

LONG TERM INCAPACITY

Long Term Incapacity Allowance is a weekly benefit, payable as a compensation for a loss of faculty.

You may undertake paid or voluntary work whilst receiving this allowance.

Long Term Incapacity Allowance is not taxable.

To receive Long Term:

- 1) After 364 days of receiving Short Term Incapacity benefit, either consecutive days or accumulative days through repeated claims with a gap of no more than 13 weeks between each claim a move to Long Term will be automatic. A letter advising the individual will be sent by the department along with an application form and leaflet to explain.
- 2) Long Term can also be applied for even if someone hasn't been on Short Term Incapacity benefit for 364 days, if this is the case then depending if they have submitted and medical certificates prior to the application or if only for a short period then additional information will need to be sent in from their GP to support the application.
- 3) If the condition was present prior to October 2004, then this will be pre-existing and will also need support from a GP to confirm their condition has deteriorated.
- 4) There are contribution conditions that have to be met before Long Term can be applied for and these are:
 - a. An individual must have a Test of 2 and QCF of 0.333.
 - b. Sufficient contributions have to be paid for at least six months at any time before the end of the relevant quarter (giving a Test of 2).
 - c. You must have paid (or have been credited) sufficient contributions in the relevant quarter (e.g LTIA application made during January – March (A Quarter) , relevant quarter would be July-September – (C quarter of previous year). Sufficient contributions mean your earnings must have been more than the lower threshold level (this level changes every year in January) for a particular month. If class 2 you must have paid contributions at the required level. Any contributions paid late you will not be entitled to Long Term Incapacity.
 - d. We also have agreements with several countries. Therefore if someone has recently arrived from any of these countries and have made payment there, these may be counted towards the contribution conditions for benefit in Jersey.

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