

Unemployment Benefit

Overview

Unemployment Benefit may be awarded to a person who has paid Class 1 or Class 2 Social Security Contributions and is registering with Jobsplus under Part I of the Unemployment Register.

What you'll get

Unemployment Benefit is paid on a 6 day week basis and covers payment from Monday to Saturday.

A beneficiary is entitled to a maximum of 156 days of Unemployment Benefit. Moreover, this entitlement is based on the number of Social Security Contributions paid by the claimant prior to the claim.

Please click [here](#) for a Schedule of Benefits Rates.

You may make use of the online [Calculator](#) to calculate the potential Unemployment Benefit.

Eligibility

General eligibility criteria:

- A person must be registering for employment under Part 1 of the Unemployment Register kept by Jobsplus
- Claimant has paid a minimum of 50 Class 1 and/or Class 2 Social Security Contributions since being registered under the Social Security Act ([Cap. 318.](#)) until date of Benefit Claim; and also has 20 paid or credited Class 1 or Class 2 Social Security Contributions during the last 2 consecutive calendar years prior to the request for the Unemployment Benefit
- To be entitled for the full 156 days of Unemployment Benefit, claimant must satisfy the Social Security Contributions Tests indicated above and also have a minimum of 156 Social Security Contributions paid or credited before the claim is made

How to apply

Once a person starts registering with Jobsplus under Part I of the Unemployment Register, the claim for the payment of Unemployment Benefit is initiated automatically.