



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

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

P72r(6)

Version 1



Former employer:

*Please see Notes for guidance for help filling in this form:
Mandatory fields are marked with **



A. Suspended 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 which was subsequently suspended. The person has applied for early reinstatement of the suspended pension and so it is now necessary, in accordance with regulation 38 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013, to determine whether he/she is unlikely to be capable of undertaking [see note 5] gainful employment [see note 6] before his/her normal pension 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 LIKELY to be capable of undertaking [see note 5] gainful employment [see note 6] before his/her normal pension age [see note 7]

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B2: IS UNLIKELY to be capable of undertaking [see note 5] gainful employment [see note 6] before his/her normal pension age [see note 7]

Please now complete Part C.

P72r(6) 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 **tier 3 pensioner whose pension is currently suspended and who requests early reinstatement on health grounds** in accordance with regulation 38 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 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 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**.
9. If the former employer agrees to bring the suspended Tier 3 ill health pension into payment early, the pension is payable from the date the former employer's determination that the member meets the criteria for early release of the suspended Tier 3 ill health pension under the LGPS (and not from the date of the member's application for early payment or from the date the IRMP signs this certificate).

General

- If **B1** is ticked, the tier 3 ill health pension remains suspended as, in the IRMP's opinion, the member does not satisfy the requirements to have it brought back into payment.
- If **B2** is ticked, the employer can determine to bring the suspended tier 3 ill health pension back into payment from the date they so determine. Pensions Increase will be payable under the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 even if the member is under age 55.
- 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 makes a formal determination to bring the suspended tier 3 ill health pension back into payment from the date they so determine (see note 9 above), the employer will need to complete the appropriate sections of form P73b(2) and return, along with P72r(6) to the Pensions Office.

SAMPLE

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