



**Oifig an Stiúrthoir Cúnta,
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Deputy Healy-Rae,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 29189/24 To ask the Minister for Health the number of people holding a valid primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Michael Healy-Rae

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 29189/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The role of the HSE is to undertake the assessment of applications for Primary Medical Certificates. The Certificates are issued under the remit of the Department of Finance, and therefore the HSE do not hold records in respect of the number of people who currently hold a Primary Medical Certificate.

Please see the data for the number of applications approved for Primary Medical Certificates in 2021 and subsequent years including year to date June 2024 which is the most up to date data available.

CHO Area	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate approved in 2021	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate approved in 2022	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate approved in 2023	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate approved in YTD June 2024
CHO 1	170	192	206	84
CHO 2	430	285	378	127
CHO 3	229	286	280	99
CHO 4	287	282	322	169
CHO 5	149	153	163	56
CHO 6	125	197	230	123
CHO 7	135	142	163	54
CHO 8	232	239	268	121
CHO 9	186	238	273	95
Total	1,943	2,014	2,283	928



I trust this is of assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seán McArt', written in a cursive style.

Seán McArt

General Manager

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