

JOB'S BULLETIN: For the week ending 11 July

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This Bulletin is part of the Government's Year for Jobs Campaign, aimed at increasing awareness of what is being done in Ireland to create jobs & tackle unemployment.

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Useful statistics

1.89million	People now in work, an increase of 42,700 (2.3 %) in the year to Q1 2014 compared to Q1 2013
2.3%	Increase in employment in the last year
11.6%	Current unemployment rate (June 2014) down from 15.1% (Feb 2012)
7.3%	Long term unemployment rate (Q1 2014), down from 8.4% this time last year
258,100	People unemployed (Q1 2014), down from 292,000 for Q1 2013 from the CSO's QNHS

Jobs announcements this week

58 jobs identified in 2 companies

Company	Location	Jobs	Useful notes
Digital Hub	Dublin	28	• 3 Irish companies, Creative Nation, Fractus Learning and Athena Media are among 6 companies to join Digital Hub
Fenergo	Dublin & Boston	30	• Global provider of Client Lifecycle Management software solutions for investment banks and capital market firms

JobsIreland News: www.jobsireland.ie is the Government's job portal, run by Department of Social Protection.

1,869	New positions advertised this week 30 June – 6 July
44,893	New positions advertised since the start of 2014

And:

- 100s of construction jobs to be created and sustained as [Government to bring over 1,000 council houses into use](#)
- 33 jobs saved as Playzone children's centre, Celbridge is first SME to exit [new low-cost examinership process](#)
- 100 jobs saved following talks at Pfizer in Cork where 130 redundancies were planned
- 800 jobs potentially saved as business consortia buys up Quinn Group's manufacturing operations from receivers
- 2,000 potential jobs for Limerick through €100m retail redevelopment of partially built shopping centre
- Forecasts of start-ups creating 2,800 jobs by 2020 is conservative, figures could be doubled says [Start-up Ireland](#)
- Ryanair has launched Ryanair Labs, digital and IT innovation hub with recruitment of the 200 roles now underway
- 628 to be created by food company Moy Park (Dungannon, Craigavon and Ballymena)
- 55 jobs with Whitby Seafood take on 33 staff (Kilkeel) and AGR Automation creating 22 jobs (Ballymena)
- 40 jobs with defibrillator manufacturer Heartsine and 12 jobs at Academy of Professional Physical Arts (Belfast)

Also:

- Cork retail group Musgrave to cut 80 jobs from its administrative and supply chain divisions in the UK

Job related events next week

Wednesday July 16	Dublin	<p><u>Dublin City Business Improvement District (BID) Employer Breakfast Briefing</u></p> <p>Tánaiste & Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton will be outlining the range of employment supports and services the Government has developed to help employers to hire from the Live Register.</p> <p>The event is run by Dublin City Improvement District, Bank of Ireland & the Department of Social Protection.</p>
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2013 saw greatest level of jobs and export performance in over a decade – Enterprise Ireland

- Record €17.1bn export sales achieved, representing an 8% increase on 2012 and created 18,033 new jobs in 2013
- Net increase of 5,442 in number of people employed, largest net increase in a decade
- Identifies clear link between strong export growth in new and existing markets and job creation here in Ireland

A great start to 2014 for IDA with 8,000 jobs created so far

- Over 100 investments were secured in the first six months of 2014, compared to 70 same time last year
- 40% new companies investing in Ireland, remainder are expansions and transformations by existing companies
- 161,112 people were working in 1,100 IDA client companies at end 2013

INFOGRAPHIC: [Retail sales of organic food in Ireland worth €99.1m \(Bord Bia Study\)](#)**JobsPlus scheme reaches target of 2,500 people off the live register in just 12 months, 2 years ahead of schedule**

- JobsPlus programme has engaged over 2,500 employees & 1,811 employers nationwide since its launch last July
- 60% of reactivated participants had been out of work for over 24 months

Tesco-Positive2Work Skillnet programme sees 46 young unemployed participants graduate this week

- Designed to provide young jobseekers with retail and distribution skills and work experience
- Collaboration between Dept. Social Protection, Tesco Ireland, Positive2Work Skillnet, Keelings, Dept. Education, Skills and Education and Training Boards Ireland
- Both Keelings and Tescos provided work placements for the course participants

82% of investors confident in Irish economy outlook, up from 10% in 2010 - RaboDirect Investor Barometer

- Economic sentiment among Irish investors has reached a four-year high
- 82% of investors surveyed saying they are now confident in the outlook for the Irish economy for next quarter
- Optimism in the global economy remains strong with 85% of Irish investors saying they are confident about the global economic outlook over the next three months.
- Confidence among investors about their personal financial situation is also strong at 81%

New car sales so far have surpassed sales for all of last year (CSO)

- 2.9% increase to 3,390 in new private cars license in June
- Imported private cars licensed for the first time were up 7.6% to 4,502 for the same period
- 62,280 new private cars licensed in the year to the end of June 2014, up 25.8% on same period 2013

Landmark reform: Five workplace relations bodies to be merged into two

- Government has approved to progress the legislation for this merger
- This will merge Labour Relations Commission (LRC), the National Employment Rights Authority (NERA), the Equality Tribunal, Employment Appeals Tribunal (EAT) and the Labour Court
- New system will provide a easier service for employers and employees and deliver savings for the taxpayer

[Launchbox: 8 new teams of young entrepreneurs start their start-up accelerator programme at TCD](#)**4% increase in number of jobs advertised online in Q2 2014 - Irishjobs.ie**

- Strongest sectors are hotel and catering up 19%, tourism up 15%, and IT up 14%
- Positive forecasts in April predict Ireland's economy to expand 3.5% on the back of domestic demand and exports
- Drop in jobs being advertised in construction, architecture, property, engineering & utilities, beauty and leisure

[6% increase in professional job opportunities in first half of 2014 – Morgan McKinley Employment Monitor](#)**Economy forecasted to rise by 3.3% this year reaching 3.9% in 2015 – Merrion Stockbrokers Quarterly outlook**

- €1bn cuts and tax increases sufficient to hit fiscal targets; [IBECs €200m budget adjustment overly optimistic](#)
- Unemployment rate should average out at 11.6% this year, down from 13.1% in 2013
- Double digit growth in housing market around the country is expected, with Dublin prices to rise 15-20% in 2014

[New initiative to attract world's top researchers offers €5m funding to each successful candidate - SFI](#)