



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Medical Card and GP Visit Card Application Form - People Aged 70 Years or Older

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Who should use this form?

People 70 years of age or older and their spouse or partner should use this form when applying for a Medical Card or GP Visit Card.

How do I apply for a Persons Aged 70 Years or Older Medical Card or GP Visit Card?

- Step 1. Complete this form. Read this page and the next page for help.
- Step 2. Include all the documents asked for in Part 3 of this form. **Please send copies only.**
- Step 3. Read and sign the declaration in Part 4.
- Step 4. Ask your doctor of choice to complete Part 5A **and** if appropriate, ask your spouse's or partner's doctor to complete Part 6A.
- Step 5. Read and tick the checklist on page 8.
- Step 6. Send the completed application form and **all** the documents we ask for, to:

Client Registration Unit, PO Box 11745, Finglas, Dublin 11.

What can I do to avoid delaying the process?

If you send us a fully completed form and all the documents we ask for, we will deal with your application quickly and will let you know within 15 working days if you are entitled to a card. So to avoid delay, ensure to do the following:

- take care to fill in all your details correctly,
- include copies of all the documents we ask for in Part 3, **and**
- make sure the documents you send us are up to date.

If you do not include all the information we ask for, we will have to write to you for the missing information needed to complete assessment of your application.

Need help?

Read this page and the next page for help. If you need further help completing this form, phone **Callsave 1890 252 919** or visit your **Local Health Office**.

Help and information

Who can apply for a Medical Card or GP Visit Card?

Anyone who is **'ordinarily resident'** in the Republic of Ireland can apply - families, single people, even those working full or part time. **'Ordinarily resident'** means that you are living here and intend to live here for at least one year.

Do I qualify for a Medical Card or GP Visit Card?

You qualify for a **Medical Card** if you are aged 70 years or older with a **gross income** of:

- not more than €600 a week if you are single, or
- not more than €1,200 a week for a couple.

You qualify for a **GP Visit Card** if you are aged 70 years or older with a **gross income** of:

- over €600 but not greater than €700 a week if you are single, or
- over €1,200 but not greater than €1,400 a week if you are part of a couple.

See next page for definition of **'gross income'**.

Help and information – continued**What do you mean by Gross income?**

Gross income is your income or incomes before any deductions that may be taken off for income tax purposes, for example income from your pension (social welfare or private), your employment, your savings or investments or rental of property or land or any other income. Rental income is the rent you get less necessary spending associated with the rental of a property or land such as insurance.

Will my savings and or investments be taken into account when assessing my income for Medical Card or GP Visit Card eligibility?

We **will not** take into account savings or investments of amounts **up to** €36,000 for a single person and **up to** €72,000 for a couple when we are assessing your income. We **will not take** into account the amount of any compensation or redress award you may have received from **specific** state sponsored compensation or redress payments or any interest earned on the investment of this payment regardless of the amount.

For information on the specific compensation or redress awards covered by this section, please see www.medicalcard.ie or phone **Callsave 1890 252 919**.

What if I am not yet 70 but my spouse or partner is 70 years or older?

So long as **one** of you is aged 70 or older, you will **both** qualify for a **Medical Card** if your combined gross income is €1,200 or less a week. If one of you is aged 70 or older, you will both qualify for a **GP Visit Card** if your combined gross income is over €1,200 but not greater than €1,400 a week.

If I qualify for a Medical Card or GP Visit Card, does it cover my family too?

If your family income falls within the qualifying income limits, the card will cover you, your spouse or partner, and your children **under 16 years of age**.

If your children are aged 16 to 25 and are financially dependent on you, they will also get a card. They must fill out and send to us their own application form to receive a card.

What if my gross household income is greater than the qualifying income ranges for this scheme, as described at the end of page 1?

If you know your gross household income is more than the limits to qualify for a Medical Card or GP Visit Card under this scheme, you and your family dependants might be eligible to a card under a **different scheme** called the **General Medical Card Scheme**.

For more information on qualifying for a card under the **General Medical Card Scheme** phone **Callsave 1890 252 919** or see our website www.medicalcard.ie.

If you want to apply to the **General Medical Card Scheme**, you need to complete a form called a **MC1 Form**. You can get this form from your **Local Health Office** or download it from www.medicalcard.ie.

How do I qualify for a Medical Card under European Union (EU) Regulations?

You will qualify for a Medical Card under EU Regulations if you meet **all** of the following requirements:

- you are ordinarily resident in the Republic of Ireland,
- you are insured under the social security legislation of another EU/EEA member state or Switzerland, that means receiving a social security pension from that state or working and paying social insurance in that state, and
- you are not **subject** to Irish social security legislation. You are subject to Irish social security legislation if you are receiving a **contributory** Irish social welfare payment or you are subject to PRSI in the Irish State.

If you meet the above requirements, you can claim your entitlement to a Medical Card by sending us a completed application form, together with the relevant E or S form issued by the EU/EEA member state (or Switzerland) you are insured with. UK insured persons applying under EU Regulations, should send us a letter of confirmation from the UK Pensions Board or a recent payslip (if employed in UK) in place of the E or S form.

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Application No.:

Date Received:

For Parts 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 that apply to you, please complete in CAPITAL LETTERS and place a tick(✓) where appropriate in the single boxes provided.

Part 1 – Your personal details

First name(s):

Surname:

Date of birth:

Birth surname: (If different)

PPS number:

Gender: Male Female

Address:

Mobile phone: - (If you enter your mobile phone we may text you in connection with your application)

Daytime phone:

Country of birth:

Email address:

How long have you lived in Ireland?

Are you ordinarily resident in Ireland? (see page 1 for definition of what 'ordinarily resident' means) Yes No

Do you live alone? Yes No

If 'No', who do you live with?

Are you: Single Married Cohabiting In a Civil Partnership Widowed Separated Divorced

Do you have, or have you ever had, a Medical Card or a GP Visit Card? Yes No

If 'Yes', please tick the kind of card and write in the number:

Medical Card GP Visit Card Card Number

Part 2 - Personal details for your spouse or partner

(If you do not have a spouse or partner, go to Part 3 on the next page)

First name(s):

Surname:

Date of birth:

Birth surname: (If different)

PPS number:

Gender: Male Female

Is your spouse or partner ordinarily resident in Ireland? Yes No

Does your spouse or partner have, or has he or she ever had, a Medical Card or a GP Visit Card? Yes No

If 'Yes', please tick the kind of card and write in the number:

Medical Card GP Visit Card Card Number

Part 3 – Details of income

A. Your income details

Source	Gross amount (amount before any deductions)	Frequency of payment (for example, weekly, fortnightly, monthly or yearly)	Type of payment	Documents to send to us (Photocopies only please)
Social Welfare payments	€			Recent An Post receipt slip or recent bank statement (if payment is paid direct to bank account). If in receipt of Illness Benefit, a letter from your employer confirming your current wage, if any, in addition to Social Welfare payment
Wages and or pension	€			Most recent payslip
Income from self employment	€			Latest Notice of Assessment from Revenue Commissioners
Social security payments from another EU state	€		Issued from which EU state:	Confirmation letter from awarding authority and E121/S1 form
Any other income (for example, maintenance payments, social security payments from non-EU state)	€			Relevant documentary evidence

B. Your spouse's or partner's income details (If you do not have a spouse or partner, go to the next page)

Source	Gross amount (amount before any deductions)	Frequency of payment (for example, weekly, fortnightly, monthly or yearly)	Type of payment	Documents to send to us (Photocopies only please)
Social Welfare payments	€			Recent An Post receipt slip or recent bank statement (if payment is paid direct to bank account). If in receipt of Illness Benefit, a letter from your employer confirming your current wage, if any, in addition to Social Welfare payment
Wages and or pension	€			Most recent payslip
Income from self employment	€			Latest Notice of Assessment from Revenue Commissioners
Social security payments from another EU state	€		Issued from which EU state:	Confirmation letter from awarding authority and E121/S1 form
Any other income (for example, maintenance payments, social security payments from non-EU state)	€			Relevant documentary evidence

Checklist

- Have you completed all relevant parts of this form?
- Have you included copies of proof of all income and assets declared in Part 3?
- Have you included copies of the E or S form or a letter from the UK Pensions Board, if you are applying under EU regulations?
- Have you read and signed Part 4?
- Has your doctor completed Part 5A and, if it applies, has your spouse's or partner's doctor completed Part 6A?

If you have any questions before you send off this form, please phone **Callsave 1890 252 919** or call to your **Local Health Office**.

Please send your completed form and copies of the documents we ask for, to:

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Dublin 11.

Data Protection and Freedom of Information Notice

The HSE will treat all personal information and data you provide as part of this application as confidential and store it securely. When the HSE receive your completed application form and any supporting documents, it will make a computer record in your name. This record will contain the relevant personal information you have supplied. This personal record will be used and retained by the HSE, solely for the purposes of processing your Medical Card and GP Visit Card application.

The HSE will not disclose (share) to other people or organisations the personal information you have given unless permission has been given by the person to whom the information relates or the HSE is required to do so by law.