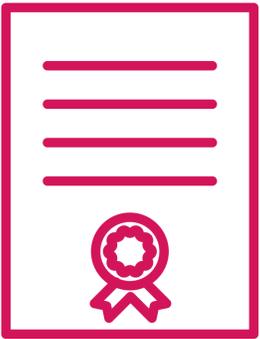
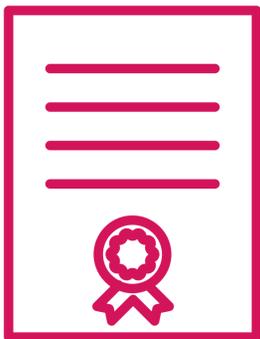


# Coronavirus: Do I need a medical certificate & how can I get one?



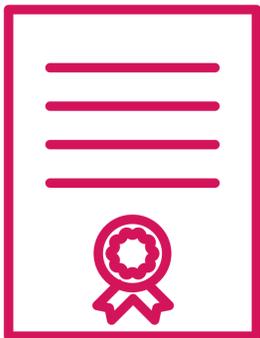
## 1). I have symptoms and am self isolating for 7 days

You can self-certify, so that you don't have to work. Your employer should not ask you for a medical certificate (or 'fit note') as proof you are not fit to work, No need to see/speak to GP.



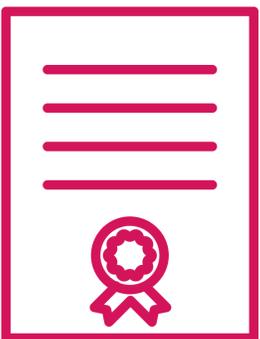
## 2). I still have symptoms/am unwell after 7 days

Your employer will want to see a medical certificate (or 'fit note'), if you're unwell for more than 7 days. If you're still unwell after 7 days with symptoms of coronavirus, you can visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/> where you can get a medical certificate.



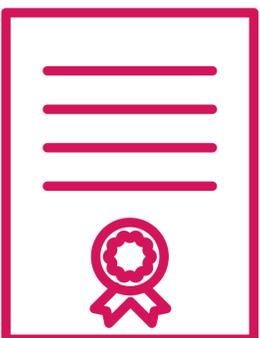
## 3). Someone in my household has symptoms so I'm isolating for 14 days as per government advice

GPs can only provide certificates for illness, not in relation to government advice regarding self-isolation. Employers are responsible for putting in place arrangements for home/remote working where this is possible. Where it is not, the employee may self-certify and return to work following the relevant absence which their employer may authorise as per government advice



## 4). I'm in the 'at risk' group, and am following government advice

If you are a 'vulnerable' patient, and received a letter from the government (or from your GP surgery or other medical professional) advising you to stay at home, then of course you must do so. Your employer should make arrangements for you to be able to work from home where appropriate, and you should NOT physically go in to work. If you are feeling unwell, then follow the instructions above in 1 and 2.



## 5). My child is at school as I'm a key worker, but is self-isolating, due to symptoms or household member's symptoms

There is no NHS requirement to issue certification to schools or colleges to confirm absence. These organisations must work with parents and students to ensure that any absence is appropriately recorded, obviating the need for a 'doctor's note'. You do not need to contact your child's GP.