

## **FAR training reimbursement post June 2020**

CCCs have all been sent addendums extending the FAR subsidy fund to 31 December 2020, and the DCYA will be instructing Pobal regarding the change in subsidy payments for our own compliance purposes.

PHECC have given permission to trainers to offer the theory part of the FAR training online in the present restricted circumstances. The same conditions apply to the online courses as to the physical courses, they are limited to 8 participants, they must be interactive, and the trainer should engage the participants in the training.

In order to help services to complete their FAR training in 2020, CCCs will part-pay the subsidy to services who have undertaken the on-line theory part of the FAR course. The rest of the subsidy will be paid once the practical part of the course has been completed and on presentation of the full certificate.

On completion of the online theory training, services can apply for a maximum of €150 which represents  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the total subsidy or  $\frac{2}{3}$  of what was paid for the course, whichever is the lesser by completing application form and submitting it along with a receipt and a certificate/letter confirming that the participant has undertaken the full online theory course. On completion of the practical part of the course, the provider can apply for the remaining €75 by submitting their certificate.

**Services should be confident that the training company offering the online theory course, will also be in a position to deliver the practical element of the course in a location that is suitable to the practitioner. This has been highlighted in the communication to providers.**