

#### Department of Social Protection

Niall Lane Employer Relations Officer Central Operations Team



**Rialtas na hÉireann**Government of Ireland

#### Employer Relations – Who are we?



- Part of Ireland's public employment service Intreo, a single point of contact for all employment and income supports.
- 50 Employer Relations Officer (EROs) based around the country
- EROs work with employers to fill vacancies through the provision of supports and services

### Supports and Services

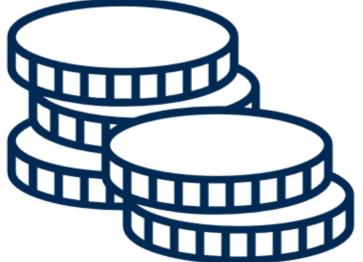




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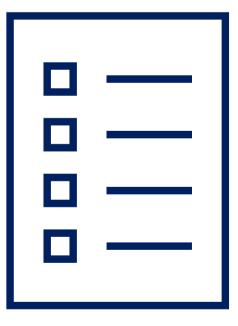
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# Recruitment and Job Matching



#### Recruitment



- Free service to the employer
- Tailored service for your business
- Vacancy advertising and promotion
- Multi-sector recruitment campaigns
- Local and online recruitment events
- Face-to-face interviews facilitated between employers and jobseekers





## Jobsireland – Advertising and Recruitment platform



- Online recruitment platform
- Free and easy to use
- Available 24/7
- Connect with thousands of Jobseekers
- www.jobsireland.ie



#### EURES -



#### Recruit and advertise your vacancies across Europe

- Free vacancy advertising across EU/EEA
- Online and tailored recruitment campaigns across EU/EEA
- Vacancies advertised on JobsIreland are also advertised on <u>www.eures.europa.eu</u>
- Visit <u>www.euresireland.ie</u>



### Job Matching

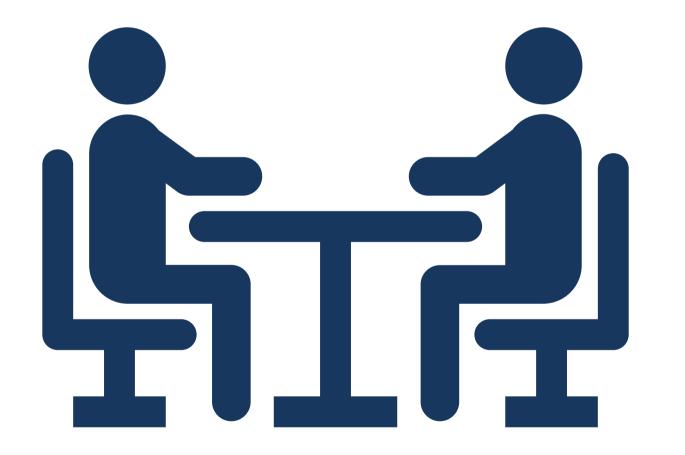


- Large and diverse jobseeker database
- Targeted communications
- Working with Employment Personal Advisors
- Vacancies sent directly to jobseekers inboxes



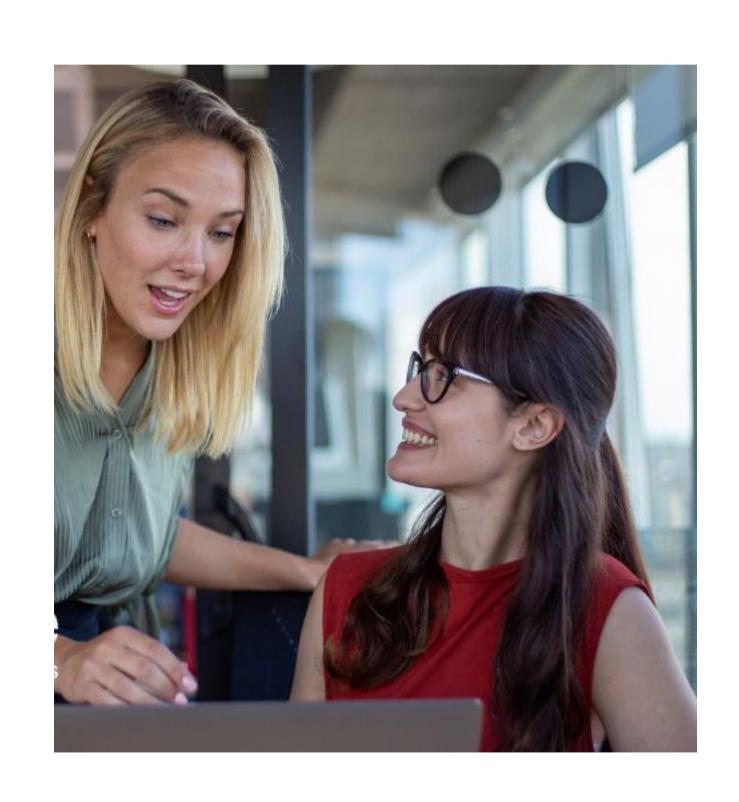


## Work Placement



## Work Placement Experience Programme WPEP





- 6-month work placement provided by the company
- Participant is mentored by the company while on placement
- Participant engages in formal accredited training while on placement
- No waiting period for DA recipients

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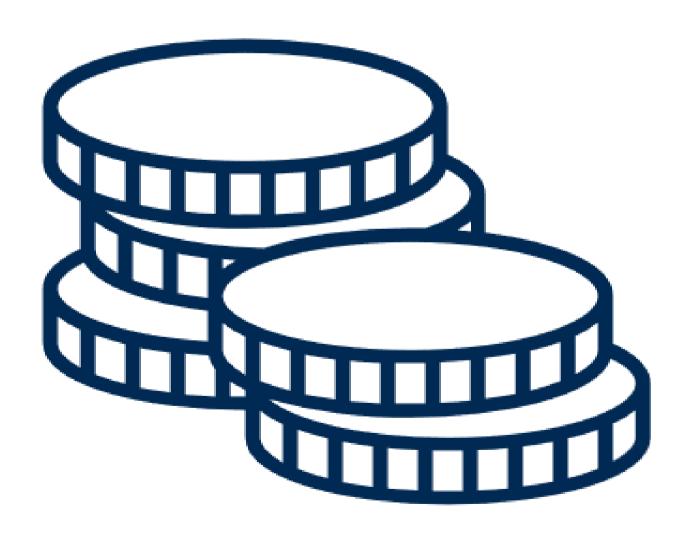


- Opportunity to engage new talent
- Access fresh thinking
- Capacity building for employer
- Staff development
- No financial cost to employer
- Identify future employees

www.gov.ie/wpep



# Financial Subsidies



### Jobsplus - Payroll Subsidy



- Jobsplus is paid to employers who hire unemployed eligible individuals
- Must be for at least 30 hours per week and for 4 out of 7 days every week
- Paid monthly to the employer over 18 months
- Two rates of €7,500 and €10,000 available
- Depends on age / period of unemployment
- Apply online <u>www.jobsplus.ie</u>

<b>JobsPlus</b>
Post Nua, Laghdú ar Chostas
New Jobs, Less Cost

Age	Period Unemployed	Rate of Payment
Less than 30 years	4 months over past 6 months	€7,500
30 to less than 50 years	12 months over past 18 months	€7,500
Under 50 years	24 months over past 30 months	€10,000
Over 50 years	12 months over past 18 months	€10,000



# Disability Supports



### Wage Subsidy Scheme



- The Wage Subsidy Scheme provides financial incentives to non-public sector employers to employ persons with a disability.
- Employees must work for a minimum of 15 hours per week
- Subsidy is paid for a maximum of 39 hours per week
- Rate starts at €6.30 per hour
- Additional funding available where 3+ employees are engaged on the

scheme

Learn more at gov.ie - Wage Subsidy Scheme

### Work and Access grants



#### **Employer supports:**

1. Workplace Needs Assessment\* €2,500

2. Workplace Adaptation €25,000

3. Disability Equality and Inclusion Training €20,000

#### **Employee supports:**

4. Communication Support Various Options

5. In-Work Support €12,500

6. Personal Reader €12,500

7. Work Equipment €12,000 x 2

gov.ie - Work and Access

<sup>\*</sup> Employee can also apply for the workplace needs assessment

#### **Employee Supports**

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Support	Purpose	Funding available
Workplace Needs Assessment	To identify the adjustments that can be made to the workplace to remove the barriers you experience in carrying out your work.	<b>Up to €2,500</b> for eligible costs to hire a specialist to conduct an assessment.
Communication Support	To provide an Irish Sign Language interpreter, lip-speaker, or other deaf interpreter to a D/deaf or hard of hearing person <i>or</i> other communication to support to people that have a disability or health condition that requires it.	Pre-interview support - 1 hour Interview support - 3 hours Induction support - 12 hours in first year Ongoing support - 24 hours annually Communication support for Workplace Needs Assessment - 10 hours Communication support for contact hours with a work coach, specialist(s) support or other support such as Lámh, if required - 30 hours annually

#### **Employee Supports**



Support	Purpose	Funding available
In-work Support	This is for a work coach, specialist, or other support worker to help a person with a disability carry out their job or take up a new role.	Up to €12,500 per year for a work coach, specialist(s) support or other support such as Lámh support and any training need requirement.
Personal Reader	If blind or visually impaired, this provides funding to hire a personal reader to help with work-related reading	<b>Up to €12,500</b> per year towards the cost of a Personal Reader.

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Support	Purpose	Funding available
Work Equipment	For assistive equipment or technology if needed to work at your business premises, remote working premises or both.	Up to €12,000 towards the cost of assistive equipment or technology for the business premises, including training, if specialist training for the equipment is required and up to €12,000 towards the cost of assistive equipment or technology for the remote-working premises, including training, if specialist training for the equipment is required.

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Workplace Adaptations	Covers the costs of necessary adaptations to equipment, technology, or a business premises (which is not a person's home)	Up to €25,000 towards the cost of adapting equipment, technology, and the business premises (which is not a person's home).
Disability Equality and Inclusion Training	There are three training options:  1. General disability equality and inclusion training for all staff  2. Disability-specific training  3. Inclusive recruitment and training for managers.	Up to €20,000 a year to employers for eligible training costs  * 90% of eligible costs for courses certified by nationally recognised governing bodies  * 80% of eligible costs otherwise

### Application Steps



Step 1

Application

- App Form
- Quote(s)
- Supplier Setup

Step 2

Approval

FundsApprovedLetter

Step 3

Payment

- Claim Form
- Invoices
- Receipts

#### Other Potential Steps

- Approval in Principle
- Request for further documentation
- Workplace Needs Assessment
- Final Approval or Refusal
- Right to review
- Multiple Quotes





#### Application Submission



Application forms can be printed, filled out, and submitted by free post to:

Work and Access, DSP

Government Buildings

Dundalk

PO Box 13736

Freepost FDN7696

Co Louth A91PP5W

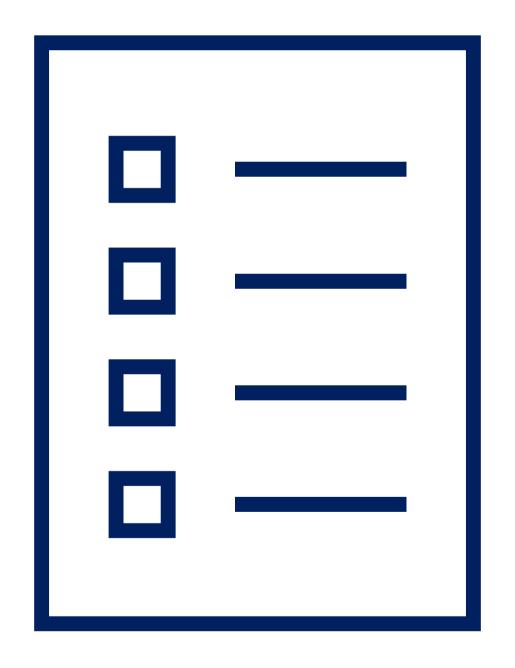
Applications may be emailed workandaccess@welfare.ie, however they must

Be accompanied by a posted hardcopy. Work is currently underway to

Release a PDF that can be filled in and submitted online.

## The Employment and Youth Engagement Charter







#### The Employment and Youth Engagement Charter









- Become a Charter Champion
- Provide opportunities for young unemployed persons and other priority groups
- Join a community of inclusive employers
- Develop Diversity in your business
- Employment and Youth Engagement Charter





- gov.ie Intreo the Irish public employment service
- gov.ie Intreo for Employers
- Email employer@welfare.ie

Thank you