



Partial Capacity Benefit

What is Partial Capacity Benefit?

Partial Capacity Benefit is a social welfare scheme which allows you to return to work (if you have reduced capacity to work) and continue to receive a payment from this Department.

You may not work until you have received written approval to do so from this Department. You should also get the approval of your doctor before taking up employment. There is no restriction on earnings or number of hours you can work.

How do I qualify?

To qualify for Partial Capacity Benefit you need to be currently in receipt of either:

- Illness Benefit (for a minimum of 6 months),
- or**
- Invalidity Pension.

A Medical Assessor will assess the restriction on your capacity for work. This may require you to attend a medical assessment. You should include all appropriate medical evidence with your application. You will qualify for Partial Capacity Benefit if your restriction on capacity for work is assessed as moderate, severe, or profound. If it is assessed as mild you will not qualify and your continued eligibility to Illness Benefit or Invalidity Pension will also be reviewed. If you qualify for Partial Capacity Benefit, you will not be required to send in medical certificates.

How much can I get?

Partial Capacity Benefit is made up of a personal rate for you and may include increases for your qualified adult and qualified child(ren).

How is my payment calculated?

The **personal** rate of payment is based on the assessment of your restriction on capacity for work and whether you were in receipt of Illness Benefit or Invalidity Pension. Payment is based on your medical assessment as below:

Medical Assessment	% of your personal rate of Illness Benefit or Invalidity Pension payment
Moderate	50
Severe	75
Profound	100

Note

The conditions for payment of an increase for a qualified adult and/or qualified child(ren) remain the same as those that applied to your Illness Benefit or Invalidity Pension claim.

If you were in receipt of Invalidity Pension and had an entitlement to Free Travel or Island Allowance you can retain them if you qualify for Partial Capacity Benefit. If you were in receipt of Household Benefits (Electricity/Gas, Television) you can also retain them, subject to a means test after two years.

For more information, log on to www.welfare.ie.

How do I get my payment?

Partial Capacity Benefit will be paid directly into your Irish bank or building society account (not a mortgage account).

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Social Welfare Services
College Road
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For more information:

- Log on to www.welfare.ie.
- Telephone: (071) 919 3302
LoCall: 1890 66 22 44

If you are calling from outside the Republic of Ireland please call + 353 71 91 93302.

- Drop in to your local Citizens Information Centre, your local Intreo Centre or your local Social Welfare Office.

How long does payment last?

Payment will last as long as you have an underlying entitlement to payment of Illness Benefit or Invalidity Pension. Your continued entitlement to Partial Capacity Benefit is subject to review and you may be required to attend a medical assessment by a Medical Assessor.

Conditions while receiving Partial Capacity Benefit

You could be disqualified from receiving Partial Capacity Benefit if you:

- 1 Fail, without good reason, to attend a medical assessment by a Medical Assessor.
- 2 Fail to see any officials from this Department and answer reasonable enquiries concerning your claim.
- 3 Fail to obey your doctor's instructions.

Can I return to Illness Benefit or Invalidity Pension?

Yes, you may return to Illness Benefit or Invalidity Pension if, for example, your employment ceases or if you find you cannot continue to work.

How do I apply?

Please contact:

Partial Capacity Benefit Section

Department of Social Protection
Arás Mhic Dhiarmada
Store Street
Dublin 1

Telephone: (01) 704 3950/3039/3735/3991
LoCall: 1890 928 400

If you are calling from outside the Republic of Ireland please call +353 1 704 3300.

Email: via the link on the Partial Capacity Benefit section on www.welfare.ie.

Qualifying conditions for our schemes change from time to time. Always check with your local Social Welfare Office or with Information Services to see if qualifying conditions have changed.

Note

The rates charged for using 1890 (LoCall) numbers may vary among different service providers.

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