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1. Moving Abroad and Jobseeker's Benefit

Anyone considering **moving to another European country to look for work** should note that in certain circumstances it is possible to continue to have your Jobseeker's Benefit paid for a limited period of time.

If you have been receiving Jobseeker's Benefit in Ireland for at least 4 weeks, you may **transfer the claim** to another European country for **up to 13 weeks** provided that you are seeking employment in that country.

To apply to have your Jobseeker's Benefit payment transferred, you should go to your **local social welfare office** in Ireland and ask for a completed **Form E303**. It is advised to inform your local office that you plan to leave Ireland approximately 4 weeks in advance of travelling so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

You then take the completed form with you to the European country you are travelling to and present it to the social services office there within 7 days of your arrival.

For further information on the procedures to be followed contact your local social welfare office or the **EU/International Records Section** of the Department of Social & Family Affairs at 1890 690 690.

Note: neither Jobseeker's Allowance nor Supplementary Welfare Allowance can be transferred to another country.

2. High Demand for Work in Canada Programmes

The two USIT-operated programmes for **Students** and **Under-35s** hoping to work and travel in Canada in 2010 both opened for applications in early January this year. Places are limited and the schemes filled up extremely quickly this year. **Both programmes are now closed**; however anyone interested should apply to put their name on a **waitlist** as there is a chance more places may become available throughout the year. See <http://canada.usit.ie/> for more information; or to register your interest in the 2011 programmes email canada@usit.ie.

As an alternative to Canada, young people considering working or travelling abroad in 2010 may also be interested in schemes that are in place allowing work and travel for up to 12 months in the following countries:

- **Argentina**
- **Australia**
- **Hong Kong**
- **Japan**
- **New Zealand**

Irish citizens meeting the eligibility criteria can also participate in a 12 month Work and Travel Programme in the **United States**.

For further information on any of these schemes please see our website or click [here](#).

3. Changes to Australian Skilled Migration

A number of changes were announced to Australia's **General Skilled Migration** scheme on 8th February 2010. These changes affect which applications receive **priority processing**, revoke the Migration Occupation in Demand List, will revoke the Critical Skills List and introduce a **new Skilled Occupation List** in the 2nd half of 2010.

Anyone who has applied or intends to apply for a General Skilled Migration visa should make sure they are fully informed and aware of the changes and how they might affect their application.

See www.immi.gov.au for more details or click [here](#).

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