



Notes of Guidance

Completion of Medical Certificate for Deferred Members who Left on or after 1 April 2014

The Completion of the Form

- If option A has been completed with 'IS NOT' **OR** option B with 'IS NOT', the deferred member **does not**, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.
- If option A has been completed with 'IS' **AND** option B with 'IS', the deferred member **does**, in the medical opinion of the approved registered medical practitioner, meet the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS.
- If 'IS' has been selected under option B, and the member is under age 55, part C should be completed.
- The opinion given by the approved registered medical practitioner does not, in itself, give entitlement or otherwise to early release of the deferred pension benefits under the LGPS. Nor should the medical practitioner indicate to the deferred member that such an award will or will not be made. It is for the former employer to make the formal award determination. If the former employer agrees to bring the deferred pension into payment early, the pension is payable from the date of the former employer's determination that the member meets the criteria for early release of the deferred pension benefits 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).

Glossary of Terms

- The independent registered medical practitioner signing the certificate must have been approved for this purpose by the administering authority.
- 'Permanently incapable' means that the deferred member will, more likely than not, be 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'.
- The independent registered medical practitioner is providing an opinion on the deferred member's capability of undertaking gainful employment based solely on the effect the medical condition has on the member's ability to undertake gainful employment.

- ‘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 member’s former employment which gave rise to the deferred benefits in the Local Government Pension Scheme.
- ‘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 was equalised to age 65 in November 2018. State pension age will continue to increase from December 2018 onwards. To determine an individual’s State pension age please go to <http://www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk/state-pensions/know-your-state-pension-age>

Disclaimer

These notes were up-to-date when this form was updated in June 2019 and are provided for information only. They confer no contractual or statutory rights and in the event of any dispute the appropriate legislation will prevail.

This is a medical certificate provided in respect of a deferred member by an independent, approved, duly qualified registered medical practitioner in accordance with regulation 36 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013.