COVID-19 GOVERNMENT SUPPORT INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEES

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https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/4cf0e2-covid-19-coronavirus-information-for-employers-and-employees-test/

Please refer regularly to these websites as Government support is changing regularly.

This website provides the following information:

- Information for employees and the self-employed

- Information for employers

- How to apply for the Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment

- How to apply for Illness Benefit for Covid-19 absences from work

- Social Welfare Covid-19 Contacts

- Latest updates on Covid-19 from Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection

- Temporary Social Welfare Payment Details

INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEES

❖ **Employees and Self-employed Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment**

https://www.gov.ie/en/service/be74d3-covid-19-pandemic-unemployment-payment/

If you have lost your job due to Covid-19 you can apply for the Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment.

The payment has a one-page application form and will be paid for a period of 6 weeks at a flat rate payment. It is designed to deliver a social welfare payment to the unemployed and provide income security during the pandemic.

COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment Application Form

You can apply for this payment if you are an employee or self-employed.

The quickest way to apply for this payment is to apply through mywelfare.ie.

You can also fill out the PDF form attached here: https://www.gov.ie/en/service/be74d3-covid-19-pandemic-unemployment-payment/

Send the completed application form by Freepost to:

Freepost, PO Box 12896, Dublin 1

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You can request for an application form to be posted out to you. This email address is only for application forms. A form will be posted to you so please supply your name and address.

Email: forms@welfare.ie **Please note forms can only be posted to addresses in Ireland.**

For a step by step guide on how to apply for the pandemic unemployment payment and jobseekers allowance see here: https://www.gov.ie/en/service/be74d3-covid-19-pandemic-unemployment-payment/

DEASP Income Support Helpline for COVID-19

This helpline provides information on available income supports for people impacted by COVID-19. Our information team can advise on the most suitable income supports for your circumstances and provide information on how to make an application.

Phone:

012481398, 1890800024

Note: The rates charged for using 1890 (Lo-call) numbers may vary.

❖ **Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit**
If you have been diagnosed with Covid-19 or are medically certified to self-isolate as a result of Covid-19, you can apply for Illness Benefit for Covid-19 absences.

When a worker is told to self-isolate by a doctor or has been diagnosed with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) by a doctor, they can apply for an enhanced Illness Benefit payment of €350 per week.

To be eligible for this payment a person **must** be confined to their home or a medical facility.

You can apply for this payment if you are an employee or self-employed.

There are a number of steps that must be followed to apply for this payment, all details can be found here:

https://www.gov.ie/en/service/df55ae-how-to-apply-for-illness-benefit-for-covid-19-absences/

❖ **Employees who are laid off temporarily or put on to short time working (Covid-19)**
Employees who are laid off temporarily, without pay, due to a reduction in business activity, can apply for a COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment.

Full details of how to apply are available here:

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/00964f-people-who-are-laid-off-temporarily-or-put-on-to-short-time-working/

Alternatively you can apply for Jobseeker's Payments which can be made online at www.mywelfare.ie .

If you are put on a shorter working week or have had your hours cut due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you can apply for a Short Time Work Support.

❖ **If you are a student who has lost your job**

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a75c73-what-to-do-if-you-are-a-student-who-has-lost-your-job-because-of-cor/

If you are a student who has lost your job due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you can apply for the COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment.

Depending on your means, you may also be entitled to Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) Supplements

If you are a full-time student with a part-time job in the evenings or at weekends, you can get the Pandemic Unemployment Payment as you have lost work. But you cannot get a regular jobseeker's payment as you are not looking and available for full-time work.

❖ **If you are a casual worker on Xs and Os during COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**
If you are a casual worker who submits dockets for the days you are employed, you should continue to do so if you are still working.

If you are not working because of COVID-19, you should inform your local Intreo Centre that you are out of work – and you will get the full rate of jobseeker's payment.

You should not apply for any new payment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/5cc237-what-to-do-if-youre-a-casual-worker-on-xs-and-os-during-coronavirus/