



Intreo



Department of Social Protection

Employer Relations Service
Disability Supports



Rialtas na hÉireann
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Intreo – Who are we?



- Ireland's public employment service, Intreo is a single point of contact for all employment and income supports.
- Employment Personal Advisors (EPAs) and Employer Relations Officer (EROs) based around the country
- 62 EPAs and 6 EROs dedicated to disability employment
- [List of Designated Disability Employment Personal Advisors](#)



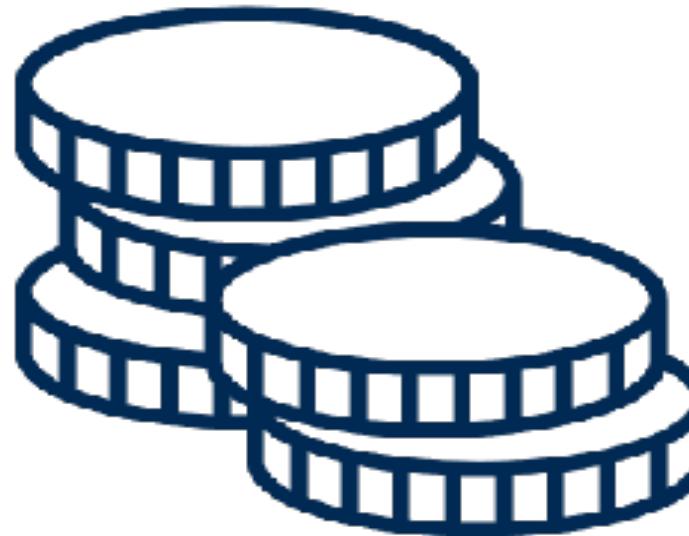
Supports and Services



Recruitment



Work Placement



Financial Subsidies



Disability Supports

Recruitment Events



- Multi-sector recruitment campaigns
- Recruitment events organised locally and online
- Face-to-face interviews facilitated between employers and jobseekers
- Free service to jobseekers and employers





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- Careers Fairs
- Recruitment Events
- Information Workshops
- Opportunity for employers and jobseekers to meet in one location

Employability Services

- National service dedicated to improving employment outcomes for jobseekers with disabilities
- For jobseekers closer to the labour market / “work ready”

Workability

- Funds 57 local, regional and national projects which provide pathways into employment for people with disabilities.
- For people who want to work but need further skills / training to do so



Work Placement Experience Programme - WPEP



- 6-month work placement provided by the company
- Participant is mentored by the company while on placement
- Participant engages in formal accredited training while on placement
- No waiting period for DA recipients



Work Placement Experience Programme - WPEP



- Opportunity to engage new talent
- Access fresh thinking
- Capacity building for employer
- Staff development
- No financial cost to employer
- Identify future employees
- www.gov.ie/wpep



Wage Subsidy Scheme



- Financial incentive to employ persons with a disability
- Employer must be non-public sector employer
- Rate starts at **€6.30 per hour**
- Employees must work for a **minimum of 15 hours** per week
- Subsidy is paid for a **maximum of 39 hours** per week
- **Additional funding** where 3+ employees are on the scheme
- Learn more at gov.ie - Wage Subsidy Scheme



WSS – 2026 Budget Updates



Number of employees On WSS	Percentage increase	Subsidy rate per hour (April 2026)
1 to 6	N/A	€7.50
7 to 16	13% increase	€8.50
17 +	33% increase	€10.00

Scheme Extension

Wage Subsidy Scheme will be extended from January 2026 to more people who acquire a disability.





“The level of support needed by the individual must be rigorously assessed in advance of participating in education, work or volunteering: evidence suggests that one to one support is almost always necessary.”

HSE National Disability Operations
Community Services & Prader-Willi
Syndrome Association of Ireland, 2023

Disability Supports - Work and Access



	Support Type	Grant Amount
1	Workplace Needs Assessment	€2,500
2	Communication Support	Varies
3	Personal Reader	€12,500
4	In-Work Support	€12,500
5	Work Equipment	€12,000 x 2
6	Workplace Adaptation	€25,000
7	Disability Awareness Training	€20,000

More Information



- [gov.ie - Intreo - the Irish public employment service](http://gov.ie)
- [gov.ie - Intreo for Employers](http://gov.ie)
- [Wage Subsidy Scheme](#)
- [Work and Access Page](#)
- Email - employer@welfare.ie

Thank you