

Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme

Operational Phase from 4th May

Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS)

- The Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS) was announced by the Minister Of Finance on Tuesday 24th March 2020.
- TWSS is intended to help employers and employees maintain their current employment links during the COVID-19 pandemic and provide a platform for recovery.
- TWSS has two distinct phases
 - Transitional Phase (26th March to 4th May 2020)
 - Operational Phase from 4th May until the end of TWSS (at Ministers discretion)

TWSS – Temporary Phase

- Runs from 26th March to 3rd May.
- Employer responsible for calculating Wage Subsidy.
- Revenue not notified of subsidy Payments – Revenue always reimburse Employer €410 per employee per week (plus PAYE and USC Refunds).
- Subsidy Calculation relatively simple based on Average Revenue Net Weekly Pay (ARNWP).
- Subsidy not available for ARNWP > €960

TWSS – Operational Phase

- Commences on 4th May
- New Subsidy calculation formulas (announced by Minister on 15th April) More complex calculations.
- Revenue will only refund actual subsidy due to employee. Subsidy will be tapered by Additional Employer Pay.
- Revenue will issue CSV File with their calculation of ARNWP, maximum subsidy and tapering point.

Average Revenue Net Weekly Pay (ARNWP)

- The ARNWP is the Average Revenue Net Weekly Pay that the employee earned in January & February 2020
- All subsidy calculations are made with reference to the ARNWP

$$\frac{\textit{Gross Pay} - \textit{PAYE} - \textit{USC} - \textit{PRSI}}{\textit{Insurable Weeks}}$$

Tier 1

Average Revenue Net Weekly Pay (ARNWP) of €0.01 to €586.00

€0.01 to €412.00

Max subsidy before tapering

85%

of ARNWP, but no more than €350.

a = ARNWP or €350,
(whichever is greater)

x = a - Subsidy Value

Employer Pay Higher than x
will begin tapering.

€412.01 to €500.00

Max subsidy before tapering

€350

x = ARNWP - Subsidy Value

Employer Pay Higher than x
will begin tapering.

€500.01 to €586.00

Max subsidy before tapering

70%

of ARNWP, but no more than €410.

x = ARNWP - Subsidy Value

Employer Pay Higher than x
will begin tapering.

Subsidy

Tapering

ARNWP = €200

(Subsidy is 85% of ARNWP)

- Maximum Subsidy
 - 85% of ARNWP
 - = 85% of €200
 - = **€170**
- Maximum Employer Pay Before Tapering
 - Employer can always top-up to €350 in this band irrespective of ARNWP
 - = €350 – Wage Subsidy
 - = €350 - €170
 - = **€180**

ARNWP = €450

(Subsidy is always €350 for ARNWP between €412.01 and €500)

- Maximum Subsidy = **€350**
- Maximum Employer Pay Before tapering is
 - = ARNWP – Subsidy
 - = €450 - €350
 - = **€100**

ARNWP = €550

(Subsidy is 70% of ARNWP)

- Maximum Subsidy
 - 70% of ARNWP
 - = 70% of €550
 - = **€385**
- Maximum Employer Pay Before Tapering
 - = ARNWP – Subsidy
 - = €550 - €350
 - = **€165**

Tapering

- Tapering occurs when the additional employer pay is greater than the “Maximum Employer Pay Before Tapering”
- Generally speaking Tapering occurs when the
 - $\text{Subsidy} + \text{Pay} > \text{ARNWP}$
 - But there are some exceptions to that rule
 - $\text{ARNWP} < €350$ then Employer can top up to €350
 - $\text{ARNWP} > €960$ then Tapering begins at €960

ARNWP = €200

Max Subsidy = €170, Max Employer Pay = €180

- No Tapering occurs for Employer Pay up to €180
- Employer Pay of €200
 - Subsidy + Employer Pay
 - €170 + €200 = €370
 - €370 is greater than €350 by €20
 - Subsidy is tapered (reduced) by **€20**
 - Subsidy is **€150**

ARNWP = €550

Max Subsidy = €385, Max Employer Pay = €165

- No Tapering occurs for Employer Pay up to €165
- Employer Pay of €250
 - Subsidy + Employer Pay
 - €385 + €250 = €635
 - €635 is greater than €550 by €85
 - Subsidy is tapered (reduced) by **€85**
 - Subsidy is **€300**

Tier 2

Average Revenue Net Weekly Pay (ARNWP) of €586.01 up to €960.00

Employer pay 60% or less of ARNWP

Employer pay over 60% but less than 80% of ARNWP

Employer pay 80% or more of ARNWP

Max subsidy before tapering

€350

Max subsidy before tapering

€205

No Subsidy

\mathcal{X} = ARNWP - Subsidy Value
or
 \mathcal{X} = €350 - Subsidy Value
(whichever is greater)

\mathcal{X} = ARNWP - Subsidy Value
or
 \mathcal{X} = €205 - Subsidy Value
(whichever is greater)

Employer Pay Higher than \mathcal{X}
will begin tapering

Employer Pay Higher than \mathcal{X}
will begin tapering

Subsidy

Tapering

Tiered Subsidy

- Tiered Subsidy applies to all cases where $ARNWP > €586$
- There are 3 Tiers
 - Tier 1 has a maximum subsidy of **€350**
 - Tier 2 has a maximum subsidy of **€205**
 - Tier 3 has zero subsidy

Tiered Subsidy

- The Tier that applies depends on the value of Employer Pay compared to the ARNWP
- Tier 1 applies where Employer Pay is 60% or less of ARNWP
 - (This is 40% or more reduction below ARNWP)
- Tier 2 applies where Employer Pay is between 60% and 80% of ARNWP
 - (This is a 20% to 40% reduction below ARNWP)
- Tier 3 applies where Employer Pay is more than 80% of ARNWP

ARNWP = €800

- Tier 1 applies to all Employer Pay from zero to **€480**
 - Subsidy is **€350**, tapering occurs after **€450** (€800 - €350)
- Tier 2 applies to all Employer Pay from **€480.01** to **€640**
 - Subsidy is **€205**, tapering occurs after **€595** (€800 - €205)

Tier 3

Average Revenue Net Weekly Pay (ARNWP) of €960.01 or more

Employer pay €960 or less,
and 60% or less of ARNWP

Max subsidy before tapering

€350

$x = \text{ARNWP} - \text{Subsidy Value}$
or
 $x = €960 - \text{Subsidy Value}$
(whichever is smaller)

Employer Pay Higher than x
will begin tapering

Employer pay €960 or less,
and over 60% and less
than 80% of ARNWP

Max subsidy before tapering

€205

$x = \text{ARNWP} - \text{Subsidy Value}$
or
 $x = €960 - \text{Subsidy Value}$
(whichever is smaller)

Employer Pay Higher than x
will begin tapering

Employer Pay over €960

No Subsidy

Subsidy

Tapering

ARNWP = €1200, Employer Pay = €1000

- Not eligible for subsidy as drop in pay is only **17%** (€200 / €1200)

ARNWP = €1200 Employer Pay = €800

- Drop in Pay is **33%** therefore maximum subsidy **€205**
- Maximum Employer Pay = **€755** (€960 - €205)
- With Pay of **€800** then tapering of **€45** applies

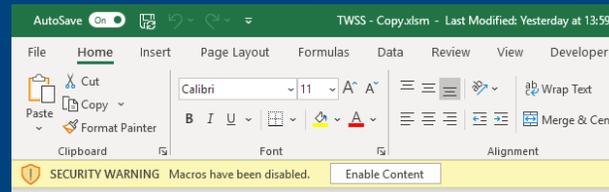
ARNWP = €1200 Employer Pay = €600

- Drop in Pay **50%**
- Maximum Subsidy **€350**
- Maximum Employer Pay before Tapering **€610** (€960 - €350)

CollSoft TWSS Spreadsheet

- Download from <http://mirror1.collsoft.ie/twss/twss.xlsm>
- The new Excel Formulas are explained in the next couple of slides
- This is a Macro Enabled Spreadsheet so you will be shown a security warning, the Macros will be disabled and you will have to

“Enable Content”



=CalculateWageSubsidy()

- This function calculates the wage subsidy available for a particular ARNWP
- This function requires at least one parameter (ARNWP) but has some other optional parameters.
 - **ARNWP** – Always Required
 - **Employer Pay** - Optional, defaults to zero
 - **Pay Frequency** - Optional, defaults to “W” for weekly, other values are “M” for monthly, “TW” for Two Weekly (Fortnightly) and “FW” for Four Weekly
 - **Taper** - Optional, defaults to 1 to automatically taper, or can be 0 to switch tapering off)
 - **Payment Date** – Optional, defaults to 4th May 2020, determines which calculations to use

Examples follow on next page

Examples

=CalculateWageSubsidy()

- **=CalculateWageSubsidy(550)** - calculates the weekly subsidy available for ARNWP = €550 and zero employer pay – this gives maximum subsidy under the new scheme.
- **=CalculateWageSubsidy(1000, 780)** – calculates the weekly subsidy for ARNWP = €1000 and Employer Pay €780 with automatic tapering.
- **=CalculateWageSubsidy(1000, 3400, "M")** - calculates the monthly subsidy for ARNWP = €1000 and monthly employer pay €3400 with tapering
- **=CalculateWageSubsidy(1000, 3400, "M", 0)** – as above but without tapering
- **=CalculateWageSubsidy(1000, 3400, "M", 0, 01/04/2020)** – as above but under Temporary Phase calculations

=CalculateMaxEmployerPay()

- This function calculates the maximum employer payment before tapering occurs for a particular ARNWP
- This function requires at least one parameter (ARNWP) but has some other optional parameters.
 - **ARNWP** – Always Required
 - **Employer Pay** - Optional, defaults to zero
 - **Pay Frequency** - Optional, defaults to “W” for weekly, other values are “M” for monthly, “TW” for Two Weekly (Fortnightly) and “FW” for Four Weekly
 - **Taper** - Optional, defaults to 1 to automatically taper, or can be 0 to switch tapering off)
 - **Payment Date** – Optional, defaults to 4th May 2020, determines which calculations to use

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=CalculateMaxEmployerPay()

- =CalculateMaxEmployerPay(550) - calculates where tapering begins for ARNWP = €550
- =CalculateMaxEmployerPay(1000, 780) – calculates where tapering begins for ARNWP = €1000 and Employer Pay €780 with automatic tapering.
- =CalculateMaxEmployerPay(1000, 3400,"M") - calculates where tapering begins for ARNWP = €1000 and monthly employer pay €3400 with tapering
- =CalculateMaxEmployerPay(1000, 3400,"M",0) – as above but without tapering
- =CalculateMaxEmployerPay(1000, 3400,"M",0,01/04/2020) – as above but under Temporary Phase calculations