

## **Assistance for Employees**

The Illness Benefit scheme is for an employee or self-employed person who has been told to self-isolate by a doctor or the HSE. An employee or self-employed person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 by a doctor. An employee must be absent from work and confined to their home or a medical facility.

The payment for this scheme is €350 per week for a maximum of 2 weeks where a person is self-isolating and up to a maximum of 10 weeks if a person has been diagnosed with COVID-19. (If a person has been certified for less than 10 weeks, they will be paid for the duration of their certificate.) The usual 6 day waiting period before an employee can receive illness benefit does not apply.

The COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment is a flat rate of €350 per week. You can apply if you are aged between 18 and 66 years old and live in the Republic of Ireland, have lost your job due to the COVID-19 pandemic or are self-employed and have ceased trading due to the pandemic.

If you are an employee and have lost your job have been temporarily laid off or have been asked to stay at home and are not getting any money from an employer. The payment also applies to non-EU/EEA workers who have lost employment due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

The Minister for Finance has announced that this payment will continue beyond its original end date of mid-June, but that the level of payment may change.

Short term work support is an income support payment for employees who have been temporarily placed on a shorter working week. The payment is made in respect of employees' regular salary for the days that they are no longer working.

To qualify for Short Time Work Support, employees must be temporarily working a standard reduced weekly work pattern, working 3 days or less per week having previously worked fulltime, be under 66 years of age, be capable of work and be available for full-time work and have enough paid or credited social insurance (PRSI) contributions at class A, H, S or P.

The rate of payment will depend on an employee's average weekly earnings in the governing contribution year and the change in the employee's work pattern. Employees may also get an increased rate of payment for a qualified adult and for qualified children. Short Time Work Support is not taxable.