

## Financial Guideline P12 - 2019-2020

### Employer COVID-19 Refund Scheme

#### Introduction

1. The Employer COVID-19 Refund Scheme applies where the employer lays off employees on a temporary basis.
2. Under the Scheme, the employer processes a payment of €203 per week to the employee as a non-taxable amount through payroll. Revenue will then credit the employer with the €203, normally on the next banking day.
3. The scheme does not allow employers to make top-up payments. Where an employer pays more than €203, the scheme will not apply, and the employer will not be reimbursed €203 per employee.
4. DEASP has asked Revenue to highlight that employees without dependents are encouraged not to apply for Jobseeker Benefit unless their employer is not able to operate this scheme.
5. Employees with adult or child dependents should claim the standard Jobseeker Benefit by applying to the DEASP at [www.welfare.ie](http://www.welfare.ie).
6. Links to the guidance are available [here](#).

#### Important points to note:

- ***Payments to DES Grant Aided staff should continue as normal up to March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as per the DES instruction DES CL 0020/2020.***
- ***Where possible, payments to all staff should continue as normal for the school closure period up to March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.***

## **Who does the scheme apply to?**

1. Employers who have temporarily laid off staff as a result of the impact on their business of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.
2. Employers that keep their staff on payroll and have not ceased the employee(s) with Revenue.
3. Employees for whom a payroll submission was made by the employer in the period from 1st February 2020 to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
4. Employers that are unable to make top-up payments over and above the emergency payment of €203 per week.

## **Making an application for the Refund Scheme**

Employers, or their agents, apply to Revenue to operate the scheme by carrying out the following steps:

1. Log on to ROS myEnquiries and select the category 'Employer COVID -19 Refund Scheme'.
2. Read the declaration and press the 'Submit' button.
3. Log on to ROS and in 'Manage bank accounts', 'Manage EFT', ensure that the bank account details provided are correct.

## **Running the payroll**

1. The employer runs the payroll as normal, entering the following details for each relevant employee:
  - PRSI Class set to J9
  - A pay amount of €0.01 (there must be some pay entered for the payroll to run)
  - A non-taxable amount of €203. No other payment amounts are made by the employer to the employee and all temporarily laid off employees are granted the €203.
  - The payroll submission must include pay frequency and period number.
2. No other payments are made by the employer to the employee for the applicable week(s) and all temporarily laid off employees receive the €203 per week.
3. Income tax, USC and PRSI are not deducted from the €203 payment.
4. Any Income Tax and USC refunds that arise as a result of the application of tax credits and rate bands can be repaid by the employer and this amount will also be refunded to the employer.

5. The employee must confirm to the employer that they have not, and will not, claim a payment from DEASP whilst the employer makes this payment through the payroll.
6. Where employees have already been laid off and their employer has ceased their employment, they can apply directly to DEASP for the payment.
7. No other payments are made by the employer to the employee for the applicable week(s) and all **temporarily laid off employees** receive the €203 per week.

### **Revenue refunds**

1. Based on the information provided in payroll submissions, Revenue will credit €203 per employee per week to the employer's bank account recorded in ROS.
2. The credit will include the reference COVID Employer Refund. (**The main identifiers include Employer Number Gross Pay of €0.01, J9 PRSI class, Pay Frequency and Employee PPSN, Employment ID**).
3. Revenue will credit the employer bank account for payroll submissions received before 2:00 PM each day.

### **Employee Re-employed**

If the employee(s) resume employment with the employer, or obtains other supports from DEASP, or secures employment elsewhere, the employer will not include the employee(s) concerned in future submissions.

**If you require any further information, please email [primary@fssu.ie](mailto:primary@fssu.ie) or phone (01) 910 4020**

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## Treoiríne Airgeadais 2019/2020 - 35

### Pobalscoileanna, Scoileanna Cuimsitheacha agus Meánscoileanna Deonacha

#### Scéim Aisíocaíochta COVID-19 d'Fhostóirí

##### Réamhrá

1. Tá an Scéim Aisíocaíochta COVID-19 d'Fhostóirí i bhfeidhm i gcás oibrithe arna ndéanamh iomarcach ag fostóir ar bhonn sealadach.
2. Faoin Scéim seo, déanann an fostóir íocaíocht €203 in aghaidh na seachtaine leis an bhfostaí a phróiseáil mar shuim neamh-inchánach tríd an bpárola. Ina dhiaidh sin, cuirfidh na Coimisinéirí loncaim an €203 do shocchar an fhostóra, ar an gcéad lá baincéireachta eile de ghnáth.
3. Ní chuireann an scéim ar chumas fostóirí íocaíochtaí breisithe a dhéanamh. Sa chás go níocann fostóir níos mó ná €203, níl feidhm leis an scéim, agus ní aisíocfar an €203 leis an bhfostóir in aghaidh an fhostaí.
4. D'iarr an RGFCS ar na Coimisinéirí loncaim a thabhairt chun airde nach moltar d'fhostaithe gan cleithiúnaithe iarratas a dhéanamh ar shocchar Cuardaitheora Poist ach amháin mura bhfuil a bhfostóir in ann an scéim seo a oibriú.
5. Ba chóir d'fhostaithe a bhfuil cleithiúnaithe fásta nó linbh acu an íocaíocht chaighdeánach Cuardaitheora Poist a éilleamh ach iarratas a sheoladh chuig an RGFCS ar [www.welfare.ie](http://www.welfare.ie).
6. Tá naisc chuig an dtreoir ar fáil [anseo](#).

##### Pointí tábhachtacha le tabhairt do d'aire:

- *Aon íocaíochtaí le baill foirne dheontaschúnta de chuid na Roinne Oideachais agus Scileanna, ba chóir go leanfaí díobh sin mar is gnáth go dtí an 29 Márta, 2020, de réir threoir na Roinne Oideachais agus Scileanna, DES CL 0020/2020.*
- *Ba chóir go leanfaí mar is gnáth d'íocaíochtaí le gach ball foirne i rith thréimhse dhúnta na scoile suas go dtí an 29 Márta, 2020.*

##### Cé leis a mbaineann an scéim?

1. Fostóirí atá tar éis fostaithe a dhéanamh iomarcach go sealadach mar thoradh ar an gcaoi a bhfuil an phaindéim COVID-19 (Coróinvíreas) ag dul i bhfeidhm ar a ngató.

2. Fostóirí a choinníonn a bhfostaithe ar an bpárola agus nach bhfuil tar éis an fostáí/na fostaithe a fhoirceannadh leis na Coimisinéirí loncaim.
3. Fostaithe a ndearna an fostóir taisceadh párola ina leith sa tréimhse ón 1 Feabhra 2020 go dtí an 15 Márta 2020.
4. Fostóirí nach bhfuil in ann íocaíochtaí breisithe a dhéanamh ar bharr na híocaíochta éigeandála de €203 in aghaidh na seachtaire.

### Iarratas a dhéanamh ar an Scéim Aisíocaíochta

I gcás fostóirí nó a ngníomhairí, is gá dóibh gníomhú mar seo a leanas chun iarratas a chur chuig na Coimisinéirí loncaim maidir leis an scéim seo a oibriú:

1. Logál isteach i ROS M'Fhiosruithe agus roghnaigh an chatagóir ‘Scéim Aisíocaíochta COVID-19 d'Fhostóirí’.
2. Léigh an dearbhú agus brúigh an cnaipe ‘Submit’.
3. Logál isteach i ROS agus in ‘Bainistigh do chuntais bhainc’, ‘Bainistigh ríomhaistriú airgid’, cinniagh gur cruinn ceart iad na sonraí cuntais bainc atá curtha ar fáil.

### An párola a rith

1. Ritheann an fostóir an párola ar an ngnáthbhealach, is é sin, na sonraí seo a leanas a iontráil le haghaidh gach fostáí ábhartha:
  - Aicme ÁSPC socraithe chuig J9
  - Méid pá de €0.01 (is gá go n-iontrálfai méid éigin pá le go mbeifí in ann an párola a rith)
  - Méid neamh-inchánach de €203. Ní íocann an fostóir aon mhéideanna airgid eile leis an bhfostaí agus tugtar an €203 do gach fostáí a ndearnadh iomarcach go sealadach é ná í.
  - Is gá go n-áireofaí leis an taisceadh párola an mhinicíocht phá agus an uimhir thréimhse.
2. Ní íocann an fostóir aon mhéideanna airgid eile leis an bhfostaí le haghaidh na seachtaire/seachtainí bainteacha agus tugtar an €203 do gach fostáí a ndearnadh iomarcach go sealadach é ná í.
3. Ní bhaintear cáin ioncaim, Muirear Sóisialta Uilíoch (MSU) agus ÁSPC den íocaíocht €203.
4. Aon aisíocaíochtaí Cánach loncaim agus MSU a thagann aníos mar thoradh ar fheidhmiú creidmheasanna cánach agus bandaí cánach, is féidir leis an bhfostóir iad sin a aisíoc agus déanfar an tsuim sin a aisíoc leis an bhfostóir freisin.
5. Is gá don fhostaí a dhearbhú don fhostóir nach bhfuil íocaíocht éilithe aige ná aici ón RGFCs, nó nach ndéanfaidh sé ná sí amhlaidh, a fhad is atá an íocaíocht seo á déanamh ag an bhfostóir tríd an bpárola.
6. I gcás go bhfuil fostóirí tar éis fostaithe a dhéanamh iomarcach cheana agus go bhfuil deireadh curtha lena bhfostaíochta, is féidir leo iarratas ar an íocaíocht a chur go díreach chuig an RGFCs.
7. Ní íocann an fostóir aon mhéideanna airgid eile leis an bhfostaí le haghaidh na seachtaire/seachtainí bainteacha agus tugtar an €203 in aghaidh na seachtaire do **gach fostáí a ndearnadh iomarcach go sealadach é ná í**.

## **Aisíocaíochtaí ó na Coimisinéirí Ioncaim**

1. Bunaithe ar an eolas atá curtha ar fáil i dtaiscthí párola, déanfaidh na Coimisinéirí Ioncaim €203 in aghaidh an fhostáí in aghaidh na seachtaine a chur do shochar chuntas bainc an fhostóra atá taifeadta in ROS.
2. Sonrófar leis an gcreidmheas an tagairt Aisíocaíocht COVID d'Fhostóirí. (**Ar na príomhaitheantóirí tá Pá Comhlán Uimhir Pá de €0.01, Aicme ÁSPC J9, Minicíocht Phá agus UPSP Fostóra, ID Fostaíochta**).
3. Cuirfidh na Coimisinéirí Ioncaim airgead do shochar chuntas bainc an fhostóra i gcás aon taiscthí párola a fhaightear roimh 2.00 PM gach lá.

## **Fostaí atá Athfhostaithe**

Má thosaíonn an fostáí/na fostaithe ag obair leis an bhfostóir arís nó má fhaigheann siad tacaíochtaí eile ón RGFCs, nó má fhaigheann siad fostáiocht áit éigin eile, ní áireoidh an fostóir an fostáí/na fostaithe ábhartha sin i dtaiscthí sa todhchaí.

Ná bíodh aon drogall ort teagmháil a dhéanamh leis FSSU má theastaíonn tuilleadh cabhrach leat.

**Má bhíonn aon fhaisnéis bhreise uait, ná bíodh drogall ort ríomhphost a chur chuig primary@fssu.ie nó glao a chur ar  
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