



# Giving up work due to ill-health

## Introduction

This scheme applies to public servants who are paying PRSI at Class B, C or D and who have to give up work because of ill-health. Contributions paid or credited at these classes provide for:

- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's Contributory Pension,
- Guardian's Payment (Contributory), and
- Bereavement Grant.

## Credited contributions

If you are unlikely to return to work, you should send annual medical certificates to the Department of Social Protection. You may be given a credited contribution ('credits') for each week that you are sick. These 'credits' will keep your social insurance record up to date and will help protect your future entitlement to the above payments.

## How do I apply?

To apply for 'credits', you should complete the application form **CR35**, and send it with a medical certificate, showing the date that you became incapable of work, to:

Department of Social Protection

**Client Eligibility Services**

McCarter's Road

Ardarvan

Buncrana

Co. Donegal

LoCall: 1890 690 690 (from the Republic of Ireland only), or

+353 1 4715898 (from Northern Ireland or overseas).

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Department of Social Protection

Social Welfare Services

College Road

Sligo

## Note

**The rates charged for the use of 1890 (LoCall) numbers may vary among different service providers.**

## Sending in medical certificates

You should send your first medical certificate with the **CR35** application form. Your doctor should date this certificate **from** the date of retirement due to ill-health to the 31 December of the current year.

You must also send in subsequent annual medical certificates on 1 January each year for as long as you are incapable of work or until you reach age 66.

Your doctor should make sure your medical certificates state that you cannot work due to illness.

## Health services

You may get services (such as a medical card) from the Health Service Executive in your area for yourself and your dependents.

If you have any questions about the various services, contact your local office of the Health Service Executive.

For more information:

- Log on to [www.welfare.ie](http://www.welfare.ie).
- LoCall Information Line **1890 66 22 44** (from the Republic of Ireland only).
- Drop in to your local Social Welfare Office or Citizens Information Centre.

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