

**Regional Aid Map for Ireland**  
**Applicable from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2027**  
**Commission Decision – SA 101399**

## **1. Background**

Regional Aid is an enhanced form of aid that can be provided to enterprises in more economically disadvantaged areas. It incentivises SMEs and large enterprises to invest for growth and expansion and increases the attractiveness of these areas for investment. It is an important aid measure for Enterprise Agencies as they support Irish enterprises to grow and expand and as they attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the country.

Grants and other State aid under Regional Aid are funded from the exchequer, i.e. there is no EU or other external funding.

The 2022-2027 Regional Aid Guidelines entered into force on 01 January 2022. Under the terms of the RAGs, regions covering 35.90% of Ireland's population are to be designated as 'assisted areas'. This is a reduction of 15.38% from the period 2014 – 2021.

## **2. Eligible areas**

The Regional Aid Guidelines provide five criteria under which the EU Commission can approve an area to be eligible for inclusion on a Regional Aid Map. The EU Commission have approved areas in Ireland's Regional Aid Map 2022-2027 under Criterion 1, 3 (islands) and 5.

Given the reduction in Ireland's coverage, Local Electoral Areas (LEAs) have been used as the classification unit for all areas, and also a small number of islands off the coast of Ireland. Please see Appendix 1 for a full list of LEAs added and their specific intensities.

## **3. Aid Intensities**

The aid intensity rate that applies to an area depends on the criterion of the Regional Aid Guidelines under which the area has been approved by the EU Commission for inclusion on the map.

The base rate that applies in an area eligible under Criterion 1 is 15%. The rate can be increased for Small and Medium Enterprises. The base rate that applies in an area eligible under Criterion 5 or Criterion 3 (islands) is 10%. The rate can be increased for Small and Medium Enterprises.

Please contact [info@enterprise.gov.ie](mailto:info@enterprise.gov.ie) for more information on specific State Aid Intensities.

#### **4. Other State Aid Measures**

The State, through its industrial development agencies and other State Departments and bodies, can provide support to both Irish and foreign companies under a range of State Aid measures, including:

- Research, Development and Innovation Aid
- Environmental Aid
- Risk Finance
- Training Aid

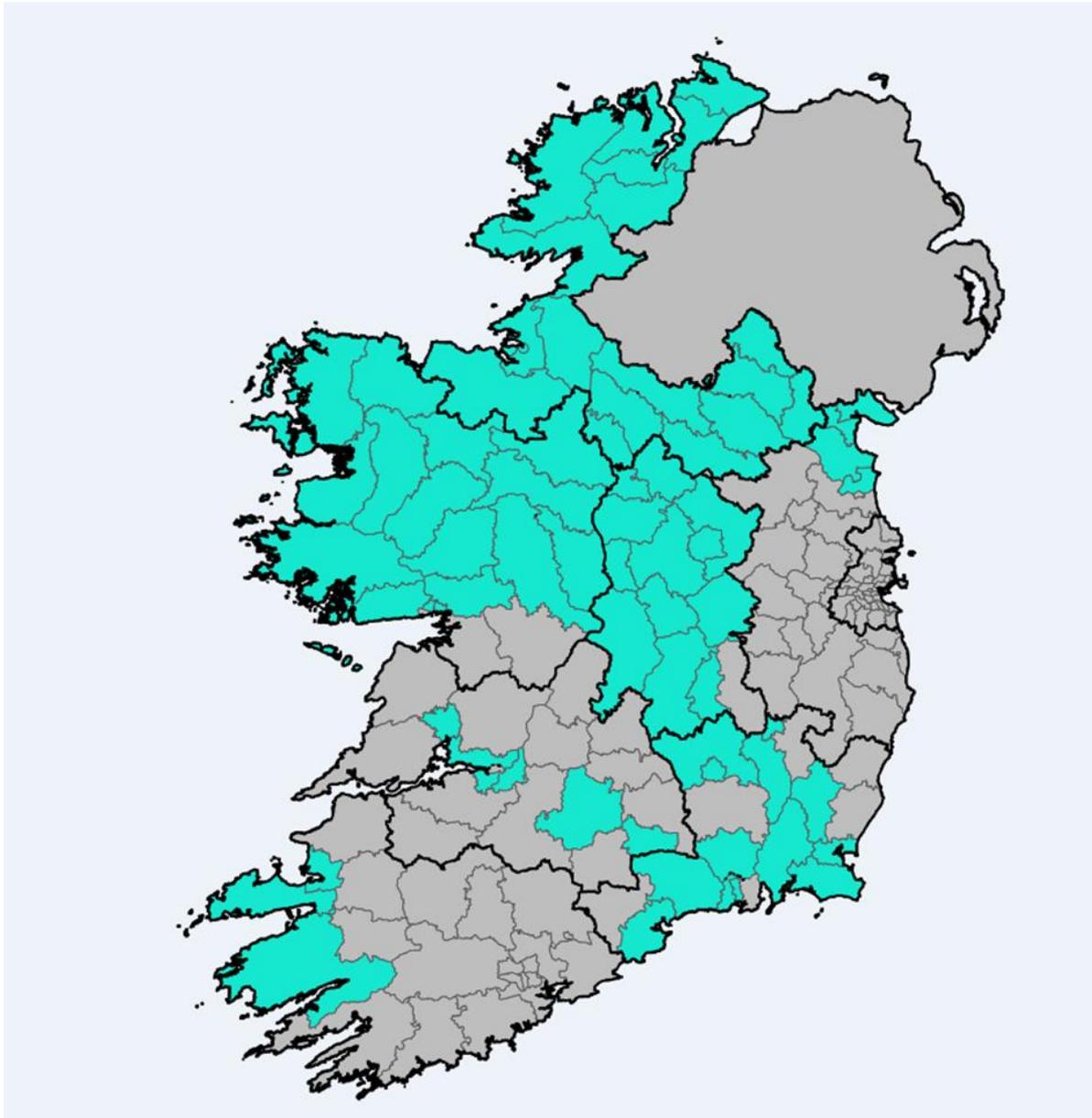
Such aid measures are available in every county in Ireland.

All enterprises can be supported under the De Minimis Aid Regulation. De Minimis Aid is small amounts of State Aid given to an enterprise which cannot exceed €200,000 over three fiscal years to any company irrespective of size or location. De Minimis Aid can come from any State body, agency or department.

#### **State Aid Unit**

Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment

## Regional Aid Map for Ireland (2022-2027)



## Appendix 1

**Table 1: LEAs deemed eligible under Criterion 1 on the Map**

<b>LEA</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Aid Intensity</b>
<b>Carlow</b>	<b>Carlow</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Muinebeag</b>	<b>Carlow</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Bailieborough-Cootehill</b>	<b>Cavan</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Ballyjamesduff</b>	<b>Cavan</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Cavan-Belturbet</b>	<b>Cavan</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Buncrana</b>	<b>Donegal</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Carndonagh</b>	<b>Donegal</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Donegal</b>	<b>Donegal</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Glenties</b>	<b>Donegal</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Letterkenny</b>	<b>Donegal</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Lifford-Stranorlar</b>	<b>Donegal</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Milford</b>	<b>Donegal</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Athenry-Oranmore</b>	<b>Galway</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Ballinasloe</b>	<b>Galway</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Conamara North</b>	<b>Galway</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Conamara South</b>	<b>Galway</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Galway City Central</b>	<b>Galway</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Galway City East</b>	<b>Galway</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Tuam</b>	<b>Galway</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Castlecomer</b>	<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Piltown</b>	<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Borris-in-Ossory-Mountmellick</b>	<b>Laois</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Portlaoise</b>	<b>Laois</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Ballinamore</b>	<b>Leitrim</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Carrick-on-Shannon</b>	<b>Leitrim</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Manorhamilton</b>	<b>Leitrim</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Ballymahon</b>	<b>Longford</b>	<b>15%</b>

<b>Granard</b>	<b>Longford</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Longford</b>	<b>Longford</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Ballina</b>	<b>Mayo</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Belmullet</b>	<b>Mayo</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Castlebar</b>	<b>Mayo</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Claremorris</b>	<b>Mayo</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Swinford</b>	<b>Mayo</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Westport</b>	<b>Mayo</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Ballybay-Clones</b>	<b>Monaghan</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Carrickmacross-Castleblayney</b>	<b>Monaghan</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Monaghan</b>	<b>Monaghan</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Birr</b>	<b>Offaly</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Edenderry</b>	<b>Offaly</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Tullamore</b>	<b>Offaly</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Athlone</b>	<b>Roscommon</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Boyle</b>	<b>Roscommon</b>	<b>15%</b>
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<b>Ballymote-Tobercurry</b>	<b>Sligo</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Sligo-Drumcliff</b>	<b>Sligo</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Sligo-Strandhill</b>	<b>Sligo</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Dungarvan</b>	<b>Waterford</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Portlaw-Kilmacthomas</b>	<b>Waterford</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Tramore-Waterford City West</b>	<b>Waterford</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Waterford City South</b>	<b>Waterford</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Athlone</b>	<b>Westmeath</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Kinnegad</b>	<b>Westmeath</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Moate</b>	<b>Westmeath</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Mullingar</b>	<b>Westmeath</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Enniscorthy</b>	<b>Wexford</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>New Ross</b>	<b>Wexford</b>	<b>15%</b>

Rosslare	Wexford	15%
Wexford	Wexford	15%

**Table 2: LEAs deemed eligible under criterion 5 on the map**

LEA	County	Aid Intensity
Ennis	Clare	10%
Shannon	Clare	10%
Corca Dhuibhne	Kerry	10%
Kenmare	Kerry	10%
Tralee	Kerry	10%
Limerick City East	Limerick	10%
Limerick City West	Limerick	10%
Ardee	Louth	10%
Drogheda Rural	Louth	10%
Dundalk-Carlingford	Louth	10%
Dundalk South	Louth	10%
Clonmel	Tipperary	10%
Cashel-Tipperary	Tipperary	10%

**Table 3: Inhabited Islands included but not covered by eligible LEAs  
(Criterion 3)**

Island	County	Aid Intensity
Aughinish Island, Clare	Clare	10%
Carrig Island, Kerry	Kerry	10%
Bear Island, Cork	Cork	10%
Calf Island East, Cork	Cork	10%
Cléire, Cork	Cork	10%
Coney Island, Cork	Cork	10%

Dursey Island, Cork	Cork	10%
Haulbowline Island, Cork	Cork	10%
Hop Island, Cork	Cork	10%
Horse Island, Cork	Cork	10%
Inchydoney Island, Cork	Cork	10%
Inishbeg, Cork	Cork	10%
Inishodriscol (or Hare Island), Cork	Cork	10%
Lambay Island, Dublin	Dublin	10%
Long Island, Cork	Cork	10%
Mannin Beg, Cork	Cork	10%
North Bull Island, Dublin	Dublin	10%
Ringarogy Island, Cork	Cork	10%
Sherkin Island, Cork	Cork	10%
Tarbert Island, Kerry	Kerry	10%
Whiddy Island, Cork	Cork	10%

## Appendix 2

### Company Size Definitions

A **small enterprise** is an enterprise that satisfies all of the following criteria:

- has fewer than 50 employees and
- has either an annual turnover and/or a balance-sheet total not exceeding EUR 10 million.

A **medium-sized enterprise** is an enterprise satisfying all of the following criteria:

- has fewer than 250 employees and
- has either an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 50 million, and/or a balance-sheet total not exceeding EUR 43 million.

A **large enterprise** is one with 250 employees or more