

Red Alert, Red Alert.

Government Announces a Further €65 million for Job Retention.

Deadline for Applications is 2.00pm on December 23rd 2009.

This could be a critical intervention and benefit for your company. Don't ignore, action it today. Programme offers €9,100 per retained full time job that was under threat due to slow down. A fulltime job is a person working a minimum of 35 hours per week. The programme also offers €6,370 for each part time job retained and meets the criteria of 21 hours minimum per week.

For the exact details and conditions visit the web site; www.employmentsubsidy.ie

Here is the Press Release from the Department

Tánaiste Announces Details of Second Call to the Employment Subsidy Scheme

'Scheme expected to result in retention of 72,000 jobs' - Tánaiste

The Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Ms. Mary Coughlan, T.D., today (Friday 4th December 2009) announced details of a second broader call for applications for the Employment Subsidy Scheme at a cost of €65 million. This brings the total financial allocation for this scheme to €135 million. The Second Call will be open to exporting and non-exporting companies from all sectors of the economy that employ more than 10 employees.

The Tánaiste said, "The Employment Subsidy Scheme is designed to support the maintenance of vulnerable jobs and prevent people from being made redundant. In this difficult economic environment the Employment Subsidy Scheme is enabling the State to protect vulnerable employment, which may otherwise have been lost without this subsidy."

Speaking about the Employment Subsidy Scheme the Tánaiste stated, "Under the First Call 470 employers and a total of over 7,700 jobs will receive a subsidy of €9,100 over fifteen months at a cost of approximately €70 million. As a result of the First Call, companies have now committed, as part of their application, to retaining a total of 36,000 jobs."

The Tánaiste continued "I have decided to proceed with a second broader call which will be open to all sectors of the economy and will provide enterprises with much needed support in these difficult economic times. Given the fact that many enterprises have reduced the working hours of their employees, the Second Call will be open to enterprises that employ their employees for less than an average of 35 hours per week."

“There will now be two bands within the Second Call. Under the first band employees must work an average of 35 hours or more per week and enterprises will receive a subsidy of €9,100 paid over a twelve-month period for each subsidised job. Under the second band employees must work an average of 21 or more hours per week, but less than 35 hours a week and enterprises will receive a subsidy of €6,370 (70% of the full subsidy) over a twelve-month period for each subsidised job.”

	Hours Employed	Percentage of Subsidy per job	Amount of Subsidy per job
Band 1	35 hours or more	100%	€9,100
Band 2	21 but less than 35 hours	70%	€6,370

Making the announcement the Tánaiste said, “It is expected that the €65 million of the Second Call will support a similar number of jobs to the First Call. I would encourage enterprises to consider making an application and log onto the dedicated website www.employmentsubsidy.ie or call 1850 211 535.”

Enterprises can make applications to the Second Call from **(2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 8th December)** and the deadline for applications is **23rd December 2009**.

Industrial Engineers Should Be Fully Aware of the Following Programmes that can Bring Huge Gains to Your Company.

The R+D Fund is for New Product and New Process Development.

Costs can be covered at 45% and up to €450,000 plus of grant. Cost covered include materials, labour, overheads, travel, consultancy certification and technology transfer. These are excellent initiatives and are detailed under R+D on the Enterprise Ireland Web site. Hundreds of companies are benefitting, are you???

The Growth Fund is a critical driver of international competitiveness and again funding of up to €450, 000 plus is available.

It covers new production equipment, management development, operator training and key manager recruitment.

Details are again to be found on the Enterprise Ireland Web site.

Become fully informed and help make your company more competitive by visiting www.enterprise-ireland.com

Please get the exact and full details from the web site. Remember most programmes offered by Enterprise Ireland are competitive schemes and there is no guarantee of success. Many, many companies are availing of the schemes. Are you one of them??