

Illness Benefit Explained



Illness Benefit Eligibility

If you have a certificate of incapacity of work from your doctor
and
have at least **104** PRSI contributions paid since you started working
and
have at least **39** PRSI contributions in relevant tax year

When to Apply?

You must apply for illness benefit **almost immediately** after you stop working:

from 7 days after you finish work
and
within 6 weeks of finishing work

***Self - employed** do not qualify for illness benefit

Duration of Payment

Illness benefit is paid for either 1 year or 2 years depending on amount of PRSI contributions:

1 year - between **104** and **259** PRSI contributions

2 years - at least **260** PRSI contributions

Know your Entitlements in time

You may be eligible for Invalidity Pension after 1 year of Illness benefit or even sooner depending on illness

- seek advice

***Illness benefit** has no secondary benefits

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Are you Eligible? Invalidity Pension Explained



Eligibility - Medical

You must have been unable to work for the **last year**
and
You must not be able to work for at least another year
or
permanently unable to work due to illness

Eligibility - PRSI Contributions

At least 260 PRSI contributions (approx. 5 years)
and
48 weeks PRSI contributions paid in the **last** or **second**
last year before relevant date*

PRSI Class A, E, H and S (self-employed) qualify

Considerations

Late Claim - Consideration may be given to a person who did not know they were eligible due to lack of knowledge of the support at the time or due to their illness.

A letter of explanation and a medical professional letter is required to support a late claim application

*Relevant Date

Normally the relevant date is set to 1 year after a person's illness prevents them from working.

However, for lifelong incapacities, it may be considered set less than 1 year with a medical professional letter.

Relevant date may also be set some time in the past in the case of a successful late claim.

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