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Factsheet for case **IE-2020-11/782**

## COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment

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Country	Ireland, applies nationwide
Time period	Open ended, started on 13 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income support to workers and those laid off – Income support for unemployed
Case created	25 April 2020

### Background Information

The Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment is an emergency payment of €350 per week introduced by the Government for a 12 week period and intended to compensate those workers whose employers cannot retain them on their payroll. The payment will also be made to people who are self-employed but whose trade has temporarily ceased.

You are eligible to apply for the Pandemic Unemployment Payment if  
 You were in employment or self-employment immediately before Friday 13 March, and  
 You have been temporarily laid-off from work or asked to stay at home from work, and  
 Your employer is not in a position to retain you on their payroll, and  
 You are not in receipt of any employment income and  
 Are between 18 and 66 years of age

### Content of measure

The COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment is a payment of €350 per week. It is available to employees and the self-employed who have lost their job on (or after) March 13 due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

The COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment will be in place for the duration of the crisis.

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## Use of measure

On 14 April the Irish Times reported: There are now 533,000 people receiving the Government's special Covid-19 unemployment payment of €350 a week.

## Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Social insurance	self-employed unemployed	National funds

## Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Direct consultation

The €350 a week Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment can also be claimed by self-employed people affected by the crisis and this was welcomed by the Small Firms Association director Sven Spollen-Behrens who said this was important as self-employed people were “experiencing a significant loss of income”.

## Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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