

Farm Assist

Farm Assist is a means-tested payment for low-income farmers. It is like Jobseeker's Allowance but has a more generous means test. You do not need to be available for work to qualify for the scheme.

What is the rate of payment?

Farm Assist Rates 2020

Maximum weekly personal rate	Increase for an adult dependant	Increase for a child dependant
€203	€134.70	From January 2021
		Child under 12 years of age €38.00 (full-rate)
		Child aged 12 and over €45.00 (full-rate)

Who can apply?

To qualify for Farm Assist, you must:

- Be a farmer in the State
- Be aged between 18 and 66
- Pass a means test

There is also a similar payment for fishermen and women called [Fish Assist](#).

How do I apply?

Visit your local [Social Welfare office or Intreo Centre](#) to complete and submit the FARM 1 form.

OR

Visit the [Department of Social Protection](#) website to download the FARM 1 form. You can return it to your local Social Welfare office or Intreo Centre.

After you apply for Farm Assist, a social welfare inspector will meet with you. They will ask to see proof of income and expenses. This could include accounts prepared for tax purposes, creamery returns, sale of produce, etc. Costs such as rents, depreciation, labour and necessities like feed or fertiliser will also be assessed.

The information above is an overview of Farm Assist

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For detailed information, applicants are advised to:

- Visit [Citizens Information](#) online
- Call Citizens Information on 0761 07 4000 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 8pm
- Visit your local [Citizens Information](#) office
- Call our Cancer Support Line on 1800 200 700 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm