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Employer Ref:

Consideration of entitlement to ill-health retirement benefits

Important: Please complete this form in BLACK INK

Part A To be completed by the **Employing Authority**

Part B To be completed by the **Member**

Part C To be completed by the **Occupational Health Doctor** – where this is not possible, the report can be completed by your **GP/Specialist**

Guidance for members

The HSC Pension Scheme provides two levels of ill-health retirement benefits, which are dependent on the severity of your condition and the likelihood of you being able to work again.

To qualify for ill-health retirement benefits you must:

- retire from pensionable employment because of illness or injury, **and**
- be permanently incapable of efficiently carrying out the duties of **your employment** because of illness or injury – **Tier 1 pension**, or
- be permanently incapable of engaging in **regular employment** of like duration because of the illness or injury – **Tier 2 pension**.

Tier 1 pension

If you are assessed as being unable to carry out the duties of your own employment you will be entitled to the early payment of the retirement benefits you have earned to date without any reduction.

Tier 2 pension

If you are assessed as being unable to do regular employment of like duration you will be entitled to the retirement benefits you have earned to date enhanced by $\frac{2}{3}$ rds of your prospective membership up to reaching the Scheme's *Normal Benefit Age*.

For the purpose of ill-health retirement benefits the following expressions mean:

- **retires from pensionable employment:** your employment must be terminated on grounds of ill-health;
- **permanently incapable:** you will not be able through your medical condition, subject to appropriate medical treatment, to return to your HSC work before the Scheme's *Normal Benefit Age*;

- **efficiently discharging the duties:** producing the result required efficiently;
- **“that employment” for Tier 1 pension:** the post or posts to which your contract of employment relates;
- **“regular employment” for Tier 2 pension:** in addition to being permanently incapable of your own HSC employment, you must be permanently incapable of regular employment in the general field of employment of like duration to your HSC employment, that is either whole time or part time;
- **appropriate medical treatment:** such medical treatment as it would be normal to receive in respect of the condition(s) giving rise to your application for ill-health retirement benefits;
- **Scheme’s Normal Benefit Age:** age 60 years in the ‘1995 Scheme’ as amended or age 65 in the ‘2008 Scheme’.

This will require the submission of a report on your health which will be provided by your employer’s Occupational Health Doctor at Part C of this form. HSC Pension Service Medical Advisers may also take account of information obtained from your own General Practitioner or Consultant medical specialist.

When completed, this application form must be sent by the Occupational Health Doctor to HSC Pension Service.

NB: In the event that insufficient evidence/information has been provided the HSC Pension Service will determine that the application does not meet the requirements for ill health retirement.

If you qualify for ill-health retirement benefits you must complete form AW6 to request payment of benefits.

**Part
A**

To be completed by the Employing Authority

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr) Sex: Male Female

Normal Benefit Age (60 or 65)
(If necessary confirm with HSC Pension Service)

Surname (please use CAPITAL letters)

Other names

Date of birth / / Verified

National Insurance Number

Job Title

Please tick one box from the Employer type and one box from the Staff Groups

Employer type:

HSC Trust HSC Board Ambulance Trust
 GP Practice Directional Body Public Health Agency
 BSO Patient and Client Council Other (please specify)

Guidance for Employers – HSC Staff Groups and Codes

Allied Health Professional/Healthcare Scientists/Scientific and Technical (AfC Grade)

1. Occupational Therapy 2. Physiotherapy 3. Radiography 4. Pharmacy
 5. Clinical Psychology 6. Psychotherapy 7. Arts Therapy
 8. Other qualified health professionals (chiroprody, podiatry, dietetics, speech & language therapy, complementary therapy)
 9. Other qualified scientific and technical or healthcare scientist (haematology, clinical biochemistry, microbiology)
 10. Support to allied health professionals (support worker, therapy helper, therapy assistant or student)
 11. Support to scientific and technical healthcare scientists (technicians, assistants or students)

Medical

1. Consultant
 2. In Training (eg Foundation Y1 & Y2, SIRs (inc FTSTAs & LATs), SHOs, SpRs/SpTs/GPRs)
 3. Practitioners (a. Principal, b. Salaried, c. Locum, d. Retainer, e. FCS, f. Registrar)
 4. Other (eg Staff & Associate Specialist/Non-consultant Career Grade, Staff Grade, Clinical Assistant)

Dental

- 1. Consultant
- 2. In Training (eg Foundation Y1 & Y2, SIRs (inc FTSTAs & LATs, SHOs, SpRs/SpTs/GPRs))
- 3. Practitioners
- 4. Other (eg Regional Dental Officer, Dental Officer, Clinical Director)

Public Health (AfC Grade)

- 1. Public Health/Health Improvement

Commissioning (AfC Grade)

- 1. Commissioning Managers/Support Staff

Registered Nurses and Midwives (AfC Grade)

- 1. Adult/General 2. Mental Health 3. Learning Disabilities 4. Children
- 5. Midwives (eg Consultant, Specialist Practitioner, Sister/Charge Nurse)
- 6. Health Visitors 7. District/Community 8. Other Registered Nurses

Nursing or Healthcare Assistants (AfC Grade)

- 1. Nursing Auxiliary 2. Nursing Assistant
- 3. Healthcare Assistant (including Health, Clinical, Nursing Support Worker, Assistant Practitioner)

Social Care (AfC Grade)

- 1. Approved Social Workers/Social Workers/Residential Social Workers
- 2. Social Care Managers 3. Social Care Support Staff

Ambulance (Operational) (AfC Grade)

- 1. Emergency Care Practitioner 2. Community Paramedic 3. Paramedic
- 4. Ambulance Technician 5. Ambulance Control Staff
- 6. Ambulance Managers 7. Patient Transport Services
- 8. Emergency Support Staff (eg ambulance drivers, emergency vehicle drivers, emergency support staff)

HSC Corporate Support Functions (AfC Grade)

- 1. Admin and Clerical (inc Medical Secretary, Ward Clerk, Administrative Assistant, Librarian, Interpreter)
- 2. Central Functions/ Corporate Services (eg HR, Finance, Information Systems, Information Technology)
- 3. Ancillary (eg Housekeeping, Cook/Catering, Port, Domestic Staff, Home Warden, Laundry Worker, Sewing Room Assistant)
- 4. Maintenance (eg Gardener/Groundsperson, Technician, Electrician/Fitter, Estates/ Facilities Assistant, Labourer, Plumber, Carpenter, Bricklayer, Painter/Decorator, Work Analyst, Chargehand, Supervisor, Engineer/Building Officer)
- 5. Ambulance Maintenance Staff

General Management (AfC Grade)

- 1. General Management
- 2. Other Occupational Group

Employing Authority

Employed at (provide name and address of location of work)

Is the member working part-time? No Yes If change to part-time employment was in the last 12 months please give date of change / /

If part-time, give details, whichever are appropriate

Hours worked	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Number of half days	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Sessions per week	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Nights per week	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>

If there is a variation of hours, sessions and shifts over a cycle longer than a week, please detail what the cycle is

Important:

Is there at least 2 years qualifying or pensionable HSC employment? No Yes

Has the contract of employment been terminated? No Yes

If 'Yes' what is the date of termination?

If not, what is the likely date of Termination?

Please confirm ill-health has or will be the ONLY reason for termination of employment Yes No

If a structured review process has not taken place, please provide the reasons

Has a final review taken place?

Yes No

If 'No', please provide the reasons

If 'Yes', please provide the following details

Final Review			
Date of Review	Measures Recommended	Measures Implemented	Outcome

Please provide full details of the job being undertaken by the member.

IMPORTANT: This application cannot be processed without these details.

This job description must state the nature of the duties, including documentation that provides the physical and intellectual skill requirements and the proportion of time spent on each, eg person specification, KFS or JEGS.

You may, alternatively, attach this information providing it covers all of the points stated above.

What type and period of rehabilitation has been considered and with what outcome?

If it has not been possible either to consider or implement a type and period of rehabilitation, please provide reasons below.

Use the space below to record any other information that may be of use in processing this application.

Employer Declaration

I certify that this person is applying for consideration of entitlement to a retirement pension on the grounds of ill-health, that all the details given in **Part A** are complete and correct.

I confirm advice has been sought from Occupational Health Yes No give name and address details below

Name of Occupational Health Physician or Practitioner

Address of Occupational Health Department

Please provide the following details relating to the Employing Authority

Title: Mr; Mrs; Miss; Ms; Dr; Prof

Name of person completing this section

Job Title

Telephone Number (for use in the event of a query) Ext

Fax Number

Signature

Date / /

Please note that the address given in this box will be used as the forwarding address for all correspondence.

We will mark it for the attention of the person named above.

EA Official Stamp

NB: In the event that insufficient evidence/information has been provided the HSC Pension Service will determine that the application does not meet the requirements for ill health retirement.

Please arrange for this form to be sent to the Member to complete Part B.

Part
B

To be completed by the Member

Please read the guidance about release of medical information before completing this section, then sign and date the declaration and consent on the next page. Failure to provide information will result in your application being delayed or rejected.

HSC Pension Service needs a report from *your doctor at **Part C** of this form, so that it can consider your application for ill-health retirement benefits. (*This means any doctor who has treated you, or cared for you, or who has been involved in diagnosing your condition, and includes an Occupational Health Doctor.)

Access to Medical Reports Act 1988

Medical reports your doctor prepares for HSC Pension Service are subject to the 'Access to Medical Reports Act 1988'. Under that Act you can either:

- allow your doctor to send it straight to HSC Pensions without you seeing it first, or
- ask to see the report **before** they send it to HSC Pensions, or
- you can instruct your doctor **not** to send the report to HSC Pensions at all.

Reports written by a doctor who has not been involved in your treatment, care or diagnosis or medical records that already exist, are **NOT** subject to the Access to Medical Reports Act 1988.

If you decide that a report requested by HSC Pensions can come straight to us without you seeing it first, you can still ask to see it at any time up to 6 months after we receive it.

The 'Consent' you sign will tell your doctor whether you wish to see any report they prepare before they send it to HSC Pensions. If you decide you want to see the report **before** your doctor sends it, you have 21 days from when HSC Pensions asks for the report to let your doctor know that you wish to see it. You can view the report for free, but your doctor is entitled to charge you a reasonable fee if you want a copy for yourself. Your doctor can withhold all or part of the report from you. But, if they do so for professional medical reasons, they must tell you that they are doing so.

If you think that the report your doctor has prepared is misleading or incorrect in any way, you can ask them **in writing** to amend it. Your doctor can refuse to amend the report, but if they do they will invite you to send a letter with your comments that they can attach to the report, before they send it to HSC Pensions.

Release of medical information and examination by an independent doctor

In order to clarify or confirm certain aspects of your medical condition HSC Pensions may sometimes need to ask for other medical, or relevant information (eg from your GP, Specialist or employer). We may also need you to be examined by an independent doctor. So that they understand what you are claiming for we might need to pass any or all of the reports and medical or relevant information to them. HSC Pensions will also need to pass all the information it gathers to its Medical Advisers.

If you do not agree to the release of reports or other information about your medical condition, HSC Pensions Service may be unable to consider your application for benefits.

Data Protection Act 1988: Fair Processing Notice

The HSC Pension Service will only use the information that you have provided on this form for as long as is required by law. Your details will then be removed from our files. We will not transfer your Personal Data outside the European Economic Area or disclose it to any third party other than for the purposes of detecting and preventing fraud and errors or as required by law. We may contact you to discuss your application by any of the methods you have entered on this form.

Please provide full details to all the questions in this section.

Home Address

	Post Code

Telephone Number

STD code	
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What is your GP's Name?

Dr

What is the address of your GP's Practice

	Post Code

What is your GP's Telephone Number

STD code	
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Have you seen a consultant or specialist? No

Yes Please tell us about the consultant

Name of Consultant

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Name and address of the hospital where you were last seen by the consultant (or, if seen privately, the consultant's private address)

What does the consultant specialise in?

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Date when you were last seen by the Consultant? (If known)

/ /

Your HSC Career

Describe the training you have had for your HSC job with dates. If you are a member of a professional group, give details and dates of your professional qualifications and registration.

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Describe the experience you have gained within your HSC career, giving dates and titles of all positions held.

If necessary, continue on a separate sheet of paper and staple to this page.

Other training and jobs

If you have had any other training and/or have held other jobs not in the HSC, please provide details with appropriate dates.

Any other information you think is relevant to support your application.

If necessary, continue on a separate sheet of paper and staple to this page.

Equal Opportunities Monitoring

In accordance with Race Relations, Employer Equality and Disability Discrimination legislation the HSC Pension Scheme is required to collect the census data below.

Ethnicity Please tick the box that is most applicable to you			
White			
<input type="checkbox"/> British	<input type="checkbox"/> Irish (B)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other White Background (c)	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Irish (C2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Unspecified (C3)	<input type="checkbox"/> English (CA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Scottish (CB)	<input type="checkbox"/> Welsh (CC)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cornish (CD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cypriot – non specific (CE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Greek (CF)	<input type="checkbox"/> Greek Cypriot (CG)
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkish (CH)	<input type="checkbox"/> Turkish Cypriot (CJ)	<input type="checkbox"/> Italian (CK)	<input type="checkbox"/> Irish Traveller (CL)
<input type="checkbox"/> Traveller (CM)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy/Romany (CN)	<input type="checkbox"/> Polish (CP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ex-USSR (CQ)
<input type="checkbox"/> Kosovan (CR)	<input type="checkbox"/> Albanian (CS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bosnian (CT)	<input type="checkbox"/> Croatian (CU)
<input type="checkbox"/> Serbian (CV)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other ex-Yugoslav (CW)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed (CX)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other European (CY)
Asian or Asian British			
<input type="checkbox"/> Indian (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani (J)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi (K)	<input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian Background (L)
Asian			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed (LA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Punjabi (LB)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kashmiri (LC)	<input type="checkbox"/> East African (LD)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sri Lankan (LE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tamil (LF)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sinhalese (LG)	<input type="checkbox"/> British (LH)
<input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean (LJ)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unspecified (LK)		
Black or Black British			
<input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean (M)	<input type="checkbox"/> African (N)	<input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black Background (P)	
Black			
<input type="checkbox"/> Somali (PA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed (PB)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nigerian (PC)	<input type="checkbox"/> British (PD)
<input type="checkbox"/> Unspecified (PE)			
Mixed			
<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black Caribbean (D)	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black African (E)	<input type="checkbox"/> White & Asian (F)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Any other mixed background (G)	<input type="checkbox"/> Black & Asian (GA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Black & Chinese (GB)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black & White (GC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese & White (GD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian & Chinese (GE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other/Unspecified (GF)
Other Ethnic Groups			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese (R)	<input type="checkbox"/> Any other Ethnic Group (S)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese (SA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese (SN)
<input type="checkbox"/> Filipino (SC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Malaysian (SD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Specified (SE)	
I do not wish to declare my ethnicity			
<input type="checkbox"/> Not stated (Z)			

Employer Equality Regulations

Sexual Orientation			
<input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-sexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian	<input type="checkbox"/> Gay
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to declare my sexual orientation			

Religion/Belief			
<input type="checkbox"/> Christianity	<input type="checkbox"/> Judaism	<input type="checkbox"/> Hinduism	<input type="checkbox"/> Atheism
<input type="checkbox"/> Islam	<input type="checkbox"/> Sikhism	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to declare my religion/belief.			

Disability Discrimination Act

Disability			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Impairment	<input type="checkbox"/> Sensory Impairment	<input type="checkbox"/> Long Standing Illness
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Learning Disability/ Difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Declared			

Your Declaration and Consent

I declare that I have read and understood the guidance about the Access to Medical Reports Act 1988 and that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Please tick one of the following choices:

- I do not want** to see any report from my doctor(s) **before** it is sent to HSC Pensions.
- I want** to see any report from my doctor(s) **before** it is sent to HSC Pensions.
- I want** a copy of **Part C**.
- I do not want my doctor(s) to complete Part C** of this form and am sending it with my reasons, to HSC Pensions.

Please tick one of the following choices:

- I agree** that HSC Pensions can ask any doctor who has been involved in my care for any information relevant to this claim and, if necessary, to share that information with an independent examining doctor, and in all cases with HSC Pensions Medical Advisers for the purpose of considering my application.
- I do not agree** that HSC Pensions can ask any doctor who has been involved in my care for any information relevant to this claim and, if necessary, to share that information with an independent examining doctor, and in all cases with HSC Pensions Medical Advisers for the purpose of considering my application.

Please tick one of the following choices:

- I agree** to attend any medical examinations by an independent doctor if necessary.
- I do not agree** to attend any medical examinations by an independent doctor if necessary.

Please tick one of the following choices:

- I agree** that the letter advising me of the outcome of my request to be considered for entitlement to ill-health retirement benefits, may be copied to the doctor who completed **Part C**.
- I do not agree** that the letter advising me of the outcome of my request to be considered for entitlement to ill-health retirement benefits, may be copied to the doctor who completed **Part C**.

Your Signature

Date

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Please arrange for this form to be sent to the Occupational Health Doctor (where possible) who will complete Part C and send it to HSC Pension Service. We will let you know when we receive it.

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To be completed by the Occupational Health Doctor

Part
C

*Where this is not possible, a GP or Specialist can provide a medical report
It is recommended that before the doctor considers completing this form, they
access the 'A Guide to Ill-Health Retirement 2008' which
may be downloaded from the HSC Pension Service website
www.hscpensions.hscni.net*

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Name: _____

NINO: _____

Normal Benefit Age (60 or 65)
(See Part A)

Medical Information

a. Please list all currently diagnosed medical conditions giving date of onset for each.

b. Provide details of the reported reason(s) for current incapacity.

c. Please provide details of the past course of any medical conditions currently reported as giving rise to incapacity.

- g. These questions relate to functional abilities and must be completed by the occupational health doctor. GPs and clinical specialist may comment if they feel able to do so.

How does this member's diagnosed medical condition(s) impact on their capacity to carry out their HSC duties?

What recommendations have you made to the employer?

Are there any work place issues and how have they been addressed?

With normal therapeutic intervention please comment on the likelihood of improvement in functional abilities before the *normal benefit age*.

Please summarise information you consider to be relevant to this member's long term incapacity for the duties of their HSC employment.

- h. Please summarise information you consider to be relevant to this member's long term incapacity for any regular employment.

Please attach copies of any consultant medical specialist reports or case notes which you have in relation to the member's present medical condition which might be useful in processing this application. Access to this information may prevent delays in reaching a decision on this person's application.

i. **Terminal Illness**

Does this member have a medical condition that has a serious impact on life expectancy?

Yes No

If 'Yes' and information is available from the relevant specialist, please include a copy of their report/correspondence.

Is the member aware of the diagnosis?

Yes No

Is the member aware of the prognosis?

Yes No

Please list below all the papers enclosed with this application:

Please provide the following details as fully as possible.

About the consultant

Name of Consultant

Name and address of the hospital where the member was last seen by the consultant (or if seen privately, the consultant's private address)

 Post Code

What does the consultant specialise in?

Date when the member was last seen by the consultant? (if known)

Doctor's details

Full Name

Address

 Post Code

Telephone Number

I am this person's
Consultant/Occupational Health Doctor
Consultant/Hospital Doctor
General Practitioner

Tick the box if you wish to claim a fee from HSC Pensions for completing this form.

Please note that Occupational Health Doctors **cannot** claim a fee. Hospital Doctors/Consultants **cannot** claim a fee **unless** the person concerned is not a patient and they need a special examination or case note study.

Signature

Date

Please send the completed form with any additional medical reports received in connection with this application to HSC Pension Service.

Please ensure this section is attached to Parts A & B

