

Employment Activation Programme

South Kerry Skillnet has received funding from Skillnet Ireland for training courses through the Employment Activation Programme (EAP) initiative in 2018. The EAP is a 100% government funded initiative aimed solely at training unemployed people. It provides skills which are in demand by industry, combined with direct access to employers through securing a work placement.

The network will roll out a number of courses with EAP funds in 2018

All courses funded under the EAP are free for job-seekers, but will require upto **5 day work placement**.

The following rules apply to funding for job-seekers:

- Unemployed trainees will not be charged programme fees or any other costs associated with training participation
- Unemployed trainees cannot be paid any training-related allowance by a network, member company or referral agency eg. Turas Nua or Local Employment Services
- Organisations referring unemployed clients to networks eg. Turas Nua or Local Employment Services cannot contribute funding to any network
- Interns on Tús cannot partake in EAP training as priority for these courses are for those who are not currently engaged in a labour market activation programme.

Eligibility Criteria

Please read the eligibility criteria below to determine if you are eligible to participate in our training for people who are seeking employment.

Eligible Individuals who are Welfare Payment Recipients

Unemployed people with an entitlement to a Jobseekers Allowance (JA) or Jobseekers Benefit (JB) payment from the Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection (DEASP) may retain such payments subject to the Back to Education criteria of that Department.

People in receipt of other forms of income support from DEASP may retain such payments subject to the Back to Education criteria of that Department. Other forms of income support include:

- Disability Allowance
- Blind Pension
- Invalidity Pension
- Illness Benefit
- Supplementary Welfare Allowance
- Adult Dependants

- One Parent Family Payment
- Back-to-Work Allowance
- Back-to-Work Enterprise Allowance
- Short-term Enterprise Allowance
- Farm Assist
- Rural Social Scheme

Eligible Individuals who are not Welfare Payment Recipients

Individuals who are not in receipt of a welfare payment from DEASP and whose circumstances are described below are eligible to participate.

- Former sole traders and business owners
- Recent graduates who are unemployed
- Homemakers
- Retirees seeking to return to the workplace
- Individuals who fail to qualify for social welfare payments because of a spouse's income
- Individuals signing on for credits but in receipt of no social welfare payment
- Individuals who have recently accepted redundancy payments
- Non-European Economic Area (EEA) nationals holding immigration Stamp 4

Availability: The network operates a "first-come, first-served" basis for all course bookings in relation to job seeker places, but are subject to acceptance. If the course you want to attend is full you will be added to the waiting list. Preference will be given to candidates who have not already taken part in training with the network though-out the year in the interest of fairness to everyone.