



## *Information on CETS for CE Participants*

# **CHILDCARE EDUCATION AND TRAINING SUPPORT (CETS) PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT PARTICIPANTS**

**In Budget 2014 it was announced that the Childcare Education and Training Support (CETS) Programme is being expanded from 1 January 2014 to include Community Employment (CE) Participants.**

### **AM I ELIGIBLE FOR CETS?**

A CE Applicant who needs childcare in order to take up a place on a CE scheme is eligible for a CETS Place.

**There is one exception.** Where a CE Applicant/Participant has a child/children **who is/are** participating in the ECCE Programme (the free Pre-School Year) they will not be considered for the CETS Programme. The ECCE Programme is open to all children aged between 3 years and 3 months and 4 years and 6 months on 1<sup>st</sup> September each year.

### **HOW DO I SECURE A CETS PLACE ON CE?**

1. The CE Sponsor will tell you about the CETS programme and give you a list of Childcare Providers participating in the CETS programme.
2. You should then contact a Childcare Provider in your area to book a CETS place. You can use your letter of offer of a CE place to do this.
3. If you are already on CE your Sponsor will give you a letter stating this.
4. The Childcare Provider will accept your letter and offer you a place, if there are places available.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
- Places will be allocated to children over 1 and under 5 years of age.
- CE participants in receipt of the One Parent Family Payment (OFP) prior to starting on CE will be particularly welcome to take up a CETS place.
- The CETS place will be provided on a part-time basis *only* for CE participants.
- The parent contribution is €15 per week.
- Places will be approved for 50 weeks in a 12 month period.
- Places will be open to existing participants as well as new entrants.
- There is no provision for a participant to continue to access a CETS place if they are absent from CE for a prolonged period.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL INTREO/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
OFFICE OR YOUR CE SPONSOR**