

# Business Impact of COVID-19 Survey - 6

## You are completing this survey for CSO (Central Statistics Office)

This survey asks you about the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on your business. By filling in the survey, you will be helping the CSO to produce statistics on the effects of the crisis so far. The results will help to identify key issues for business and for policy-makers.

This survey will be repeated every four weeks for a temporary duration while COVID-19 restrictions are in place for businesses in Ireland.

The questionnaire asks for information on the following topics:

- 1 The current trading status of the business.
- 2 The performance of the business and its expectations going forward.
- 3 Changes to the workforce in response to COVID-19.
- 4 Business operations.
- 5 The ability of your business to access finance.
- 6 Availing of Government support.

Thank you for taking the time to answer this survey. We estimate that completing the form will take no longer than 10 minutes.

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## Section 1 - Trading Status

This section asks for information on the trading status of the business in the week ending 23 August.

### 1.1 What is the trading status of your business on the week ending 23 August?

Note: Normal capacity refers to level of business before COVID-19 restrictions

Status of your business

- Trading at normal capacity. → Skip Q1.2
- Trading at partial capacity.
- Ceased trading temporarily. → Skip Q1.2 Q2.4
- Ceased trading permanently. → End of questionnaire

### 1.2 If trading at partial capacity, what level of capacity are you trading?

Note: Capacity should be referenced against the level of business before COVID-19 restrictions

Capacity

- Up to 25% capacity
- Between 25% and 50% capacity
- Between 50% and 75% capacity
- More than 75% capacity
- Don't know

## Section 2 - Business Performance

This section asks for information on any changes during the specified period, to:

- your business's turnover
- your business's international trade
- impact of Brexit on your business

### **2.1 Has your business's turnover been impacted by COVID-19 in the four weeks from 27 July to 23 August versus what you would normally expect for this time of year?**

Turnover impacted

- Yes.
- No.
- Don't know

### **2.2 What is your best estimate of your business's turnover versus its normal expectations in the four weeks from 27 July to 23 August?**

Note: Normal expectations refers to the expected turnover performance during standard business activities at this time of year (exclude changes due to seasonal effects).

- 75-100% less than normal
- 50-74% less than normal
- 25-49% less than normal
- 10-24% less than normal
- At or close to normal expectation

- 10-24% more than normal
- 25-49% more than normal
- 50-74% more than normal
- Upwards of 75% more than normal

**2.3 What is your best forecast of your business's future turnover versus its normal expectations in the next four weeks from 24 August to 20 September?**

Note: Normal expectations refers to the expected turnover performance during standard business activities for the referenced period (exclude changes due to seasonal effects).

- 75-100% less than normal
- 50-74% less than normal
- 25-49% less than normal
- 10-24% less than normal
- At or close to normal expectation
- 10-24% more than normal
- 25-49% more than normal
- 50-74% more than normal
- Upwards of 75% more than normal

**2.4 Did your turnover cover operating costs in the four weeks 27 July to 23 August? Please tick category that best describes the situation for your business.**

Turnover versus costs

- Turnover exceeded operating costs

- Turnover was about equal to operating costs
- Operating costs exceeded turnover
- Don't know

**2.5 Has your business's exporting of goods and services been affected by COVID-19 in the four weeks from 27 July to 23 August?**

Exporting affected

- Yes, exporting has decreased
- Yes, exporting has increased
- No, exporting was not affected
- Don't know
- Not applicable

**2.6 Has your business's importing of goods and services been affected by COVID-19 in the four weeks from 27 July to 23 August?**

Importing affected

- Yes, importing has decreased
- Yes, importing has increased
- No, importing was not affected
- Don't know
- Not applicable

## **2.7 What impact do you expect Brexit to have on your business?**

Brexit impact

- Positive impact → Go to 2.8a
- Negative impact → Go to 2.8b
- No impact → Skip 2.8
- Don't know → Skip 2.8

## **2.8a Do you think the positive impact of Brexit will be stronger or weaker than previously expected due to COVID-19?**

Brexit impact

- Stronger
- Weaker
- Neither stronger or weaker

## **2.8b Do you think the negative impact of Brexit will be stronger or weaker than previously expected due to COVID-19?**

Brexit impact

- Stronger
- Weaker
- Neither stronger or weaker

## Section 3 - Workforce Planning

This section asks for information on any changes to the workforce in terms of size and capacity in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

### 3.1 In the week ending 23 August, roughly what proportion of your business's workforce is?

Note: The values should sum to 100

Working at their normal place of work (include those who normally work remotely)

%

Working remotely instead of at their normal place of work (exclude those who normally work remotely)

%

Not working

%

Other

%

### 3.2 In the four weeks 27 July to 23 August, roughly what proportion of your business's total workforce has returned to work at their normal working location?

From temporary leave

%

From remote working

%

### 3.3 Does your business plan on making remote working a permanent fixture in some form going forward?

Permanent remote working

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Not applicable

### 3.4 Which of the following workplace measures are you currently implementing as a response to COVID-19?

Changes to the workplace - select all that apply

- Staff remote working
- Rearranging workspace to facilitate social distancing
- Staggering shifts to facilitate social distancing
- Occupancy limits in the workplace
- Mandatory PPE (face covering, gloves, etc.) in the workplace
- Maintaining log of personal interactions to facilitate contact tracing
- Temperature screening
- Increased hygiene measures
- Protective screening for staff
- Other

Specify below

Other



Or

No measures

## Section 4 – Business operations

This section asks for information on business costs and cashflow management and innovations adopted during the COVID-19 crisis.

**4.1 Roughly what proportion of your business's expenditure during the four weeks 27 July to 23 August was spent on measures to comply with COVID-19 requirements for trading?**

%

**4.2 What is your best estimate of your business's base operating costs versus its original projection prior to the COVID-19 crisis? (Please select the answer that best describes your situation for each category).**

Personnel costs

- Costs more than 50% lower than originally projected
- Costs between 20% and 50% lower
- Costs up to 20% lower
- No change
- Costs up to 20% higher
- Costs between 20% and 50% higher
- Costs more than 50% higher
- Don't know

Non-personnel costs

- Costs more than 50% lower
- Costs between 20% and 50% lower
- Costs up to 20% lower
- No change
- Costs up to 20% higher
- Costs between 20% and 50% higher
- Costs more than 50% higher
- Don't know

**4.3 Has your business taken any of the following steps to manage cashflow as a result of the COVID-19 crisis in the four weeks 27 July to 23 August?**

Cashflow management - select all that apply

- Deferred or changed loan repayments
- Deferred or changed property payments (including rent, utilities and local authority rates)
- Deferred or changed Revenue payments
- Deferred or changed payments to suppliers
- Increased overdraft facilities
- Other

Specify below

Other

**Or**

- No changes

**4.4 What are your business's two biggest concerns for currently operating during the COVID-19 pandemic as society and the economy reopen?**

Concerns - select top two

- Reduced demand due to lower consumer confidence
- Reduced workforce productivity
- Increased costs of business
- Maintaining cashflow
- An increase of COVID-19 cases leading to another lockdown
- Reduced availability of Government supports
- Future staff layoffs
- Staff well being
- Other

Specify below

Other

**Or**

- No immediate concerns

## Section 5 - Access to Finance

This section asks for information on the ability to access the finance you needed during the four weeks from 27 July to 23 August.

### **5.1 Are you confident that your business has the financial resources to continue operating through the COVID-19 crisis?**

Continue operating

- Yes, up to 1 month
- Yes, up to 3 months
- Yes, up to 6 months
- Yes, longer than 6 months
- No
- Don't know

## Section

### 6 - Availing of Government Support Schemes

This section asks for information on the utilisation of government support schemes available to business during the COVID-19 outbreak.

#### 6.1 Has your business or its employees availed of any of the following government supports in light of COVID-19 in the four weeks between 27 July to 23 August?

Government supports - select all that apply

- SME Credit Guarantee scheme (DBEI)
- Revenue Temporary COVID-19 Wage Subsidy Scheme
- COVID-19 Working Capital Loan Scheme (SBCI)
- COVID-19 Business Financial Planning Grant (Enterprise Ireland)
- Restart Grant (Local Authority)

Other

Please specify in the space below

None of the above

Other

### Section 7 - Contact Details

Thank you for participating in this survey.

On the next page you will be asked to provide your contact details in case we need to get back to you about this survey.