



Torkard Hill
Medical Centre

Guide to Fees for Non NHS Charges

What is covered by the NHS and what is not?

The Government contract with the GPs covers medical services to NHS patients. Sometimes the only reason that a GP is asked to provide information is because they hold a position of trust in the community, or because an insurance company wants to be sure that the information provided to them is true and correct.

Isn't the NHS supposed to be free?

The NHS provides most health services to people free of charge, but there are some exceptions. Prescriptions charges have existed since 1951. Sometimes a charge is made because the service is not covered by the NHS, for example Medical Reports for Insurance Companies.

Why does it take so long for my GP to complete a form or report?

Time spent completing forms and preparing reports takes the GP away from the care of our NHS duties. Our GPs have a heavy workload – paperwork takes up an increasing amount of time.

I only need a doctor's signature – what is the problem?

When a doctor signs a certificate or report, it is a condition of the Medical Register that they only sign what they know to be true. In order to complete even the simplest of forms, the doctor might have to read a patient's entire medical record.

Please note there will generally be no charge for reports in relation to the following:

- Bankruptcy
- Coroners' post-mortem
- Council tax exemptions
- Death certificates
- Stillbirth certificates
- Notification of infectious diseases
- Paternity tests
- Professional evidence in court
- To establish unfitness for jury service
- Statutory certificates for the Department of Work and Pensions

Fees for non NHS Services	
General Letters – To Whom It May Concern	£30
Certificates and Forms	
Bus pass form	£10
Straightforward certificates of fact	£18
Private sick note (incapacity certificate) required by patient for presentation to an employer except for those which the doctor is obliged to provide for statutory sick pay purposes	£30
Accident or sickness insurance certificate	£30
Freedom from infection certificate eg school, travel or employment	£30
Private medical insurance or completion of a pre-treatment form	£30
Health club brief written report to certify that a patient is fit for exercise eg Parachute jump	£30
School fee eg Ofsted and holiday insurance certificates	£30
Medical Examinations and Reports	
Adoption Medical	£73.86
Medical Examination and report (includes pre-employment)	£90
Private patients medical consultation ½ hour	£133
HGV/PCV/LGV/Taxi medicals	£90
Elderly driver/Racing driver fitness certificate	£90
Fitness to attend school certificate	£90
Seat belt exemption	£90

Travel Abroad	
Private prescription required solely for purpose of travelling abroad	£20
Vaccination certificate	£20
Holiday cancellation form	£30
Fitness to travel form	£30
Hepatitis B vaccination course	£66
Rabies vaccination course	£150
Yellow fever vaccination	£60
Access to records under the Data Protection Act	
Computerised records	£10
Manual records/combined with computerised records	£50
Photocopying - 40 pence per side of A4 sheet	

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