

Jobseeker's Allowance Transitional (JST)

The Jobseeker's Transitional payment may apply to you if you have been in receipt of One Parent Family Payment and the payment is ending as your youngest child is due to turn 7.

It may also apply to you if you are either parenting alone or you are sharing parenting after the end of your relationship and no longer cohabiting and you have a youngest child aged between 7 and 13 who lives with you. If you are married then you need to be living apart for three months to qualify.

The main conditions for Jobseeker's Transitional payment are as follows:

- You have your child living with you who is aged between 7 and 13
- You are capable of work
- You meet the means test
- You are not cohabiting
- You are expected to engage with the Department with a view to supports needed to prepare for full time work in the future.

Therefore;

- You do not have to be available for, or seeking full time work
- You can take part in an education course and get JST
- You do not have to be fully unemployed for 4 out of 7 days; this means you could work part time across more than 4 days and still receive a payment.

Jobseeker's Transitional payment rates

New and existing claimants	Personal rate	Increase for a qualified child
From week of 25th March 2018	€198	€31.80

The income disregard for Jobseeker's Transitional payment is that the first €130 of earnings is ignored and then half of the remainder is assessed as means.

Application for the payment can either be made in your local social welfare office or Intreo centre.