



TEMPORARY WAGE SUBSIDY SCHEME (TWSS) + EMPLOYER OVERPAYMENTS

Background

Almost 12 months on from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Revenue are currently in the process of contacting Employers who availed of the Government's original TWSS support scheme - **about overpayments related to that scheme which now require to be repaid !**

The original scheme was introduced as an emergency support for Employers impacted by COVID-19, and was operated in two phases -

1. the **'transitional'** phase - where a flat rate of €410 in subsidy was paid per employee, irrespective of their earnings
2. the **'operational'** phase - which ran from May to August 2020 where a subsidy was paid per employee, based on their average net weekly pay

Given the **'emergency'** nature of the original scheme, it was always expected that the **'transitional'** payments to Employers may be, in some cases, be in excess of the amounts that were to be received by employees.

Therefore to avail of the TWSS scheme, Employers confirmed that they would make repayment of any overpaid amounts once a full **'reconciliation'** was completed by Revenue at a point after the scheme had ended.

This has now been completed with the outcome of the **'reconciliations'** being communicated to relevant Employers !

Post TWSS Scheme Reconciliation – 2021

Under the terms of the TWSS scheme, Employers were required to report the actual subsidy received per employee on each payroll run, which has been used by Revenue to assist with their **'reconciliation'** process.

One year after the introduction of the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS), Revenue have completed their **'reconciliation'** process i.e.

- compared the total subsidy amounts paid to employees
- against the subsidy amounts paid to the Employer
- enabling the amount(s) of TWSS overpaid to be determined

All Employers who availed of the TWSS scheme will receive a **Statement of Account** through their Revenue Online (ROS) account from **Monday 22nd March 2021**.



Next Step(s) ?

Employers now have until **30th June 2021** to review the **Statement of Account**, and unless there are reasons to query or appeal the '**reconciliation**' amounts, they need to agree the amounts with Revenue.

Once agreed, Employers must then arrange for any necessary payment(s), with a number of options available

- payment in full which can be made online
- avail of any '**Debt Warehousing Scheme**' arrangements i.e. defer the liability
- pay the balance through through an extended payment arrangement with Revenue

PLEASE NOTE – Any Employers who do NOT liaise with Revenue or provide the necessary data to enable a '**reconciliation**', will be liable to return or repay the full amount received under the TWSS scheme.