



### **Medical certificates**

Where appropriate, we can provide a medical certificate for your employer or educational institution in relation to a current illness or injury. We suggest that certificates for other purposes (e.g. medicolegal matters, disability pensions etc.) are best provided by your general practitioner.

Important points to note:

- Certificates are provided at the doctor's discretion, following a comprehensive consultation.
- Your certificate will be emailed to you following your consultation.
- Your employer may or may not accept the certificate.
- Certificates can not be provided retrospectively i.e. to cover days off work which occurred prior to your consultation.
- Certificates will not be issued for chronic or complex health issues e.g. work related injuries, chronic back pain, depression etc.

Absenteeism for work and frequent requests for certificates raise concern for undiagnosed chronic health issues.

Where repeated requests for medical certificates have been received, we may advise that you would benefit from the continuity of care that can only be provided by your general practitioner and may direct you to your GP for an in-person consultation.

It is not our intention to attempt to replace the vital role of your general practitioner in your care. We hope you will share our vision of having us supplement your care at times when you are unable to access your GP within an acceptable time frame for whatever reason.

Thanks for your understanding.

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