

Jobseeker's Allowance

If you are unemployed, you can apply for either Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's Benefit.

- Jobseeker's Allowance is a weekly, means-tested payment for unemployed people from the Department of Social Protection.

What is the rate of payment?

Jobseeker's Allowance rates 2021

Age	Maximum personal rate	Increase for an adult dependant	Increase for a child dependant From 6 January
Aged 25 and over	€203	€134.70	Child aged under 12
Aged 18-24 and living independently*	€203	€134.70	€38 (full-rate), €19 (half-rate) Child aged 12 and over
Aged 18-24 and not living independently	€112.70	€112.70	€45 (full-rate), €22.50 (half-rate) People aged 18-24 with children qualify for the maximum personal rate €203

If you are getting Jobseeker's Allowance, you may also be entitled to:

- Rent Supplement
- Fuel Allowance
- Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance
- Medical Card

Who can apply?

To qualify for Jobseeker's Allowance, you must:

- Be aged between 18 and 66
- Be fully unemployed (or work for 3 days a week or less)
- Be capable of work, available for work and genuinely seeking work
- Pass the means test
- Meet the habitual residence condition – this means that you have lived in Ireland for some time and intend to stay in Ireland for the foreseeable future

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How do I apply?

You should apply for Jobseeker's Allowance the first day you become unemployed.

Apply online at www.mywelfare.ie

Or

Visit your local [Intreo Centre or Social Welfare](#) office to complete and submit the JA (UP1) application form.

The information above is an overview of Jobseekers Allowance

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 Freephone 1800 200 700 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm