

Working Family Payment

Working Family Payment (WFP) (formerly known as Family Income Supplement) gives extra financial support to employees on low pay who have children. It is a weekly tax-free payment from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

What is the rate of payment?

The Working Family Payment you receive is 60% of the difference between your average weekly family income and the income limit that applies to your family.

If you are married, in a civil partnership or cohabiting, the combined financial income of both people is taken into account.

Who can apply?

If you have children and you or a family member has cancer and are receiving low pay, you may be eligible for WFP.

You must be an employee to qualify for WFP and you cannot qualify if you are self-employed.

You must be working 38 hours or more per fortnight. You can combine hours worked with your spouse or partner to meet this condition.

To qualify, your weekly income must be below a certain amount for your family size:

If you have	And your weekly family income is less than
1 child	€ 531
2 children	€ 632
3 children	€ 733
4 children	€ 834
5 children	€ 960
6 children	€ 1,076
7 children	€ 1,212
8 or more children	€ 1,308

Marie and Donal have four children. Donal has been diagnosed with cancer and has had to cut back on work. Marie works part-time in a shop. Their income has fallen to €600 per week after tax, PRSI and USC. As their income is under the weekly income limit for a family with four children, they can apply for the Working Family Payment. They may qualify for 60% of the difference between their income of €600 and the income limit of €834, which would be a payment €140.40 per week.

We won't give up until cancer does



How do I apply?

Visit your local [Social Welfare or Intreo office](#) to complete and submit an application

OR

Fill out Form WFP1, which you can download from the [Department of Social Protection website](#).

Send your completed application form along with relevant supporting documentation to:

WFP Renewal Section
Government Buildings
Ballinalee Road
Longford, N39 E4E0

The information above is an overview of the Working Family Payment

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
- Contact your Medical Social Worker