

Long-term illness exemption - application

When to use this form

- If you have a long-term illness and want to apply for an exemption from paying child support or domestic maintenance
- You have an existing long-term illness exemption and want to apply to have the end-date extended

To qualify for an exemption:

- your period of illness must be for at least 13 weeks
- your income must only be from investments and be less than the minimum amount of child support for the year
- your illness results in you being unable to engage in paid work
- you must apply for your exemption during your period of illness or within 3 months of your period of illness ending.

For more information about exemptions read our **Child support - hospital patients or long term illness - IR148** factsheet.

1 Your IRD number (8 digit numbers start in the second box. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8)

2 Your name
 First name(s)
 Surname

3 Your date of birth
 Day Month Year

4 Your contact details
 Street address
 Town or city Postcode
 Daytime phone number Mobile phone number

Section 1: Details about your period of illness

Your illness could include an injury or an accident. Date period of illness started could be date of diagnosis or accident. If you continued working start date of your period of illness could be the date you were unable to continue working.

5 Is this application to extend the end date of an existing exemption? Yes – go to section 2 No – continue to Q6

6 Tell us the date your period of illness began
 Day Month Year
Note: The date your period of illness started is the date you were unable to continue working due to the illness. This could be the date of your diagnosis or accident, or a later date.

7 Tell us how long you expect you'll be unable to work due to your illness – go to section 3
 For example, 6 months, more than a year
Note: Your period of illness must be at least 13 weeks from the date your illness began. We will use this information to set a date to review or end your exemption. If you find your period of illness will continue after the date you have given us, you can complete another exemption form to apply to have the exemption extended.

Section 2: Extend an illness exemption

Complete this section if you already have an illness exemption and are applying to extend the end date of your existing exemption

8 Tell us the earliest date you expect your period of illness to end

Note: We will use this information to set a date to review or end your exemption. If you find your period of illness will continue after the date you have given us, you can complete another exemption form to apply to have the exemption extended.

Section 3 - Details about your income

9 Tell us what you expect to earn during your period of illness.

Note: Income includes ACC, or income protection insurance.

\$	<input type="text"/>	.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Income from investments			Source
\$	<input type="text"/>	.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Other income			Source

If you expect to earn no income, write nil

Supporting evidence

You'll need to provide evidence to support your exemption application. This could be a letter from your doctor confirming:

- the date your period of illness began
- you are unable to engage in paid work as a result of your illness
- how long you expect to be unable to work.

Please attach your supporting evidence to this form. Ensure your name and IRD number are included. If we need further information we will contact you to discuss your application.

Declaration

The information I have given is true and correct.

Signature

Date

Next steps:

- If we accept your exemption application we'll send you an amended child support to pay letter.
- If we decline your exemption we'll send you a letter telling you why.
- If you earn any income other than from investments your exemption will end.
- You must contact us if you start to earn an income or if your period of illness will end earlier than the date you stated in this form.

Please send this completed form to: Child Support, PO Box 39010, Wellington Mail Centre, Lower Hutt 5045, New Zealand

Privacy

Meeting your child support obligations means giving us accurate information so we can assess your liabilities and entitlements under the Child Support Act 1991.

We may also exchange information about you with:

- some government agencies
- another country, if we have an information supply agreement with them
- Statistics New Zealand (for statistical purposes only).

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