



Application form for Blind Pension

How to complete this application form.

- Please use this page as a guide to filling in this form.
- Please use **BLACK** ball point pen.
- Please use **BLOCK LETTERS** and place an X in the relevant boxes.
- Please answer **all questions** that apply to you.
- You need a Personal Public Service Number (PPS No.) before you apply.

If you do not have a spouse, civil partner or cohabitant:

If you do not have a spouse, civil partner or cohabitant, fill in **Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6**. When form is completed, read **Part 9** and sign declaration in **Part 1**.

If you have a spouse, civil partner or cohabitant:

If you have a spouse, civil partner or cohabitant, please fill in **Part 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8**. When form is completed, read **Part 9** and sign declaration in **Part 1**.

If you need any help to complete this form, please contact your local Social Welfare Office or Citizens Information Centre.

For more information, log on to **www.gov.ie**.

18. If you are employed at present, please state:

Employer's name:

Employer's address:

Gross weekly € , . a week
 Please attach your most recent payslip

19. If you are self-employed at present, please state:

Type of work you do:

Date you started self-employment:
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Net yearly earnings: € , . a year

This is the money you have made from self-employment after deducting operating expenses.

20. If you have savings or accounts in a bank, post office, building society, credit union or any other financial institution, please state:

Financial Institution 1

Name of financial institution:

Account number:

Current balance: € , .

Financial Institution 2

Name of financial institution:

Account number:

Current balance: € , .

Financial Institution 3

Name of financial institution:

Account number:

Current balance: € , .

Financial Institution 4

Name of financial institution:

Account number:

Current balance: € , .

Please attach a statement for **each** account, showing balance for the last **three** months.



26.If you have moved from your home, please give details in the space provided if your home is rented, occupied by other people or otherwise being used:

[Empty box for question 26]

27.If you have recently sold your home to buy another, please outline the circumstances in the space provided and attach supporting documentary evidence from your solicitors:

[Empty box for question 27]

Part 3

Habitual Residence Condition

28.What country were you born in?

[Grid for country of birth]

29.What is your nationality?

[Grid for nationality]

30.Have you lived outside the Republic of Ireland for any period longer than three months within the last five years?

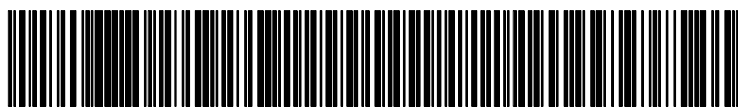
[Yes] Yes [No] No

31.If 'Yes', when did you come to live in the Republic of Ireland?

[DD] [MM] [YYYY]
D D M M Y Y Y Y

32.Are you legally entitled to reside in the Republic of Ireland?

[Yes] Yes [No] No



Part 5

Details of your qualified child(ren)

33. How many children do you wish to claim for?

under
age 18

age 18 - 22 in full-
time education

You must attach written confirmation from the school or college for the children aged 18 - 22

Please state child's:

Surname:

First name(s):

PPS No.:

Surname:

First name(s):

PPS No.:

Surname:

First name(s):

PPS No.:

Part 6

Other payments

Living Alone Increase

You may get a Living Alone Increase if you are getting a Blind Pension and live alone or mainly alone.

34. If you wish to claim a Living Alone Increase, please state:

Date you started living
alone or mainly alone:

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Fuel Allowance

This allowance is subject to your household composition. Only one person in a household can get this allowance.

35. Do you wish to apply for a Fuel Allowance?

Yes No

If 'No', please go to Part 7.

If 'Yes', please complete fully the remainder of this section.

36. The following people live with me:

Person 1

Surname:

First name(s):

PPS No.:

Person 2

Surname:

First name(s):

PPS No.:

Person 3

Surname:

First name(s):

PPS No.:

Extra benefits

Log on to www.gov.ie for more information on extra benefits available to pensioners.



Part 8

Your spouse's, civil partner's or cohabitant's work and claim details

48. If they are getting any other pension or allowance, please state:

Who pays this pension:

Their claim or reference number:

Amount:

€ , . a week

Please attach the most **recent** payslip or letter from the people who pay them confirming the above amount.

49. If they are employed at present, please state:

Employer's name:

Employer's address:

Gross weekly

€ , . a week

Please attach their most recent payslip

50. If they are self-employed at present, please state:

Type of work they do:

Date they started self-employment:

D D M M Y Y Y Y

Net yearly earnings:

€ , . a year

This is the money they have made from self-employment after deducting operating expenses.

51. If they have savings or accounts in a bank, post office, building society, credit union or any other financial institution, please state:

Financial Institution 1

Name of financial institution:

Account number:

Current balance:

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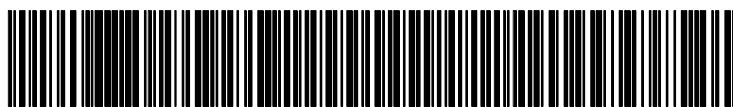
Financial Institution 2

Name of financial institution:

Account number:

Current balance:

€ , .



Financial Institution 3

Name of financial institution:

Account number:

Current balance: € , .

Financial Institution 4

Name of financial institution:

Account number:

Current balance: € , .

Please attach a statement for **each** account, showing balance for the last **three** months.

52. If they own stocks, shares or investments, please state:

Their value: € , .

Please attach a statement to show details.

53. If they own, work or rent a farm or land, please state:

Size of farm or land: acres

Net yearly income or rent from farm or land: € , .

'Net yearly income' is money they have made from the farm **after** deducting operating expenses.

54. If they have property apart from their home, please state:

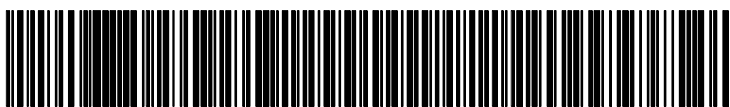
Type of property:

Address of property:

'Property' would be an apartment, business property, another house or land other than that mentioned at question 53.

Current market value: € , , .

Rent from this property: € , . a week

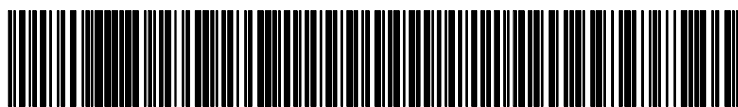


55.If they have any other income please give details in this space provided:

56.If they sold or transferred any property or business in the last three years please give details in this space provided and attach a copy of the deed of transfer:

57.If they have moved from their home, please give details in the space provided if their home is rented, occupied by other people or otherwise being used:

58.If they have recently sold their home to buy another, please outline the circumstances in the space provided and attach supporting documentary evidence from their solicitors:



Have you enclosed the following?

- You and your spouse's, civil partner's or cohabitant's most recent payslips (if you or your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant were employed during the last 12 months)
- Statements from all financial institutions showing the last 3 months transactions (internet printouts are not generally accepted)
(if you or your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant have money or investments in a financial institution)
- Letter from school or college
(if you are claiming for child(ren) aged between 18 and 22 who are in full-time education)

If you were born, married or entered into a civil partnership or a civil union outside the Republic of Ireland:

- Your birth certificate
- Your marriage certificate or civil partnership or civil union registration certificate
- Your spouse's, civil partner's or cohabitant's birth certificate
(if applying for an increase for them)
- Your child(ren)'s birth certificate(s) (if applying for an increase for them)
Note: No birth certificate is needed if you are already getting Child Benefit.
Original certificates only.

Please remember to sign the declaration in Part 1.

Send this completed application form to:

Blind Pension Section
Social Welfare Services
Department of Social Protection
College Road
Sligo

LoCall: 1890 500 000 (from the Republic of Ireland only)

If you are calling from outside the Republic of Ireland please call + 353 71 9157100

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