

Digital skills requirements of workers in Ireland

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 IRELAND

Timeline

2020 Completed

ID number 36705

Background

An analysis based on Cedefop's European Skills for Jobs Survey. The digital economy has transformed the world of work and extended the need for ICT skills to large shares of the workforce. Nowadays, most workers require at least a basic ability to use technology.

Description

This report details further analysis of the Cedefop's European Skills for Jobs Survey data for Ireland to give a more in-depth picture of the situation for workers in Ireland. This analysis informs policy decisions to address the ICT skill gaps in the Irish economy and identify emerging skills requirements in the shift towards digitalisation.

2020 Completed

This report established a baseline for when the next dataset becomes available in 2021. It will provide an up-to-date picture of the digital skills requirements of the workforce in Ireland.

Bodies responsible

- Further Education and Training Authority (SOLAS)

Target group

Learners

Adult learners
Older workers and employees (55 - 64 years old)
Persons in employment, including those at risk of unemployment
Low-skilled/qualified persons

Entities providing VET

Companies

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Establishing and developing skills intelligence systems

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Acquiring key competences

Subsystem

IVET

Further reading

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Related policy developments

2021 Approved/Agreed

Transforming Learning 2020-24: Ireland's National Further Education and Training Strategy

The FET strategy 2020-24 was developed in consultation with the FET sector and other key stakeholders. Consultation was wide-ranging and included bilateral meetings, regional workshops and a public call for submissions.

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Type of development

Regulation/Legislation

Subsystem

IVET CVET

2023 Completed

Skills development opportunities for the employed individuals

In line with the national skills strategy, SOLAS prepared a further education and training (FET) policy framework for the skills development of employed people.

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Type of development

Practical
measure/Initiative

Subsystem

IVET CVET

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