

## Jobs Stimulus Eligibility Criteria

### Academic Entry Criteria

In the first instance, all applicants must satisfy the minimum academic criteria as set out for each course/module.

### Administrative Entry Criteria

The following are eligible to apply for courses in 2020/21 academic year (subject to the applicant meeting all requirements, e.g. academic requirements):

#### 1. Returners (Formerly referred to as Homemakers)

You are eligible for Springboard+, if you have been out of the work environment due to childcare or other caring obligations and require upskilling or reskilling to get back to the workforce.

To qualify you must meet the residency criteria and one of the following requirements:

- You are on home or other caring duties for 9 of the previous 12 months or
- You are economically dependent on a partner or spouse and have been unemployed for 9 of the previous 12 months

You must provide supporting documentation and swear a declaration before a Commissioner for Oaths about your status.

Eligible Applicants must be ordinarily resident in Ireland and must meet the nationality and EU residency rules as aligned to Springboard as detailed here <https://springboardcourses.ie/faq>

#### 2. People in employment

Applicants who are employed will need to meet the residency requirements, i.e. that the applicant has been ordinarily resident in an EU/EEA/UK/Swiss state for at least three of the five years preceding their entry to the programme.

This category of applicant will also be required to provide a copy of their most recent 'Employment Detail Summary' or other relevant revenue documentation.

Please note that applicants in employment will be liable for a 10% contribution of the fee.

### 3. The unemployed or formerly self-employed

**At the time of starting a Springboard+ course**, you must either be getting a qualifying social welfare payment or be in one of the other eligible categories listed below.

Social welfare payments:

- Jobseeker's Benefit
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment
- One-Parent Family Payment
- Disability Allowance
- Carer's Allowance
- Farm Assist/Fish Assist
- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension
- Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Non-Contributory) Pension
- Blind Pension
- Deserted Wife's Allowance

Participants in receipt of an eligible payment at the time the Springboard course commences are eligible to apply for a place on that course (there is no requirement to be in receipt of a payment for a particular period of time prior to the commencement of the course). However, providers will be required to give priority to applications from people who are long term unemployed.

OR

Be signing for social insurance contribution credits

OR

Be previously self-employed

AND

Be actively seeking employment

Further information on eligibility criteria may be found on <https://springboardcourses.ie/faq>



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