

# Claim for Blind Person's Tax Credit & Guide Dog Allowance



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The above can be obtained from your Certificate of Tax Credits

Tax year for which you are making a claim

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Do you have a certificate from an ophthalmic surgeon stating that you or your spouse have impaired vision to the extent that your central visual acuity does not exceed 6/60 in the better eye with correcting lenses or that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees?

Yes

No

Who are you claiming the Blind Person's Tax Credit for?

Self

Spouse

## Guide Dog Allowance

Number of Guide Dogs maintained

Do you have a letter from Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind (in respect of each dog maintained) confirming you are a registered owner?

Yes

No

If you wish to have any refund paid directly to your Irish bank account, please supply your bank account details below. See note overleaf regarding tax refunds.

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The Leaflet IT 35 on the Revenue website ([www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie)) provides further information on this relief

## Declaration which must be signed

I declare that all the particulars in this form are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

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Date

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Address

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Phone Number

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## Who can claim?

- An individual who is blind at any time during the tax year
- Married couples who are both blind, in which case the tax credit is doubled

Kindly note, the tax credit is not due in respect of children who are regarded as being blind. In such cases the Incapacitated Child Tax Credit can be claimed.

## Conditions for Claim

To qualify for the tax credit, you and/or your spouse must have impaired vision to the extent that:

Your central visual Acuity does not exceed 6/60 in the better eye with correcting lenses

or

That the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees

## Documents to be retained by you \*

- Certificate from an Ophthalmic Surgeon stating:

- The degree of blindness
- Whether the blindness is temporary or permanent.

*Note, a certificate from an optician or doctor will not suffice.*

- **Guide Dog**

A letter from Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind confirming that you and/or your spouse are a registered owner(s)

## Tax Refunds

If your claim is in respect of the **current tax year** an amended certificate of tax credits will be sent to you and your employer will pay any refund due directly to you.

If your claim is for a **previous tax year** or during a **period of unemployment**, any refund due will be sent directly to you by Revenue. Tax refunds can be paid by cheque or to your Irish bank account. It is not possible to make a refund directly to a foreign bank account.

\*You need not send in the above documents to Revenue with your claim. As your claim may be selected for future audit, you are requested to retain all documentation relating to this claim for a period of 6 years.