



Make work pay for people with disabilities

This is an easy to read report



Are you better off if you take a job?



More people with disabilities would be interested in working if the supports were right for them.



People with disabilities are not sure they would have more money if they had a job.



They worry that they will end up with less money.

They worry about losing benefits that are important to them.



The government asked a group of people to look at this.

This group was called the Make Work Pay group.



The group wrote a report.

This leaflet tells you what the report said.

Most people with disabilities get more money if they take a job



Most people with disabilities get social welfare money for themselves. They don't get extra money for their families.



When you just get money for yourself, you are better off in a job.



For some people, if your wages go up, your social welfare money comes down a bit.



For most people, when they add their wages and their social welfare money, they will have more money if they have a job.

People worry they might lose their medical card



The medical card is very important for people with disabilities.



Some people with disabilities might lose their medical card if their wages are more than €120 a week.



The report said people with disabilities who don't earn very much should keep their medical card.



The medical card rules need to be changed.



The Government will look at ways to change the rules.

Travel to work



It is important that people with disabilities can get to where they work.



People with disabilities have a free travel pass if they are on social welfare.



The report says that people with disabilities who start work and move off their social welfare payment should keep their free travel pass for three years after that.

What happens if I lose my job?



Sometimes a job doesn't work out.



This can happen for different reasons.



The report says that a person should get their social welfare payment back very quickly if their job doesn't work out.

Can anyone help me work out if I'm better off in a job?



It can be hard to work out if you would have more money if you had a job.



The report says a special person in your local Social Welfare office should help you with this.



You can also talk to someone in your local Citizen's Information Centre.



Your disability service can tell you where to get advice and support.



The report says that information should be given in a way that you can understand.

What happens next?



The government will talk to people with disabilities and their support organisations.



They will decide the best plan for the future.



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