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**Deputy Cahill ,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.**

**PQ 4166/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances under which an individual may reapply for a primary medical certificate following a past refusal; if a certain time period must lapse; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Jackie Cahill**

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Dear Deputy Cahill,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the above question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

In order to qualify for a Primary Medical Certificate, it is first necessary for the applicant to apply through their local Health Service Office for an assessment with a Senior Area Medical Officer. The Primary Medical Certificate document is issued by the HSE in order to confirm that the person concerned is severely and permanently disabled and one of the following applies: The person is completely *or* almost completely without the use of both legs.

Should a person be refused their application for a Primary Medical Certificate, they may appeal the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal a statutory independent body set up by the Department of Finance in 1990 to review individuals whose application for the Primary Medical Certificate is unsuccessful at local HSE level, this appeal should be lodged within 28 days. An applicant may also reapply for a Primary Medical Certificate via their local Health Service Office after a period of 6 months has lapsed provided there has been a significant change in their health status allowing them to qualify.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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