

Long-Term Illness Scheme

If you have certain long-term conditions, including acute leukaemia, you can get free drugs, medicines and medical and surgical equipment for your treatment.

The scheme does not depend on your income or other circumstances and is separate from the Medical Card and GP Visit Card schemes.

If you qualify, you will get a long-term illness book that lists the drugs and medicines you need. You will receive these medicines free of charge through your local chemist. You will still have to pay for other drugs and medicines not related to your conditions.

Who can apply?

Patients who have acute leukaemia will qualify for the Long-Term Illness Scheme. Other types of cancer are not covered.

How do I apply?

You can download an application form from the [HSE website](#). The form is also available at your [local Health Office](#) or from your GP.

More information is available by calling 1890 252 919.

You can send your completed application form to:

Long-Term Illness Scheme
Client Registration Unit
P.O. Box 12962
Dublin 11
D11 XKF3

The information above is an overview of the Long-Term Illness Scheme.

For detailed information, applicants are advised to:

- 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