

## Employment - Housing and Childcare

Two of the most substantial costs for a family are childcare and housing costs so considering ways of reducing the costs of childcare and understanding the impact of a return to work, on existing housing costs, are vital in the planning.

### Housing

There are some childcare options for people participating in some education, employment or training schemes, including Community Employment and further education. As childcare supports are an important aspect of any decision to return to work or education then you will find further information on the current childcare schemes available [here](#), which are subsidised by the government:

### Childcare

Before making a decision to return to work you will need to look into how it may affect any housing supports you currently receive. If you are in social housing, such as a council owned home, housing association home or your home is under the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) then you can contact your local authority or city council and enquire how any changes to your financial circumstances might affect the payments you make towards your rent.

If you are in private rented accommodation and receiving Rent Supplement from the Department of Social Protection then any income you receive from work may impact on your entitlement. Generally, if you work more than 29 hours per week you will lose your Rent Supplement, regardless of your income from work.

### Additional Information

Citizen's Information has a micro website with information on returning to work:

<http://www.gettingbacktowork.ie/en/>