undertaking [see note 5] any gainful employment [see note 6] before his/her normal retirement age [see note 7] and that the date he/she became so incapable, based on evidence available at that time, was:

(Enter full
date dd/mm/yy)

Please note: The date entered can be earlier than, and need not correspond with, the date the person asked for the case to be reviewed, as shown in Part A, and will be used as the date from which the suspended tier 3 pension will be brought into payment.

Please now complete Part C.

P72r(3) form – Summary member details (To be completed by the former employer in case pages get separated)

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

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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Pensions Office 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 not currently in payment** in accordance with regulation 20 or 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).
- 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 **B1** is ticked, the 3rd tier ill health pension remains suspended as the member does not satisfy the requirements to have it brought back into payment.
- If **B2** is ticked, the employer can bring the suspended 3rd tier ill health pension back into payment from the date the person became permanently incapable of undertaking any gainful employment. Pensions Increase will be payable under the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 even if the member is under age 55. It is up to the former employer to formally use its discretion to award or not award the early payment.
- The opinion given by the approved registered medical practitioner does not, in itself, determine whether the suspended pension is brought into payment. Nor should the medical practitioner indicate to the individual that a benefit under the LGPS will be payable. **It is for the former employer to make the formal determination.**
- If the former employer exercises its discretion and makes a formal determination to agree to bring the suspended 3rd tier ill health pension back into payment, the employer will need to complete the appropriate sections of form P73b(1) and return, along with P72r(3) to the Pensions Office.