



## ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Age	Category	Continuous Signing for	Participation	Any combination of the following benefits may count towards eligibility	Note
25-65	PTI	52 weeks	1 year duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jobseekers Benefit (JB)</li> <li>• One Parent Family Payment (OPFP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jobseekers Allowance (JA)</li> <li>• Deserted Wife's Benefit (DWB)</li> </ul>
35-55	PTJ	3 years or 156 weeks	Maximum 3 year duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Widows/Widowers Contributory Pension</li> <li>• Widows/Widowers Non-Contributory Pension</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm Assist (FA)</li> </ul>
55+	PTJ	3 years or 156 weeks	Maximum period of 6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time spent in receipt of Carer's Allowance can also count towards eligibility period, but caring responsibilities must have ceased and the person must be currently in receipt of either JA, JB or OPFP</li> <li>• Time spent on a recognised training course or in prison <u>may count</u> towards qualifying period for eligibility.</li> <li>• Time spent on Rural Social Scheme (RSS), Springboard, JobBridge or Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) <u>will not</u> count towards qualifying period for eligibility to CE. (BTEA – except if Level 4/5)</li> <li>• Time spent on CE will not count towards qualifying period for eligibility for <b>new entrants only with effect from 08.10.12</b></li> <li>• <b>Tus participants who have completed 52 wks can progress onto CE for a maximum of 1 year (agreed progression plan)</b></li> <li>• <b>Casual Signing – must have 312 days with a max of 30 days unpaid. Casual Category eligible.</b></li> </ul>	

## ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

Age	Category	Participation	Currently in receipt of any of the following payments	Note New Entrants recruited after 16.01.12
18-35	Disability	1 year duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability Allowance</li> <li>• Blind Pension</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Entrants will receive their current DSP rate plus a top up of €20.00.</li> </ul>
35-55	Disability	4 years duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invalidity Pension*</li> <li>• Illness Benefit for 6 months or more*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They will no longer receive a disability payment from DSP while participating on CE</li> </ul>
55+	Disability	7 years duration	<p>*DSP must grant a written 12 month exemption from the rules of behaviour before the recipient is allowed to recommence employment. Participants who commenced after 16/01/12 do not require an exemption. <b>Dual payments end Dec 2014</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Time spent on CE qualifying disability related payment (no breaks) can count towards the 12 month period</b></li> </ul>

PTI = Part Time Integration Option (participants 25 or over signing for social welfare payment for one year only)

PTJ = Part Time Job Option (participants 35 or over signing for social welfare payment for three years or longer)

<b>Keyworker</b>	Only applies to Part Time Integration Option (25-65) . 10% of participants on PTI may be re-engaged for a max of 12 mths
<b>Continuous Signing</b>	PTI - Maximum 30 day break allowed (must achieve 312 days) PTJ – Maximum 30 day breaks in each of the 3 qualifying years prior to application are allowed
<b>Progression</b>	Progression from CE to any of these programmes - Rural Social Scheme (RSS), Springboard, JobBridge or Back to Education Allowance is considered a suitable and valid progression. TUS is excluded from this.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT – TRAVELLER, REFUGEE, DRUG REHAB, EX OFFENDER

Age	Category	Continuous Signing for	Currently in receipt of any of the following payments	Note
18+	Traveller	Any Period	Jobseekers Benefit or Jobseekers Allowance	Maximum duration 18-55 – 3 years, 55+ will get 6 years
18+	Traveller	One Year+	One Parent Family Payment	
18+	Refugee	Any Period	Any Payment	Must have Green Card or Garda Reg Cert Stamp 4.
18+	Drug Rehabilitation	Evidence of an appropriate referral following an assessment of the applicant attending a recognised addiction support service within the last year within the context of the National Rehabilitation Framework of care and case management		This includes HSE addiction services and treatment centres, GPs and other relevant statutory, community and voluntary support services. Ref: DSP 9 Point Agreement – Appendix 11
18-35+	Ex Offenders	No Period	Referred by Probation Services, IASIO Services, Linkage Service, Gate Service, Resettlement Service & Irish Prison Service. Prisoners released on Temporary Release are considered eligible for application	
18+	Ex Offenders	One Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jobseekers Allowance</li> <li>• Job Seekers Benefit</li> </ul>	Time served as prisoner is regarded as reckonable when considering duration unemployed
18+	Ex Offender	No Period	Referred by Probation Service	
18+	Island Inhab.	No Period	Persons inhabiting Offshore Islands	

### ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT – SPOUSAL SWAP

Age	Category	Continuous Signing for	Currently in receipt of any of the following payments	Note
25+	Spousal Swap & Qualified Adult Dependant	As per CE Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jobseekers Allowance</li> <li>• Jobseekers Benefit</li> <li>• Farm Assist Criteria</li> </ul> <p>The applicant and their dependant exchanging places. The dependant inherits the age/entitlements ensuring no losses are incurred in their relative entitlements as a result of this exchange</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•If you qualify, but do not wish to join CE, you may transfer eligibility to your spouse. •Qualified Adult Dependants of persons with a disability payment are ineligible for spousal swap. •Persons engaged on Tus, Rural Social Scheme (RSS), Springboard, JobBridge or Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) <u>may not</u> avail of Spousal Swap option for the duration of their own programme.</li> </ul>

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