

## **COVID-19 – Additional Unemployment Benefit**

### **Overview**

Persons who due to the impact of COVID-19, lose their job in the private sector after 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020, may apply for this benefit.

### **What you'll get**

If you qualify for the Contributory Unemployment Benefit and you are eligible for this additional benefit, between the two benefits you will receive a direct payment of €166.15 if you were working full-time before you became unemployed or €103.85 per week if you were working part-time before you became unemployed. In addition you will enjoy the following benefits:

- The Social Security Contribution will be paid and your future contributory pension rights safeguarded;
- If you are entitled to Children's Allowance you will have its rate adjusted taking into consideration the new income earned and this may increase up to the maximum rate of €24.08 per week per child;
- If you are entitled to the In Work Benefit you will continue to receive it without deductions;
- If you are entitled to Supplementary Allowance you will have its rate adjusted taking into consideration the new income earned and this may increase up to the maximum rate of €4.57 per week for single persons and €12.54 per week for couples.

### **Eligibility**

General eligibility criteria:

- You were working full-time or part-time in the private sector before you became unemployed after 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- You are registering for work under the Part I register with Jobsplus

### **How to apply**

You do not need to apply for this benefit after you register for work with Jobsplus.