

ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS

Local Development Companies play the lead-role in identifying organisations to provide RSS placement opportunities. Those organisations eligible to participate must be:

- Community, voluntary and not-for-profit in nature, including IBs, other than Údarás na Gaeltachta; and
- Have a recognised informal (parish/ community committee, trade, sporting, cultural or other association) or formal/legal structure (a company limited by guarantee, not-for-profit co-operative or friendly society where profits or surpluses are not distributed to members); and
- Demonstrate a track record of working with or providing services to and within their communities; and
- Demonstrate a capability of managing a participant in a place with the supervisory support of the Local Development Company



FURTHER INFORMATION

If you are interested in participating on the **Rural Social Scheme** or are a community group looking for a participant please contact one of the RSS supervisors in your area:

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RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME INFORMATION LEAFLET



**PART-TIME
EMPLOYMENT
SCHEME FOR
ELIGIBLE
FARMERS AND
FISHERPERSONS.**

**Working 19.5 Hours
per week**

- ♦ **Are you in receipt of Farm Assist or Fish Assist or other eligible Social Welfare payments?**
- ♦ Would you like to be working in your local community?
- ♦ Enjoy good company, good chat and possible learn a few new skills?

Part-time employment scheme for Farmers and Fisherpersons

The **Rural Social Scheme** was set up in 2004 to provide income supplement for low income farmers/fishermen in return for part-time work in the community.

It is based on a 19½ hour flexible week to ensure your participation does not affect your farming activities.

To qualify you must be in receipt of a means tested payment and provide proof that you are actively farming.

If you are eligible and do not wish to participate on the RSS, your dependent spouse/civil partner/cohabitant can apply in your place. You may also permit a sibling or child to use your Herd Number to participate, once they satisfy the other qualifying criteria.

By participating on the Rural Social Scheme, local communities benefit from your skills and talents by providing additional resources to maintain and

improve local amenities and facilities.

You can also experience opportunities to improve existing or develop new skills.



Care of the elderly

Criteria for eligibility

You must provide a copy of your application for the EU Single Payment Scheme for the current year, including a valid herd number.

You must be over 25 years of age.

You must be in receipt of Farm Assist or Fish Assist or one of the following qualifying Social Welfare/Means Tested payments:

- Jobseeker's Allowance
- One-Parent Family Payment
- Jobseekers Transitional Payment
- Widow(er)'s Pension (Contributory or Non-Contributory)
- Disability Allowance
- Adult Dependents of Non-Contributory Old Age Pensioners who themselves are under 66.

Note: If you are unable to make an adequate living from your farm, you may be entitled to a Means Tested payment. For further information you should contact your local Social Welfare Officer.

Rates of Payment

Rates of payment depend on your qualifying Social Welfare payment. Your local R.S.S. supervisor will advise you of rates applicable at time of application.

PRSI Contribution

A PRSI contribution (Class A) is paid in respect of each participant. Those earning less than €352 per week will not be subject to PRSI.

What Type of Work is carried out



Maintaining walkways

- Maintaining walking routes.
- Graveyard Maintenance.
- General work and caretaking in Community Centres.

- Village and countryside enhancement
- Taking care of the older person.
- Community care for pre-school and after-school groups.

- Supporting local sporting organisations, maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities.



Graveyard Maintenance

- Projects relating to not-for-profit cultural and heritage centres.
- Community administration or clerical work.



Community Administration

- Other appropriate community based projects.