

Employment Support Scheme (ESS)

- Administered by FAS
- Employee in receipt of social welfare
- Minimum 20 hours per week work
- 50% - 80% of average work performance required
- Lose Social Welfare Payment
- Retain secondary benefits & medical card for one year.
- Cannot avail of any other schemes/ benefits including BTWA or National Programme of Supported Employment

Back To Work Allowance

- Paid on reducing scale over 3 year period
- On DA, BPP or IP for at least 15 months (over 50 years 12 months) or Disability Benefit for at least 3 years.
- Job likely to be lasting
- Minimum 20 hours per week
- At least minimum wage
- Retain a percentage of social welfare payment
Year 1 – 75% of benefits
Year 2 – 50% of benefits
Year 3 – 25% of benefits
- Retain Medical Card for 3 years
- Retain secondary benefits subject to income limit.
(Reduced Rent allowance for up to 4 years)

Contact List

Employment Support Service,
Department of Social & Family Affairs,
P.O. Box 3840
Dublin 2.
Telephone: 01 7943165

Exemptions to Work

Disability Allowance/ Invalidation Pension:
Social Welfare Services Office
Balinallee Road
Co. Longford.
Telephone: 043 45211 or 01 874 8444

Disability Benefit:
Disability Benefit Section
Aras Mhic Dhiarmada
Store Street
Dublin 1
Telephone: 01 679 7777

Blind Person's Pension:
Pension Services
College Road
Sligo
Telephone: 071 91 69800 or 01 874 8444

List of Sheltered/Supported Employment Services

Ballyraine TC
Industrial Estate
Letterkenny
Co Donegal
(074) 91 21323

Green Leaf Garden Centre
St Conal's Hospital
Letterkenny
Co Donegal
(074) 91 27336

TACA TC
Unit 6 Industrial Est
Derrybeg, Gweedore
Co Donegal
(074) 95 32611

Ballytivnan TC
Ballytivnan
Sligo
Co Sligo
(071) 91 43214

NTDI
Letterkenny Road
Lifford
Co Donegal
(074) 91 41430

Donegal Cheshire Apts
Long Lane
Letterkenny
Co Donegal
(074) 91 27678

Employment Response
North West
Comhairle Building
Strandhill Road
Sligo
(071) 91 53222

Advocacy for Personal Potential
(A.P.P.)
Chapel Street
Ballyshannon
Co. Donegal
087 237 6747

Kilmacrennan Road TC
Kilmacrennan Road
Letterkenny
Co Donegal
(074) 91 22033

Gweedore TC
Industrial Estate
Derrybeg
Co Donegal
(074) 95 31300

Cleary TC
Drumlonagher
Donegal Town
Co Donegal
(074) 97 22910

Donegal Cheese
Lisfannon Industrial Est
Buncrana
Co Donegal
(074) 93 63690

NTDI
Bridge Street
Sligo
Co Sligo
(071) 91 45391

Dochas Clubhouse
Millbrook
John F Kennedy Parade
Sligo
(071) 91 40283

Worklink North West
4a Pearse Road
Letterkenny
Co Donegal
(074) 91 28872
(074) 93 64144 (Buncrana)
(074) 95 61024 (Dungloe)

Training, Work,
Employment Support
Services (NWHB)
Ballyraine Road
Letterkenny
(074) 91 27309

Whilst the IASE North West Branch have tried to ensure that all information is correct, this leaflet is intended as a guide only
For further information contact your local Social Welfare Office or your local Citizens Information Centre

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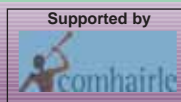
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Benefits Information Leaflet 2005



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A person with an illness/disability may be entitled to an allowance paid by the Department of Social & Family Affairs.

The following are allowances available to them: *(This leaflet could be subject to change in December Budget, 2005, or any changes to minimum wage.)*

	Benefit Name	Who is eligible?	Number of Hours a person can work and retain all benefit?	Amount earned before benefit is reduced	Pay & PRSI <small>(All Employees should apply for a certificate of tax credits from their local tax office)</small>	Secondary Benefits	Example: <small>20 hours per week on €7.00/hour minimum wage before tax deductions for someone claiming personal rate only of social welfare payment.</small>
	Disability Allowance €148.80 per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid in recognition of difficulty obtaining employment due to long term illness/disability. • Means tested • Full DA restored if employment ceases 	No limit but work must be classed rehabilitative and Social Welfare notified	€120.00 per week	<p>This benefit is not taxable.</p> <p>But earnings from rehabilitative employment are subject to usual PRSI and income tax deductions.</p>	<p>You <u>are</u> entitled to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Travel <p>You <u>may</u> be entitled to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent Allowance • Free Electricity • Free Coloured TV Licence • Fuel Allowance • Living Alone Allowance • Medical Card 	<p>Earnings: €140.00 DA: <u>€128.80</u></p> <p>Total: <u>€268.80</u></p> <p><i>The example deducts €20.00 from your DA as an income limit of €120.00 earnings applies.</i></p>
	Disability Benefit €148.80 per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to work due to illness/disability • Sufficient PRSI contributions • Payable for up to one year initially, longer if sufficient PRSI contributions 	Approved rehabilitative work to a maximum of 20 hours per week. Exemption certified for 1 year. (Must be on DB for at least 6 months)	No Income limit	This benefit and earnings are taxable	<p>You <u>may</u> be entitled to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent Allowance • Medical Card 	<p>Earnings: €140.00 DB: <u>€148.80</u></p> <p>Total: <u>€288.80</u></p>
	Invalidity Pension €154.30 per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanently unable to work due to illness/disability (Following one year on DB) 1st claim • Sufficient PRSI contributions 	Approved rehabilitative work to a maximum of 20 hours per week. Exemption certified for up to one year. A further exemption can be applied for.	No income limit	This benefit and earnings are taxable	<p>You <u>are</u> entitled to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Travel <p>You <u>may</u> be entitled to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent Allowance • Free Electricity • Free Coloured TV Licence • Fuel Allowance • Living Alone Allowance • Medical Card 	<p>Earnings: €140.00 IP: <u>€154.30</u></p> <p>Total: <u>€294.30</u></p>
	Blind Person's Pension €148.80 per week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visually impaired • Means tested • Full BPP restored if employment ceases 	No limit but work must be classed rehabilitative and Social Welfare notified.	€120.00 per week	This benefit is taxable but you are entitled to extra tax-free allowances over and above the norm. Earnings are taxable.	<p>You <u>are</u> entitled to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Travel <p>You <u>may</u> be entitled to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent Allowance • Free Electricity • Free Coloured TV Licence • Fuel Allowance • Living Alone Allowance • Medical Card 	<p>Earnings: €140.00 BPP: <u>€128.80</u></p> <p>Total: <u>€268.80</u></p> <p><i>The example deducts €20.00 from your BPP as an income limit of €120.00 applies</i></p>