

Transcript from Emails 16.03.2020

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Sent: 16 March 2020 21:43
To: Elaine Barnes
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Eoin,

More queries, sorry!

- Direct Provision – customers working while in Direct Provision, can these get the emergency payment for the 6 weeks? Below is a response from Mary Pracht, SWA:
I understand from our phonecall that this is a case where the customer was working and receiving the Working Family Payment and the employment has now ceased. They are a protection applicant in an accommodation centre and receiving the daily expenses allowance.
If they have enough PRSI cons paid, then they may qualify for JB.
It appears that the conditions applying to the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment relate only to ceasing employment, therefore it appears that these customer would qualify.

RSU - I don't have details of the numbers of protection applicants who are working, however there are likely to be 2-3,000. The right to work was introduced in July 2018 (there was an interim more limited right from Feb 2018).

WFP - situation under review.
DP cases – if working, they do qualify.

Text deleted – outside of scope

Regards,
Elaine