

Children Are Prohibited from Using Get Sick Cert's Online Medical Certificates in Ireland?

In this press release, Get Sick Cert, the top online provider of sick certificates in Ireland, responds to frequently asked questions about why they don't permit children and minors to use their service for use at school or at sports academies.



Skibbereen, Cork Jun 1, 2023 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Get [Sick Cert](#) is one of the leading providers of [sick cert online in Ireland](#) particularly catering to busy employees and students to give them the convenience of obtaining a medical certificate without visiting a GP. The company works with Irish-certified doctors and a meticulously developed digital platform where users can quickly fill out their forms without confusion and generate the online certificate in a completely digital process within a few minutes, all from the comfort of their couch.

The system is overly straightforward and ensures acceptance by university administrators and

employers all across Ireland. However, it prohibits children under the age of 18 from using it to confirm absences due to illness in primary and post-primary school. There are several reasons behind this rule.

What Does Legal Responsibility Mean for Children Using Medical Certificate

In Ireland, online medical certificates are not appropriate for minors below the age of 18 because minors require the consent of a parent or legal guardian. Online medical certificate providers cannot verify the identity of the person seeking the certificate or confirm the authenticity of the parent or guardian's consent.

The Get Sick Cert platform also prohibits parents from using the online [medical cert](#) for a child because the online process cannot prevent children from using the system with their parent's credit card and phone number, without their knowledge.

How Duty of Care Applies to Kids Using Sick Cert Online in Ireland

The doctor's responsibility or duty of care gets more complicated when treating children and issuing an online medical certificate for sick leave. Because children don't handle or understand their healthcare data and hence, the doctor's duty of care poses a risk of inaccurate or unsuitable medical certificates.

Safety Concerns for And Suitability of Medical Certificates for Sports Events

Minors may occasionally need medical clearances to engage in sports or other physical activities. Internet service providers could issue a certificate that jeopardizes the minor's health and safety because they are unaware of the risks involved with these activities.

How Child Medical Certificates Work In Ireland

Online Doctors do not provide sick notes to school children or minors for missing school, exams, or any other class or curriculum. In Ireland, children aged up to 7 are entitled to free GP visits with the use of a medical card or GP visit card. Children must visit the GP in person, and undergo a physical examination to issue a medical certificate.

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