

Financial Guideline P24 - 2019-2020

Update from the Revenue Commissioners New Employment Wage Support Scheme - COVID-19 Payments

1. New Employment Wage Support Scheme Update

A new Employment Wage Support Scheme (EWSS) will run in parallel to the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS) from 31 July as announced by the Government. The new EWSS is set to succeed the TWSS from 1 September and continue to the end of March 2021. Please see [Financial Guideline P15 - 2019/2020](#) - P15 for further information on TWSS.

The EWSS will require boards of management to reassess their eligibility for wage support. Therefore to avail of the scheme a board must be able to provide details of the income stream/separate business unit. This income stream must have fallen by 30 per cent for the period July to December 2020, compared to the same period last year to be eligible.

Under the EWSS boards will receive a flat-rate subsidy of up to €203 or €151.50 per employee, per week, depending on the employee's gross weekly pay. A subsidy will not be available for employee's whose gross weekly earnings are less than €151.50 or greater than €1,462.

Further information on the EWSS will be issued shortly. For general issues relating to both schemes, boards should contact Revenue's National Employer Helpdesk via the myEnquiries system.

- 2. Update on COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates until April 2021.** The COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment will be in place until April 2021. Payment rates will change further on the 17 September 2020, 1 February 2021 and on 1 April 2021.

Rate Changes from 17 September 2020

From 17 September 2020 until 31 January the Pandemic Unemployment Payment will be paid at 3 rates. The rate received will depend on the amount the employee used to get paid:

- employees earning less than €200 per week - the rate of the COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment will be €203 per week
- employees earning between €200 and €300 per week - the rate of the COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment will be €250 per week
- employees earning over €300 per week - you will receive €300 per week

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