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## COVID RESTRICTIONS SUPPORT SCHEME (CRSS)

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#### **Running Order**

- 11.00 Introduction with Helen McDaid
- 11.05 Scheme Context with Anne-Marie Walsh
- 11.10 Scheme Overview with Jacqueline O'Callaghan and Katie Clair
- 11.40 Q&A
- 12.15 Webinar ends



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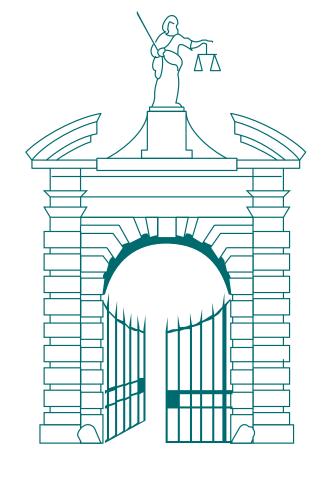






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## Covid Restrictions Support Scheme ("CRSS")

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### Agenda

- Overview of CRSS
- Eligibility Criteria
- How to apply
- Registration
- Claim
- The CRSS payment
- Questions and Answers



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#### **Overview of CRSS**

- Details of the proposed Covid Restrictions Support Scheme ("CRSS") were published in the Finance Bill 2020.
- The CRSS is a targeted support for businesses significantly impacted by restrictions introduced by the Government under public health regulations to combat the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The scheme will operate on a self-assessment basis.
- Information currently provided on how the CRSS will operate is based on proposed legislation contained in Finance Bill 2020, as initiated.







#### Who is eligible?

- Companies, Self Employed Individuals and Partnerships
- Carrying on a Trade or Trading Activities either solely or in partnership
- Profits chargeable to tax under Case I Schedule D
- Fixed business premises located in a region subject to restrictions introduced in line with the Living with Covid 19 plan
- **Living with Covid 19 Restrictions** must require the business to prohibit or considerably restrict customers from accessing their business premises
- Because of Covid 19 Restrictions Turnover must be no more than 25% of an amount equal to the average weekly turnover in 2019 (or 2020 for new businesses)



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## Tourism sector: eligibility criteria considered Trading Requirement

- Trading requirement To avail of the scheme business profits or gains must be chargeable to tax under Case I of Schedule D:
  - Scheme does not apply to professions
  - Scheme does not apply to businesses who are exempt from tax
- This trading/Sch. D Case I requirement may exclude certain "Not for Profit Entities, Charitable Bodies and Sports Organisations" from the scope of CRSS
- This does not necessarily mean that the business in question is actually making profits only that they are chargeable to tax under Case I of Schedule D.

## Tourism sector: eligibility criteria considered Business Premises Requirement

- Business premises requirement To avail of the scheme the business activity must be ordinarily carried on in a business premises being a Building or other similar fixed physical structure
- What would constitute a business premises for CRSS generally:
  - Hotels, Bars, Pubs, Restaurants and Cafes
- What would not constitute a business premises for CRSS generally:
  - Mobile premises or premises which are not permanently fixed in place
    - Boats, Taxis, Vans, Trucks etc



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## Tourism sector: eligibility criteria considered Seasonal Businesses

- 25% Turnover the turnover of the business in the period for which the restrictions are in operation will be no more than 25% of an amount equal to the average weekly turnover of the business in 2019
- 13 October 2020 only businesses who are subject to Government restrictions from that day onwards are eligible to claim
- Open for the winter months to compensate for lack of trade during the summer
- Intention to re-open a business must intend to resume trading when the restrictions are lifted

## Tourism sector: eligibility criteria considered Restriction Requirement

- **Restriction requirement** To avail of the scheme the business must be restricted directly as a result of Public Health Regulations, introduced under powers given by the Health Act 1947 for the purpose of preventing, reducing and minimising the risk of transmission of the Covid-19 virus.
- Businesses must be able to demonstrate that such restrictions either **prohibited completely** or **significantly restricted** the general public from having **access to the business premises**.
- Business must be able to demonstrate that such restrictions temporarily suspended or disrupted their business
  operations



#### Tourism sector: eligibility criteria considered Turnover Test

- **Reduction in Turnover requirement "Turnover Test**" 25% or less of weekly turnover for a relevant period.
- For established businesses (a business that commenced prior to 26 December 2019) the relevant prior period will be
   1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019
- For new businesses (a business that commenced on or after 26 December 2019 but before 12 October 2019) the relevant prior period will be from date the business commenced to 12 October 2020.



### Tourism sector: eligibility criteria considered

#### **Tourism Sector: Types of Business Activity generally within scope of CRSS**

- Accommodation Providers: Hotels, B&B's and Guesthouses
- Bars, Pubs, Restaurants and Cafes
- Indoor cultural attractions: Museums, Galleries, Cinemas and Theatres
- Other types of indoor visitor attractions: Whiskey Distillery, Indoor Amusement Arcades

These are indicative broad categories only. Each business must determine relevant eligibility for the scheme in its own right.



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#### Tourism sector: eligibility criteria considered

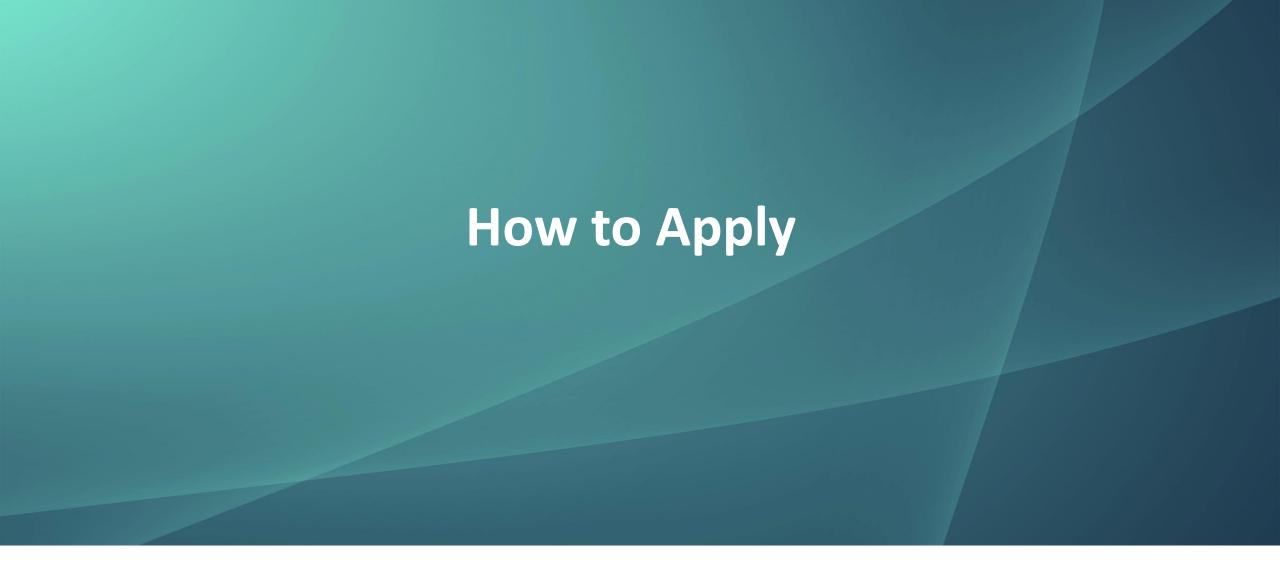
#### **Tourism Sector: Types of Business Activity generally not within scope of CRSS**

- Tour companies: Bus, Bike and Boating
- Outdoor attractions: Parks, Forests, Waterways
- Pop Up or Mobile businesses, Outdoor markets
- Outdoor events and activities: Walking, Hiking, Horse Riding, Biking, any activity carried on outdoors

#### **Clarification on Ticket Booths and Sales Offices**

In order to qualify for CRSS the actual business activity must be carried on indoors from a building or similar fixed physical structure – not just the actual ticketing or sales office function.

A ticketing booth selling tickets for a bus, bike or boat tour for example would not constitute a business premises for the purposes of the scheme.







#### How to apply?

- Applications for CRSS are made through the Revenue Online system (ROS)
- Two step process involved:
  - Registration
  - Claim
- Information requirements
- **Declarations** to be made by claimant at both stages



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#### How to Register

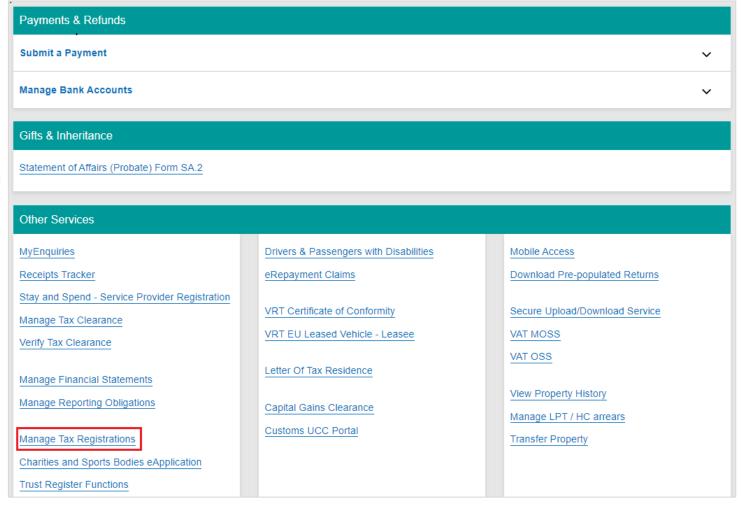
The registration process involves a number of steps:

- Input all information requirements including:
  - Business Premises Name and Address
  - Business sector
  - Turnover information
  - Vat information
- Declarations to be made by claimant at registration stage around eligibility, terms and conditions
  - and that all information provided is correct and complete.

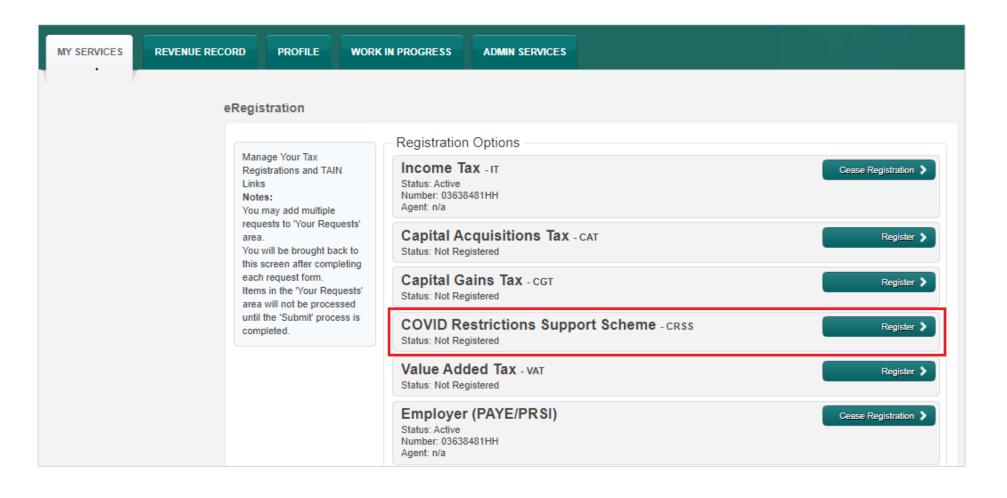
Log onto ROS

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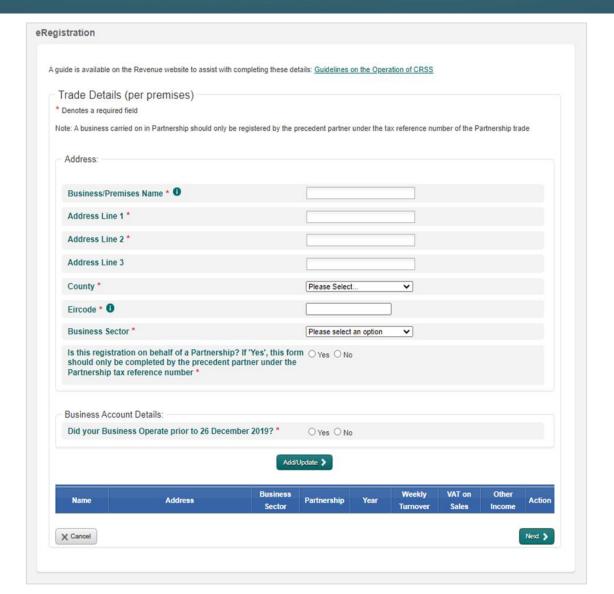
Manage Tax Registrations













A guide is available on the Re	venue website to assist with	n completing these deta	ils: <u>Guidelines o</u>	n the Oper	ation of CRSS			
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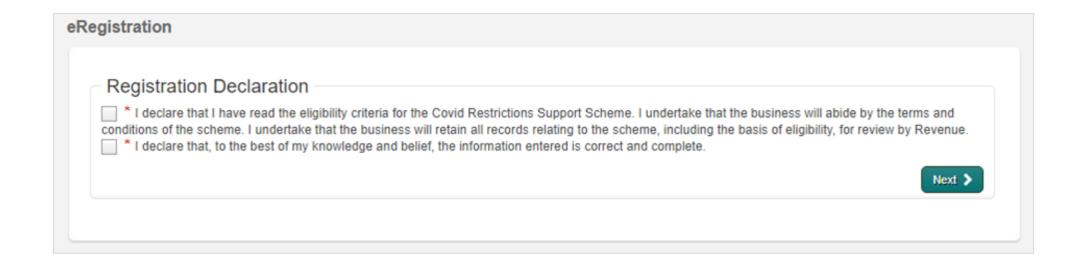


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### How to Register – (Declarations)





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#### How to claim

The claim process involves a number of steps:

- Access through Revenue Online system (ROS)
- Input the relevant claim details required:
  - Business premises
  - Claim period start and end dates
  - Bank details for receipt of CRSS payment
- Declarations and acknowledgements to be made by claimant at claim stage around eligibility, public health restriction, publication, average turnover, terms and conditions, intention to resume trading and that all information provided is correct and complete.

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O STAMP - Stamp Duty Section 83D Refund Claim (1)	
O CRSS - Covid Restrictions Support Scheme	
O VAT - Value Added Tax	
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#### Overview

Submit a claim for Covid-19 Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS)

#### Are you eligible?

- ✓ Are you trading as a company, self-employed individual or a partnership?
- √ Is your trade or trading activity chargeable to tax under Case I of Schedule D?
- ✓ Is your business premises located in a region subject to COVID restrictions?
- √ Is your business required to prohibit or considerably restrict customers from accessing the business premises?

More detailed information is available here.

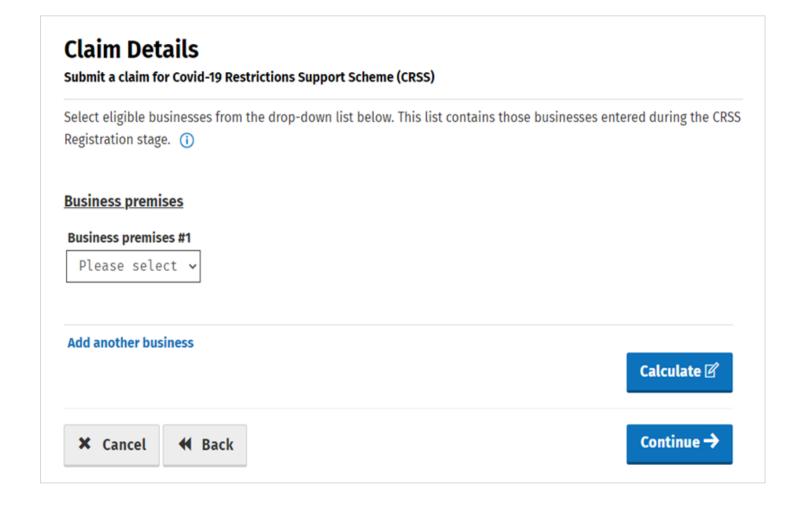
The sections are as follows

- 1 Step One:
  - Details of the Claim
- 2 Step Two: Bank Details
- Step Three:
  Summary and Declaration
- Step Four:
  Sign and Submit

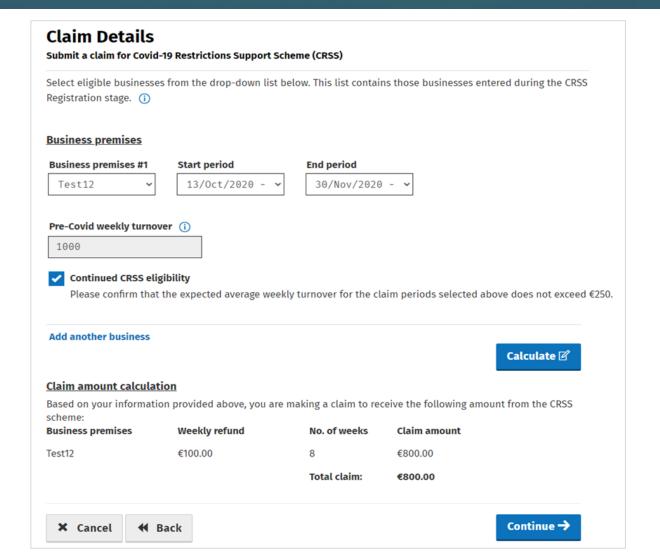


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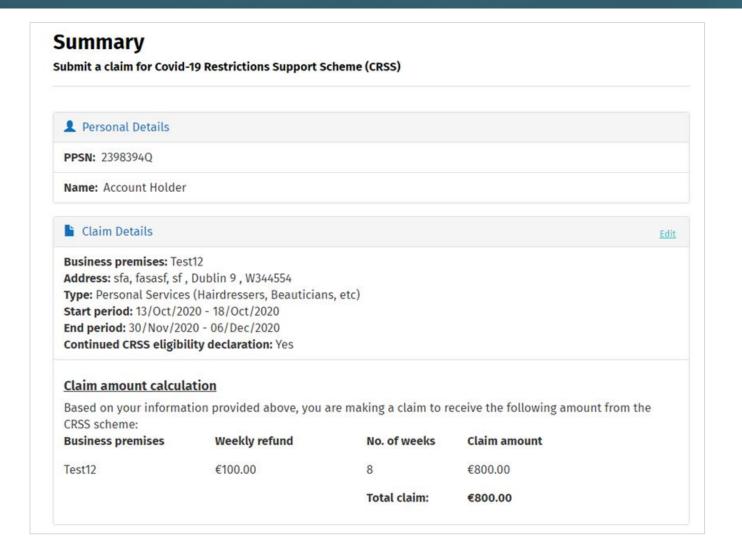




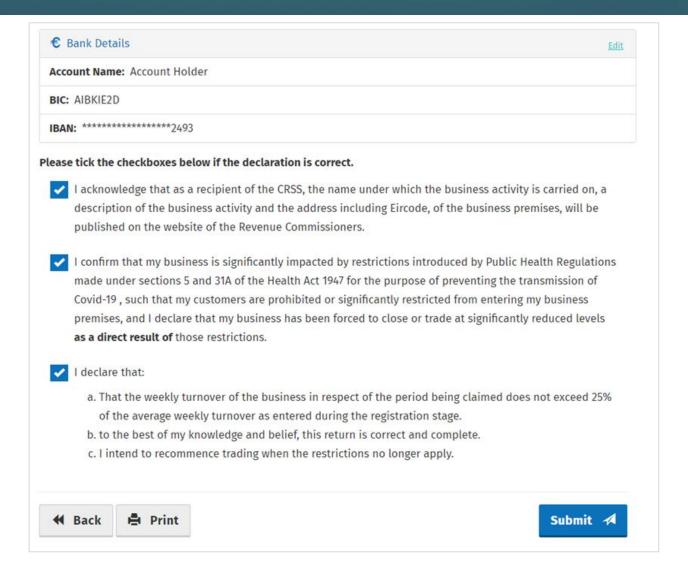


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## The CRSS payment

- The CRSS scheme makes a cash payment known as an "Advance Credit for Trading Expenses (ACTE)"
- ACTE Payment will be calculated by reference to a weekly amount based on the turnover of the business for a prior period.
- ACTE calculation amount will be calculated as 10% of average weekly turnover, that
  does not exceed €20,000 and 5% of the average weekly turnover that exceeds €20,000 subject a maximum amount of €5,000.
- Tax treatment: CRSS payment is taken into account when calculating profits for tax
  purposes but any additional tax liability will only arise when the business in question is
  profit making.

## The CRSS payment

#### Pub located on "Wild Atlantic Way"

- Turnover in 2019 = €910,000
- Weekly turnover in 2019 = €17,500
- 10% = CRSS payment of €1,750 due per week since 13 October

#### **Large Hotel in Dublin**

- Turnover in 2019 = €12,300,000
- Weekly turnover in 2019 = €236,538
- CRSS payment is 10% on first €20,000 of weekly turnover and 5% above that, subject to a cap of €5,000 per week.
- This case is due the maximum of €5,000 per week since 13 October

#### **Restaurant in Athlone**

- Turnover in 2019 = €1,650,000
- Weekly turnover in 2019 = €31,731
- CRSS payment is 10% on first €20,000 of weekly turnover = €2,000 + 5% on balance of €11,731 = €587
- CRSS payment of €2,587 due per week since 13 October



#### Pub





€910,000 - 2019 turnover



21 - employees in August 2020

#### Impact of Covid Restrictions on Business



Significant restrictions on members of the public accessing business premises



Turnover during restrictions will be no more than 25% of the 2019 average weekly turnover



Pub is tax cleared. and up to date with VAT obligations

#### Government Covid Supports Available

TWSS

€2,300 Weekly equivalent for August\*

**FWSS** 

€2,100 Weekly equivalent for September\*

CRSS

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€1,750 Weekly from 13 October 2020

Tax Liability Warehouse\*\*

€19,000 VAT

Examples are shown for the purposes of illustration. Not all businesses impacted by Covid have opted to defer their VAT and/or PAYE liabilities.

**Covid Restrictions Support Scheme ("CRSS")** 



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<sup>\*\*</sup> Tax debt warehousing allows businesses adversely affected by COVID-19 to defer unpaid VAT from Jan/Feb 2020 and Employers PAYE (income tax, USC, Employers PRSI, LPT) from February 2020. Such debts can be warehoused up to 12 months interest free.

#### Hotel





€12,300,000 - 2019 turnover



238 - employees in August 2020

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Turnover during restrictions will be no more than 25% of the 2019 average weekly turnover



Hotel is tax cleared, and up to date with VAT obligations

#### **Government Covid Supports Available**

TWSS

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€40,800 Weekly equivalent for August\* **EWSS** 

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€26,000 Weekly equivalent for September\* CRSS

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€5,000 Weekly from 13 October 2020 Tax Liability Warehouse\*\*

> €240,000 VAT €90,000 PAYE

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#### **Government Covid Supports Available**

TWSS €

€4,700 Weekly equivalent for August\*

**EWSS** 

€2,850 Weekly equivalent for September\*

CRSS

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€2.587 Weekly from 13 October 2020

Tax Liability Warehouse\*\*

> €49,500 VAT €27,600 PAYE

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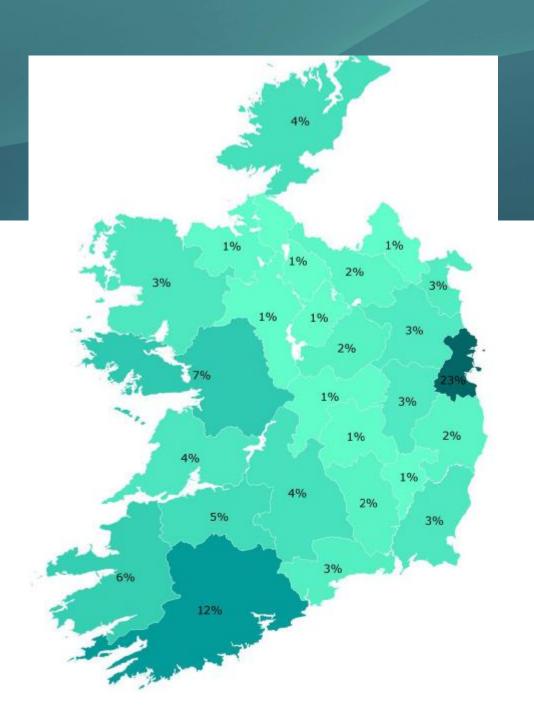
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## Miscellaneous

- Tax clearance: Businesses must maintain their tax clearance status to avail of CRSS
- **Appeals process**: There will be an appropriate appeals mechanism for businesses to follow if they feel they were unfairly refused access to the scheme
- Clawback: Conversely, if businesses make incorrect or false claims Revenue will have the power to clawback any amounts unduly awarded and the powers to charge Interest and Penalties where appropriate
- Publication: The name and address of all businesses who make a claim under CRSS will be published on the Revenue website

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Up to 19 November, **11,800 businesses have** registered **13,200 premises** for CRSS with Revenue.

A further 1,800 applications are currently being processed.



### **How to Contact Us**

## **MyEnquiries**

Through ROS access MyEnquiries using the 'My Services' tab under 'Other Services'.

- eTax Clearance queries Select "Enquiry relates to" "Tax Clearance" And "More Specifically" "Tax Clearance"
- CRSS queries Select "Enquiry relates to" and "COVID restrictions support scheme (CRSS)" And "More Specifically" "CRSS"



## **Questions and Answers**

### **QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**



## **Covid Restrictions Support Scheme ("CRSS)**

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# Thank-you

**Covid Restrictions Support Scheme** 

Click here for Revenue Guidelines on the CRSS Scheme