

Partial Capacity Benefit

Partial Capacity Benefit is a social welfare scheme which allows you to return to work or self-employment if you have reduced capacity to work and continue to receive a payment from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP).

What is the rate of payment?

Maximum rates of Partial Capacity Benefit

Medical Assessment	Person previously getting Illness Benefit at the weekly rate of €203	Person aged under 66 and previously getting Invalidity Pension at the weekly rate of €208.50
Moderate	€101.50	€104.25
Severe	€152.25	€156.38
Profound	€203	€208.50

Who can apply?

To qualify for Partial Capacity Benefit, you must be currently receiving either:

- Illness Benefit (for a minimum of 6 months)

Or

- Invalidity Pension

A Medical Assessor will assess the restriction on your capacity for work. This may require you to attend a medical assessment. You should include all appropriate medical evidence with your application.

Case study

Dermot (36) is a cancer patient who has been receiving Illness Benefit for 8 months while he was on treatment. He has agreed with his employer that he will return to work in a reduced capacity until he is well enough to go back to work full-time. Dermot needs to apply and be approved for Partial Capacity Benefit before returning to work. Part of the application process will involve being medically assessed for the restriction on his ability to work.

How do I apply?

You should apply for Partial Capacity Benefit before you return to work. Any reduction to your social welfare payment will not apply until you start work. You should not start work until you have received written approval from the Department of Social Protection. You should also get the approval of your doctor before returning to work.

We won't give up until cancer does



You can only apply for this benefit through the Partial Capacity Benefit Section of Department of Social Protection. You can contact them [online](#) to request an application form.

Or

Contact:

Partial Benefit Capacity Section
Floor 5
Áras Mhic Dhiarmada
Store St
Dublin 1
Tel: 01 704 3300/1890 928 400

The information above is an overview of the Partial Capacity Benefit.

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