

# Pig Exceptional Payment Scheme (PEPS)

## Objectives

The Pig Exceptional Payment Scheme (PEPS) is a one off, exchequer funded grant aid scheme under de minimis state aid regulations. The objective of the PEPS is to provide support for commercial pig farmers in Ireland as an urgent short-term emergency response to the current market disturbance to avert potential welfare issues, assist producers that would be viable but for the extreme current circumstances and allow a more medium-term appropriate adjustment to market signals.

## What does it involve and who is eligible?

- The scheme is open to all pig farmers who produced 200 or more pigs in the required period of 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 and fulfil the requirements set out in the T&Cs.
- Eligible pigs must have been either sent to a slaughtering establishment, exported or sold commercially from a breeding herd.
- Must have completed the 2021 Pig Census.
- **Undertakings may submit only one application, irrespective of the number of herds owned.**

## Additional information

There will be twelve rates of payment under the scheme;

- A one-off payment, rates of which are detailed in *fig.1*, shall be made **per undertaking** which produced more than 200 pigs in 2021.
- Produced is defined in the three categories under section 6.3 in the T&Cs.

| Number of pigs produced in 2021 | Payment |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1300 and above                  | €20,000 |
| 1200 to 1300                    | €18,000 |
| 1100 to 1200                    | €16,500 |
| 1000 to 1100                    | €15,000 |
| 900 to 1000                     | €13,500 |
| 800 to 900                      | €12,000 |
| 700 to 800                      | €10,500 |
| 600 to 700                      | €9,000  |
| 500 to 600                      | €7,500  |
| 400 to 500                      | €6,000  |
| 300 to 400                      | €4,500  |
| 200 - 300                       | €3,000  |

*Fig.1 Payment Rates*

## Key dates

- Applications for PEPS are open from 7 March 2022 to 20 March 2022. Any late applications will not be accepted.
- Eligible applications must be made for the number of pigs produced during the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 inclusive.

**Further info on T&Cs and how to apply:**

<https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/73aea-schemes-and-services-agriculture-food-and-the-marine/>