

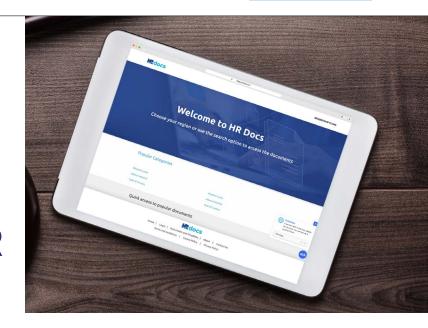
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EMPLOYERS CONSIDER REDUCING PAY FOR REMOTE WORKERS

Paid parental leave has been increased from five to seven weeks in the Republic of Ireland.

arent's Leave and Benefit is
available to anyone with a child
under two years of age, or who
has adopted a child within the
last two years.

Since July 1, 2022, each parent can avail of up to seven weeks of leave with financial support from the State in the

Republic of Ireland.

This applies to both parents.
The take-up of Parents Leave and
Benefit has tripled since 2020. In
2021, 51,400 parents were supported,
compared to just 16,700 in 2020. Since
the start of this year, the total number of
applications has reached over 28,000.

There are also plans to further extend the scheme to nine weeks, in line with the Work-Life Balance Directive.

Parent's Benefit is paid at a rate of €250 a week - the same rate as Maternity,

Paternity and Adoptive benefits. Seven weeks' payment would represent a total benefit of €1,750 per parent.



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TOP INTERVIEW TIPS FOR IMMEDIATE RESULTS



verprepare in advance. Most interviewers spend less than ten minutes preparing for each interview – push this up to 15/20 mins to clearly define your desired outcome.

Open with a pitch about you, your team, and your business – warm up the candidate rather than directly asking them to tell you about themselves.

Appeal to the candidate, perhaps by highlighting wins, clients and problems they can fix. Start planting seeds for results, outcomes, and deliverables. Encourage the candidate to start thinking and talking about what they will be doing so they leave the interview visualising and evoking emotion.

Ask the candidate the following question: "On a scale of 1-10, how much do you want to work with us?

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

It is not uncommon for employers to have a very detailed staff handbook with 25+ policies and procedures. Human nature dictates that the longer and more detailed a document is, the less likely that the same is read or followed.

It is worth reviewing your policies and procedures and discarding the ones that are outdated and are not followed. You should consider having the following key policies in place:

- > Disciplinary procedure and rules
- > Grievance procedure
- > Equal opportunities
- > Maternity
- > Absence management
- > Whistleblowing
- **>** Bribery
- > Internet and social media
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