



**Medical practitioner's certificate for current Tier 3 Pensioner
where the cessation of employment occurred after 31/03/2014**

P72r(4)

Version 1

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



Former employer:

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



*Mandatory fields are marked with **

A. Current Tier 3 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 not immediately capable at that time of undertaking other gainful employment [see note 6], 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 pension age [see note 7], if earlier). He/she was awarded a short-term, reviewable, Tier 3 pension. It is now necessary to review, in accordance with regulation 37 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013, whether, and if so when, will be likely to be capable of undertaking [see note 5] gainful employment [see note 6].

B. Medical Practitioner's certificate

(To be completed by the IRMP)

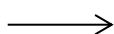
This part is to be completed by an approved Independent Registered Medical Practitioner (IRMP) [see note 3]. Please refer to the relevant notes and definitions section on page 3 where appropriate.

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]

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B1: IS STILL 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 pension age [see note 7], if earlier).

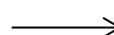


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Or

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B2: IS UNLIKELY 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 but is likely to be able to undertake [see note 5] gainful employment [see note 6] at some point thereafter and is permanently incapable [see note 4] of discharging efficiently the duties of the employment they were undertaking at the date of leaving shown in Part A and which gave rise to the tier 3 ill health pension.



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P72r(4) 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 *[Please tick as appropriate]*

B3: ☐ **IS CURRENTLY** capable of undertaking *[see note 5]* gainful employment *[see note 6]*

B4: ☐ **IS NOT CURRENTLY** capable of undertaking *[see note 5]* gainful employment *[see note 6]* but is likely to be able to do so from

(Enter full date dd/mm/yy) *[Enter a date up to a maximum of the day preceding the third anniversary of the date of leaving shown in Part A].*

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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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 **tier 3 pensioner whose pension is currently in payment** in accordance with regulation 37 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013.
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 is, 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 pension 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 pension age** means the employee's individual State pension age at the time the deferred benefit is to be brought into payment, but with a minimum of age 65. 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. Women's State pension age will reach 65 by November 2018. The State pension age will then begin to increase further for both men and women from December 2018 onwards. To determine an individual's State pension age please go to **<http://www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk/about-pensions/the-state-pension/know-your-state-pension-age>**
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 AND B3** are ticked, the former employer can determine to cease payment of the pension (or can determine to continue payment, for so long as the person is not in gainful employment [see note 6], up to a maximum period of 3 years from the date of leaving shown in Part A or to the date the person attains normal pension age [see note 7], if earlier).
- If **B1 AND B4** are ticked, the former employer can determine to continue payment, for so long as the person is not in gainful employment [see note 6], up to the date the IRMP has said that the person is likely to be capable of undertaking gainful employment [see note 6] or to the date the person attains normal pension age [see note 7], if earlier (or can determine to cease payment of the pension; or can determine to continue payment, for so long as the person is not in gainful employment [see note 6], up to a maximum period of 3 years from the date of leaving shown in Part A or to the date the person attains normal pension age [see note 7], if earlier).
- If **B2** has been ticked the former employer can determine to award an enhanced (tier 2) ill health pension, payable from the date of their determination. If they do so, there is no pension input amount for the purposes of the annual allowance test under the Finance Act.
- 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 (tier 2) ill health pension or to suspend the tier 3 ill health pension, or to continue payment of the tier 3 ill health pension, the employer will need to complete the appropriate sections of form P73b(2) and return, along with P72r(4) to the Pensions Office.

These notes were up-to-date when this form was updated in February 2015 and are given for information only. They confer no contractual or statutory rights and in the event of any dispute the appropriate legislation will prevail.

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