

GP Visit Cards

A General Practitioner (GP) Visit Card allows you to visit a family doctor free of charge. You will still have to pay for drugs, any outpatient/inpatient charges and medical aids yourself. You qualify in the same way as for a Medical Card except that the income guidelines are higher.

How do I qualify for a GP Visit Card?

To qualify for a GP Visit Card you must:

- Show that your income is below a certain level (called a 'means test')
- Be living in Ireland continuously (habitual resident)

OR

- Have financial hardship due to your circumstances.

People aged over 70 or under 6 automatically qualify for a GP visit card, no matter what their income.

If you are over 70, you can apply for a GP Visit Card by visiting the HSE's [website](#).

To register a child under 6 for a GP Visit Card, visit the [HSE's website](#).

If you get Carer's Benefit or Carer's Allowance, at full or half rate, you can also get a GP Visit Card.

GP Visit Cards for cancer patients

GP Visit Cards can be issued on hardship grounds, even if your income is above the income guidelines. For example, if you have exceptional and regular medical treatment or visits to your doctor or hospital due to your cancer. A card may be granted for your whole family or just for you.

Make sure you attach copies of all relevant evidence about your circumstances when you apply for the card. If there is a medical social worker at the hospital you are attending, you can ask them for advice on the application process.

You may also be entitled to the Drugs Payment Scheme card. Under the Drugs Payment Scheme, you and your family will pay a maximum of €114 each calendar month for approved prescribed drugs and medicines.

We won't give up until cancer does



How do I apply?

The quickest way to apply for a GP Visit Card is online at www.mymedicalcard.ie.

You can also download an MC1 application form on the [HSE website](#) or collect one from your [local health office](#).

Post the completed form to:
HSE - PCRS
Client Registration Unit
PO Box 11745
Finglas, Dublin D11 XKF3.

For any queries, call LoCall 1890 252 919 or email clientregistration@hse.ie.

The information above is an overview of the GP Visit Card

For detailed information, applicants are advised to:

- Visit the [HSE](#) website
- Visit [Citizens Information](#) online
- Call Citizens Information on 0761 07 4000 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 8pm
- Visit your local [Citizens Information](#) office
- Call our Cancer Support Line on Freephone 1800 200 700 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm
- Contact your Medical Social Worker