

Businesses which commenced between 1 January and 31 October 2019 – ERF eligibility check

As you are aware, eligibility is assessed by comparing 2019 actual results with those of the equivalent period in 2021.

When the ERF was developed, the 2019 results were annualised and compared with 2021 actual results. This has had unintended consequences whereby a small minority are incorrectly deemed ineligible or eligible for EWSS.

Completion of the ERF is required for eligible businesses who are claiming EWSS. Thus, any business who is ineligible is not required to complete same and should deregister for EWSS. If an employer completes it (for whatever reason) and the ERF incorrectly states they are eligible, this should be ignored and EWSS should not be claimed. Any EWSS claimed in error should be refunded.

For those who are incorrectly deemed ineligible, please make contact through MyEnquiries seeking to have the stop on EWSS payment removed.

We are working on a solution for this and will advise when it is implemented. We appreciate your patience while we work on same.

Businesses which commenced between 1 January and 31 October 2019 – ERF declaration

Employers have been contacting us advising of their reluctance to sign the declaration as the 2019 totals showing on the submission differ from those submitted due to the 2019 annualization by the system. Employers should sign this declaration if they are satisfied the figures entered by them are correct. We are working on revised wording for declarations by these businesses and will advise when it is available.

Employers with more than one business type

As you are aware, there are three categories of employers for selection at the initial stage of the ERF completion:

- Registered childcare businesses
- New Businesses (those who commenced after 1 November 2019)
- All Others.

In instances where employers fit into 'All Others' as well as one of the other two, they should complete in respect of 'All Others' and ignore their registered childcare business, or new business (that which commenced after 1 November 2019).

Where employers have a number of eligible businesses, one ERF should be completed with details of all eligible businesses included.

'New Business'

We have seen instances where entities which have activity prior to 1 November 2019 have selected 'New Business'. We would like to remind employers this option should only be completed where the business commenced on or after 1 November 2019. Where employers have incorrectly selected this option, contact should be made through 'MyEnquiries' setting out details of error made and seeking that same be amended.

I hope the above provides clarity. However, if anything additional arises, please come back to myself.