

## Jobseeker's Benefit

If you are unemployed, you may be paid either Jobseeker's Benefit or Jobseeker's Allowance.

**Jobseeker's Benefit** is a weekly payment for people who are out of work and covered by social insurance (PRSI).

**Jobseeker's Benefit (Self-employed)** gives income support to self-employed people who are no longer engaged in self-employment.

## What is the rate of payment?

Jobseeker's Benefit weekly rate

Average weekly earnings	Maximum personal rate	Increase for an adult dependant	Increase for a child dependant From 6 January 2020
Less than €150	€91.10	€87.20	Child aged under 12 €38 (full rate), €19 (half rate)
€150 - €219.99	€131.00		
€220 - €299.99	€159.00		
€300 or more	€203	€134.70	Child aged 12 and over €45 (full rate), €22.50 (half rate)

You may also be entitled to:

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

## Who can apply?

To qualify for Jobseeker's Benefit, you must:

- Be aged under 66
- Be fully unemployed or unemployed for at least 4 days out of 7
- Be capable of work, available for work and genuinely seeking work
- Pay Class A, H or P PRSI contributions
- [Have enough social insurance \(PRSI\) contributions](#)

## How do I apply?

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

You can apply online at [www.mywelfare.ie](http://www.mywelfare.ie)

Or

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You can also visit your local [Intreo Centre or Social Welfare](#) office to complete and submit a UP1 application form.

The information above is an overview of Jobseekers Benefit

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