Essential services for Level 4

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Physical attendance at workplaces is only permitted for those providing the following services where such services can only be provided in person and cannot be delivered remotely. It does not include administrative and other support for such businesses and services unless specified in section 13 and the physical presence of a worker is required.

**Agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fishing, animal welfare and related services**

The following services relating to agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fishing, animal welfare and related services:

- farming
- farm labour
- farm relief services
- crop and animal production
- fishing for commercial purposes
- aquaculture and fish farming
- horticulture
- forestry
• veterinary, animal welfare and related services
• the provision of support services relating to any of the services specified above (including artificial insemination and animal disposal)
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Manufacturing

The following services relating to manufacturing:

• the manufacture, production or processing of food and beverage products
• the manufacture, production or processing of animal feeds
• the manufacture of work-wear apparel, personal protective equipment or footwear
• the manufacture of wood pulp, paper and paperboard
• the operation of sawmills and the processing of wood and cork
• the printing and reproduction of newspapers and other media services
• the distillation of coke and refined petroleum products
• the refining of alumina
• the manufacture of chemicals and chemical products
• the manufacture of pharmaceutical products and preparations
• the manufacture of products necessary for the supply chain of essential services
• the manufacture of products necessary for national and international supply chains, other than the manufacture of products necessary for the supply chain of essential services
• the manufacture of computers, electronic and optical products (including semiconductors)
• the manufacture of electrical equipment, machinery and other equipment (including agricultural and forestry machinery)
• the manufacture of medical devices or appliances
• the manufacture of medicinal, health, dental and other personal hygiene products, equipment, appliances and supplies

Supply, repair and installation of machinery and equipment

The following services relating to the supply, repair and installation of machinery and equipment:

• the supply, repair and installation of machinery and equipment (including mechanically propelled vehicles, industrial machinery and equipment) for essential services
• the repair of mechanically propelled vehicles or the repair of bicycles and related facilities

Electricity, gas, water, sewage and waste management

The following services relating to electricity, gas, water, sewage and waste management:

• the generation, transmission, supply and distribution of electric power
• the extraction and distribution of gas
• the collection, treatment and supply of water
• the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage or wastewater
• the collection of waste, remediation activities and other waste management treatment and disposal activities (including the operation of landfill sites, waste transfer stations, waste processing centres and recycling facilities or waste recovery)

**Construction and development**

The following services relating to construction and development:

• construction or development work and the provision of support services relating to construction and development work
• the repair, maintenance and construction of road, rail and utility infrastructure
• the supply and delivery of essential or emergency maintenance and repair services to businesses and places of residence (including electrical, gas, plumbing, glazing and roofing services) on an emergency call-out basis

**Wholesale and retail trade**

The following services relating to wholesale and retail trade:

• the operation of essential retail outlets
• wholesale and distribution services necessary for ensuring the availability for sale of food, beverages, fuel, medicinal products, medical devices or appliances, other medical or health supplies or products, essential items for the health and welfare of animals, or supplies for the essential upkeep and functioning of a place of residence
• the operation of automated teller machines and related services

**Transport, storage and communications**

The following services relating to transport, storage and communications:

• the provision of land transport, including bus, rail and taxi services
• road, rail, sea and air freight
• the provision of sea and air passenger services
• the operation of ports, harbours and airports
• the operation of lighthouses
• warehousing and support activities (including cargo-handling, postal and courier activities) for the transportation of goods
• the control and critical maintenance of the transport infrastructure network (including roads)
• any service required for the safe provision of a service specified above

**Accommodation and food services**

The following services relating to accommodation and food services provision:
• services to existing residents as of 15 October
• services to guests travelling for essential non-social and non-tourist purposes
• the operation of hotels or similar accommodation services providing essential accommodation (including accommodation for homeless persons and persons in direct provision, persons who are unable to reside in their usual place of residence due to reasons related to the spread of COVID-19 or otherwise or persons who require such accommodation for the purposes of any matter which falls within any subparagraph of Regulation 4(2)) and related services
• food and beverage service activities for supply to a business engaged in an essential service
• the provision of food or beverage takeaway or delivery services or seated outdoor service with a maximum capacity of 15 persons

Information and communications

The following services relating to information and communications:

• the production and publication of newspapers, journals and periodicals and the distribution of those publications, whether in hardcopy or digital format
• the production of television and radio programmes, video, sound, digital or other electronic content and the broadcast or publication of the same to the public or a portion of the public
• the provision of services necessary to deliver and support wired telecommunication activities and satellite telecommunication activities and other communications activities (including internet and cloud providers)
• the provision of data centre services and related services

Financial and legal activities

The following services relating to financial and legal activities:

• financial, insurance and banking services (including post office and credit union services) provided by a financial services provider
• accounting services or audit services
• legal services provided by practising barristers or practising solicitors

Professional, scientific and technical activities

The following services relating to professional, scientific and technical activities:

• the provision of engineering, technical testing activities and analysis (including the performance of physical, chemical and other analytical testing of materials and products)
• the provision of scientific research and development services
• regulation, inspection and certification services, in accordance with law, of a particular sector by a body created by statute for that purpose

Rental and leasing activities
The provision of a service for the rental or leasing of mechanically propelled vehicles or bicycles.

**Administrative and support activities**

The following services relating to administrative and support activities:

- payroll and payment services necessary for the operation of undertakings and bodies
- employment placement and human resources services associated with the recruitment and deployment of workers engaged in the provision of essential services
- data processing, website hosting and related activities
- security activities to assist in either or both of the following:
  
  (i) the delivery of essential services;
  
  (ii) the securing of premises closed to the public

- funeral, burial and related services
- business support services (including information and communications technology support and sales, repair and maintenance for information and communications technology and telephones) where such services are necessary to support:
  
  (i) any other essential service,
  
  (ii) a person working from their place of residence where the business concerned is being operated from a place of residence, or
  
  (iii) a business that is not an essential service, to the extent required to maintain that business in operation or to minimise any delay in the business resuming operation after these Regulations have ceased to be in operation

  - where such services are necessary to support any other essential service:
  
    (i) the cleaning of buildings;
    
    (ii) industrial cleaning activities;
    
    (iii) the provision of key third party supports other than those referred to in the point above, provided under contract to a person providing an essential service

**Public administration, emergency services and defence**

The following services relating to public administration, emergency services and defence:

- the performance by the Garda Síochána, including members and civilian staff of the Garda Síochána, of its functions under the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (No. 20 of 2005)
- public order, rescue and emergency services (including fire, coastguard, lifeboat, mountain rescue and ambulance services)
the performance by the Defence Forces of the functions conferred on them by or under any enactment
emergency call answering services
services to enable the administration of justice
prison services and child detention services, including all onsite activities i.e. education
cyber-security services
the provision of social protection benefits
regulatory processes and certification required to ensure supply chains, safety of food, beverages, medicinal products, medical devices or appliances, other medical or health supplies or products, and general process safety
the operation and maintenance of botanical gardens, parks, forests, nature reserves and playgrounds
services relating to the deaths and funerals of persons
chaplaincy services
services provided or functions performed by an office holder appointed under any enactment or under the Constitution, or members of either House of the Oireachtas, the European Parliament or a local authority
services provided under the Child Care Act 1991 (No. 17 of 1991)
adoption services under the Adoption Act 2010 (No. 21 of 2010)
services provided to victims
services, including regulation services, provided by, and activities of, the Central Bank of Ireland, the Investor Compensation Company DAC (otherwise known as the Investor Compensation Company Limited) and the National Treasury Management Agency
any other service provided, or function performed, by a public body (within the meaning of the Data Sharing and Governance Act 2019 (No. 5 of 2019)), where the provision of the service or performance of the function is necessary to support or manage:

(i) other essential services, or
(ii) the response of the State to the spread of COVID-19

Human health and social work activities

The following services relating to human health and social work activities:

- hospital services
- therapy services provided by a member of a designated profession within the meaning of section 3 of the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (No. 27 of 2005)
- services relating to public health, including services relating to:

(i) the identification, tracing and contacting of persons who have been in contact with persons who have been diagnosed, or are suspected of having been infected, with COVID-19, and
(ii) the testing of persons for COVID-19

- laboratory services
• drug treatment and addiction services
• hospice services
• pharmacy services
• primary care and general and specialist medical practice activities
• dental services
• blood donation and related services
• tissue or organ donation and related services
• residential care services (including nursing care, mental health and substance abuse services, services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities) and children’s residential services
• homecare, home help and other health services in the community
• social work and social care services, (including disability services, mental health services, child protection and welfare services, domestic, sexual and gender-based violence services) and homeless services including homeless outreach services
• paramedical, ambulance and pre-hospital care services
• services provided by minor injury units
• maternity services
• health and social work services
• food safety and environmental services
• regulated childcare services and the care of children for persons providing essential services

Education

The following services relating to education activities:

• primary and post primary school
• higher and further education, only to the extent that onsite presence is required e.g. laboratory exercises and practical classes and examinations that cannot be held remotely

Community and voluntary services

The following services relating to community and voluntary services:

• services not otherwise specified in this Schedule, provided by community and voluntary workers, as part of a publicly commissioned service, deployed to assist in the delivery of essential services
• volunteer services operating under the local authority emergency management framework in accordance with public health guidance

Diplomatic missions and consular affairs

The provision of services essential to the functioning of diplomatic missions and consular posts in the State.