

## Employ*Ability* Service

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Supporting people with a disability to secure and maintain employment



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## What is EmployAbility Service?

EmployAbility Service is an employment and recruitment service to assist people with a disability to secure and maintain a job in the open labour market.

### Who is eligible?

People with a disability who are job ready and need a level of support to succeed in long-term and sustainable employment.

### What Service is Available?

EmployAbility Service provides a range of supports to employers and people with a disability, through Job Coaches. The range of supports include:

- Individual Needs Assessment
- Vocational Profiling and Career Planning
- Individual Employment Plan
- Job Sourcing and Job Matching
- On-the-Job Support and Coaching
- Advice and Support to Employers
- Follow-up Support and Mentoring to both Employers & Employees

## Services for Jobseekers

### Career Advice

- Professional guidance in career planning
- Identification of skills
- Job search support and advice

### Employment Support

- Access to job vacancies
- Support with the job application process
- Matching skills with employers needs
- Work experience placements
- Employers sourced
- Assistance with integrating into the workplace

### Follow-up Support

- Access to support services as required to maintain employment

### Information

Advice on employment benefits and entitlements.

### How can I apply for this service?

Contact your local Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Local Employment Service or [EmployAbility Service](#) office.

## Employers Service

- Free recruitment and employment service
- Database of skilled jobseekers
- Access to a committed, local work force
- On-going support from a professional team of Job Coaches
- Advice on employment grants and supports.

### Employment Grants & Supports

Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection provides a range of employment supports aimed at helping employees with a disability to gain and retain employment

### Reasonable Accommodation Fund for the Employment of People with Disabilities, incorporating:

#### Workplace Equipment / Adaptation Grant (WEAG)

Provides funding for a person with a disability who is starting or already in employment to make their workplace more accessible or equipment easier to use.

#### Job Interview - Interpreter Grant (JIIG)

Grant for an interpreter to accompany a person with a speech or hearing impairment to a job interview

### Personal Reader Grant (PRG)

Provides funding to employ a personal reader to assist someone who is blind or visually impaired in their work.

### Employee Retention Grant Scheme (ERGS)

Aims to help employers retain employees who become disabled through sickness or injury.

### Other services available to support the employment of people with disabilities:

#### Wage Subsidy Scheme

Financial assistance to employers to encourage them to employ people with disabilities.

#### Disability Awareness Training for Employers

Grants to employers to assist with the cost of disability awareness training.

#### Back to Work Enterprise Allowance

People on certain disability payments may qualify for the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection Back to Work Enterprise Allowance.

### How can I apply for any of these services / supports

Contact your local Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Local Employment Service or [EmployAbility Service](#) office.