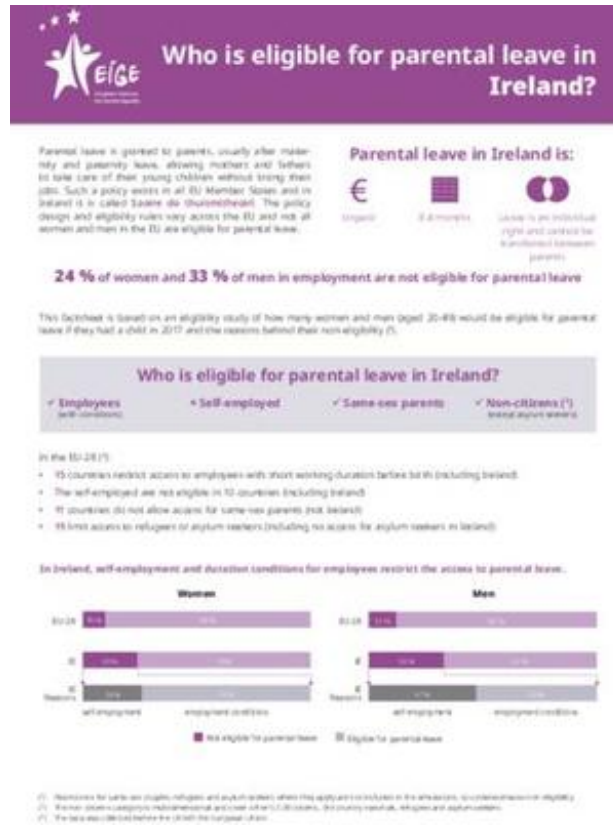


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Parental leave in Ireland is:

- € Unpaid
- 3 months
- Leave is an individual right and cannot be transferred between parents

24 % of women and 33 % of men in employment are not eligible for parental leave

This factsheet is based on an eligibility study of how many women and men (aged 20-49) would be eligible for parental leave if they had a child in 2017 and the reasons behind their non-eligibility (2).

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- ✓ Employees (self-employed)
- + Self-employed
- ✓ Same-sex parents
- ✓ Non-citizens (1) (Irish-born women)

In the EU-28 (3):

- 15 countries restrict access to employees with short working duration before birth (including Ireland)
- The self-employed are not eligible in 10 countries (including Ireland)
- 11 countries do not allow access for same-sex parents (not Ireland)
- 15 limit access to refugees or asylum seekers (including no access for asylum seekers in Ireland)

In Ireland, self-employment and duration conditions for employees restrict the access to parental leave.

Gender	Category	Eligible for parental leave	Not eligible for parental leave
Women	all employees	76%	24%
	employment conditions	76%	24%
Men	all employees	67%	33%
	employment conditions	67%	33%

(1) Member states for which asylum seekers and asylum seekers when they apply are included in the definition of non-citizens in eligibility (2) Women share categories multidimensional and over all EU-28 leaders, the country variable, refugees and asylum seekers (3) The facts were collected before the 2018th European election

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