

TRAINING ALLOWANCE GUIDE 2023

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From 1st January 2023, the standard training allowance is equivalent to the DSP BTEA rate of €220 and will be paid to NEW ENTRANTS and COURSE PARTICIPANTS who have current personal entitlement (per F103/DA103) in one of the following categories:

CATEGORY	AGE	ALLOWANCE
<u>Job Seekers Allowance</u>	N/A	Where F103 indicates a personal entitlement. PARTICIPANT RECEIVES
<u>Job Seekers Benefit</u>	18+	
<u>Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA)</u>	N/A	A training allowance of €220* per week adjusted as follows:
<u>Occupational Injuries Benefit</u>	N/A	PLUS Qualified Adult and Qualified Child amounts <i>per Form F103</i> and
<u>Disability Allowance or Blind Pension</u>	18+	MINUS Means amount per Form F103 (Current Adult and Qualified rate is €146.00 and current Qualified Child rates are €42.00 under 12 and €50.00 over 12) effective from the 2nd of January 2023.
<u>One Parent Family Payment</u>	N/A	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Deserted Wife Benefit</u>	N/A	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Widows/Widowers Pension</u>	18+	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Illness Benefit & Invalidity Pension</u>	N/A	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Farm Assist</u>	N/A	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Fish Assist</u>	N/A	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Dependant on Partner's Claim</u>	18+	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Credits Only</u>	18+	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Young person with no SW Entitlement</u>	16-17	€45.00 pw - Full-time *
	16-17	€25.90 pw - Part-time *

*	If a participants' personal Social Welfare entitlement exceeds this amount, a training allowance equivalent to their personal entitlement will be paid on receipt of certified evidence to this effect. Evidence of Social Welfare entitlement must be in the form of a duly completed 'Participants Allowance Entitlement' form (F103/DA103).
*	On all FET programmes, where a person qualifies for a training allowance, they also automatically qualify for the travel and accomodation allowances, in accordance with regulations concerning where they are domiciled. Also where a person on a FET programme where training allowances are paid does not qualify for a training allowance, they still qualify for the accomodation and travel allowances in accordance with regulations depending on where they are domiciled.
①	Effective 1st Jan 2023, it is agreed that a training allowance of €220 will be paid to participants who turn 18 while in training for the remaining duration of their participation on the programme.
①	Where a participant progresses direct from one course to another then the original F103 applies unless an updated F103 is received.
①	When there is an approved increase in the standard Training Allowance, the rate for Qualified Adult and Qualified Child should also be increased to the the published new rates for these allowances by DSP.
NB:	A training allowance is not to be paid to participants commencing training who are pending status with DSP until their status is resolved.
NB	Full-time rates are based on 31.25hr/pw; Part-time rates are calculated on a pro rata basis.
NB	Verification of a participant's entitlement to an allowance on all FET programmes (except Youthreach) continues to be determined by their F103/DA103.
Notes:	
(1) The Jobseeker's Transitional Payment (JST) is a special arrangement under the Jobseeker's Allowance scheme that aims to support lone parents of young children. This payment is available to applicants who are not cohabiting and whose youngest child is aged between 7 and 13 years inclusive. From 16th November 2016, JST customers will continue to be paid by the DSP while attending an ETB course.	
(2) Applicants who are in receipt of the One-Parent Family Payment will continue to be paid by the DSP while attending an ETB course.	
(3) Max Pay: Where both of a couple are in receipt of Jobseeker's Allowance in their own right the family rate is divided between them. Where one member of a couple is claiming Jobseeker's Allowance and the other is in receipt of certain PRSI based payments their combined payments cannot exceed the amount which would be payable if only one person made a claim. Where the combined payments exceed this maximum amount, the Jobseeker's Allowance payment must be reduced by the amount of the excess (i.e. the Jobseeker's Allowance payment is reduced by the difference between the maximum amount payable and the amount of the other payment).	
(4) An applicant is considered long term for Jobseeker's Allowance or Supplementary Welfare Allowance purposes when they have been signing for 390 days. All applicants must also satisfy the other qualifying conditions for the Fuel Allowance scheme.	
(5) An applicant can apply for a weekly payment of fuel allowance or 2 lump sums October to December and January to March.	
(6) The date of birth of child dependants is required to ascertain the correct entitlements as there is a difference in the rates for children over 12 and under 12 as a result of the Budget 2023 changes.	