

Family Income Supplement

- Are you working 19 hours or more a week or 38 hours or more a fortnight?
- Is your employment likely to last 3 months or more?
- Are you looking after one or more children aged under 18 or between 18 and 22 and in full time education?
- Are you earning less than the income limits for the family size?

You may be eligible to apply for the Family Income Supplement.

The Family Income Supplement is a social welfare payment that may be payable to working families who are on a lower income.

The income limits in 2017 are as follows:

Family with one child	€511
Family with two children	€612
Family with three children	€713
Family with four children	€834

These income limits are based on weekly net income so, after tax, PRSI, superannuation, universal social charge and health contributions have been deducted. Income is assessed as income from work, including overtime or bonuses, most social welfare and HSE payments, maintenance payment and any income from pensions or self-employment. Payments that are not included in the income assessment are Child Benefit, Carer's Allowance, Guardians payments, Supplementary Welfare Allowance and a few less common social welfare payments.

The FIS payment is calculated at 60% of the difference between the net family income and the set income limits.

If you do qualify, even if only by a small amount, the minimum payment made is €20 a week. You cannot get FIS if you are taking part in a Community Employment (CE) Scheme.

- If you are already in receipt of FIS and also receive One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) but are coming off the payment due to the age of your youngest child, then your FIS payment will be automatically reassessed on the basis of the loss of the OFP. It will not make up for the full loss of the OFP but may account for up to 60% of the OFP payment
- There is the **Back to Work Family Dividend** which is available for applications up until March 2018 for those who are in work and who are no longer in receipt of either Jobseeker's payments or One-Parent Family Payment.

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- The means test for FIS does not include the payment of the Back to Work Family Dividend.

To claim the Family Income Supplement you will need to have your latest p60, 2 recent payslips and your Certificate of Tax Credits from Revenue to send with your application form.

To get an application form or for more information contact your local social welfare office or the FIS section at:

Department of Social Protection
Social Welfare Services Office
Government Buildings
Ballinalee Road
Longford

Tel: (043) 334 0000 or 1890 92 77 70

Or text Form FIS followed by your name and address to 51909

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