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## SKILLS FOR LIFE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SCHEME "Helping You To Reach Your Potential"



## What does the Programme Involve?

The Employment Support Scheme is an initiative coordinated by the Defence Forces (DF), Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP), Department of Defence (DoD) and Dublin & Dun Laoghaire Education & Training Board (DDLETB). It is designed to provide you with skills for life; skills which will assist you to enter the workforce or to pursue further education.

The scheme takes place over 10 weeks. The first 2 weeks of the programme will be fully residential. The remaining 8 weeks will be residential Monday to Friday only. Accommodation, travel and catering costs will be incurred by the Defence Forces. A Medical Card will be required to pay any medical bills that may be incurred during participation in the scheme.

## How Will Taking Part Help Me?

On successful completion of the scheme you should be able to demonstrate:

- a. Enhanced social and team work skills.
- b. An increased sense of self-confidence, self-discipline, self-motivation and self-worth.
- c. Practical skills and qualifications which will enhance employment and further education opportunities.
- d. Increased levels of physical fitness and motivation.
- e. Increased confidence when communicating with employers.



## Participants that successfully complete the full programme will receive the following awards:

1. City & Guilds Award in Employability Skills (5546) offered during the programme by DDLETB Training Centre Baldoyle to include;
  - a. Introduction to Health & Safety (H&S) Awareness 5546/424.
  - b. Effective Skills, Qualities & Attitudes for Learning/Work 5546/425.
  - c. Introduction to Customer Service 5546/486.
2. SOLAS Safe Pass – DDLETB Training Centre Baldoyle.
3. Participants who undertake ECDL through e-College during the programme may also achieve an ECDL Full/Start or Progress Certificate.
4. HACCP (Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Point) certificate from The Defence Forces School of Catering.
5. Basic Medical Training Certificate.
6. Manual Handling Training Certificate.
7. Certificate of Participation and Reference from the Defence Forces and Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.



## How do I take part?

- The Employment Support Scheme is open to jobseekers between the ages of 18 and 24.
- Participants will be selected by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection in conjunction with the Defence Forces.
- Information open days concerning the Employment Support Scheme will be hosted by DEASP in Drogheda, Dundalk and Balbriggan.
- Subsequent interviews will be conducted following a shortlisting of all applicants.

## Where can I get more information?

If you are interested in participating in the scheme please register by emailing [dfess@welfare.ie](mailto:dfess@welfare.ie) or contact Intreo Centre Drogheda, 1-2 Dyer Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth, A92 F671 or Intreo Centre Balbriggan, Gallens Mill, Mill Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, K32 Y571. The DF ESS is co-funded by the Irish Government, the European Social Fund and the Youth Employment Initiative as part of the ESF Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning 2014-2020.