



Mid-West Industry Briefing



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Agenda Springboard+ Industry Briefing

Overview Mid-West Regional Skills Forum & Springboard+ 2020 Call

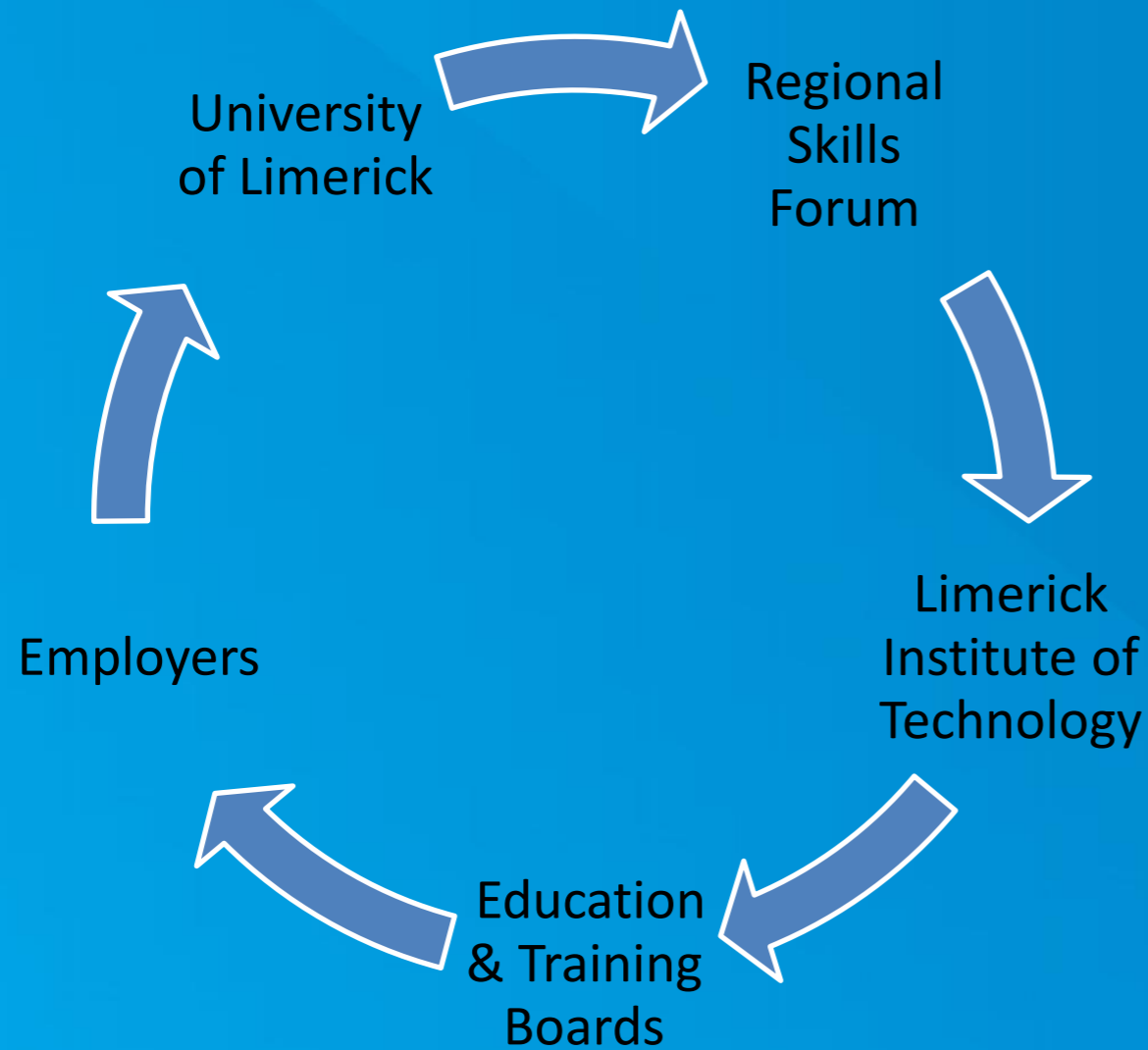
Presentation By University of Limerick on Approved Courses

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Answers to Questions Posted via Chat Box Only



Regional Skills Architecture



What is Springboard+

Launched in 2011 as a response to the unemployment crisis to help upskill or reskill those seeking new careers.

Funded higher education (L6-9) part time courses for the unemployed, employed, self-employed and homemakers.

Courses are provided in industry sectors associated with skills shortages (e.g. ICT, Manufacturing, FinTech, Film, Aviation...)

Objective is to build our talent base to enable companies scale their operations and increase regional employment.



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Courses are offered by both public and private providers.
(UL, LIT, Griffith College, Innopharma....)

Annual call to HEI's to submit new or existing courses which must reflect regional skill needs of industry

Platform for industry, employers & education providers to work collaboratively in meeting future skill needs

All sectors of the economy with a demonstrated skills shortage, focus on under employed or at risk categories.



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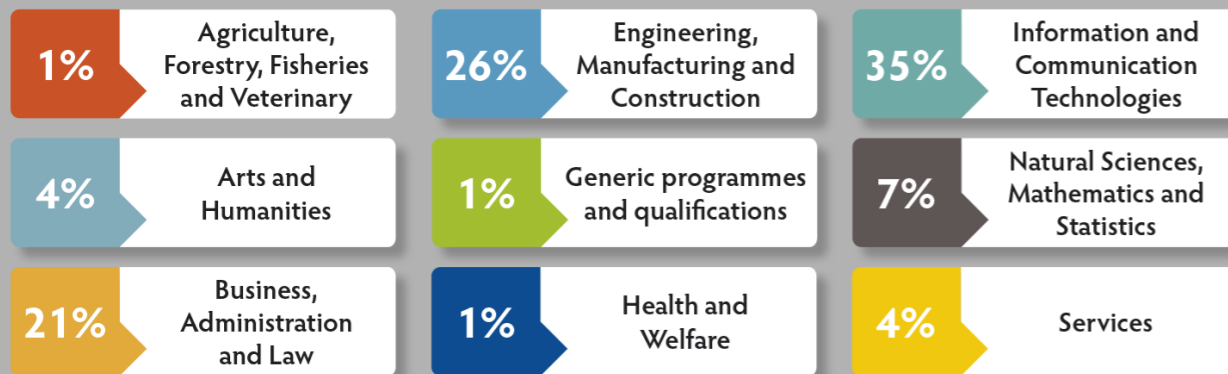
Overview & Changes to Springboard+ 2020

- For employed participants on courses NFQ L7-9, HEA will fund 90% of the course fee with Providers collecting the remaining 10% from participants.
- Level 6 courses are free to all eligible participants.
- The restriction on moving from one discipline area to another has been removed.
- The requirement to move up the NFQ ladder has been removed.

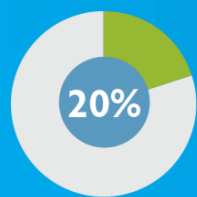
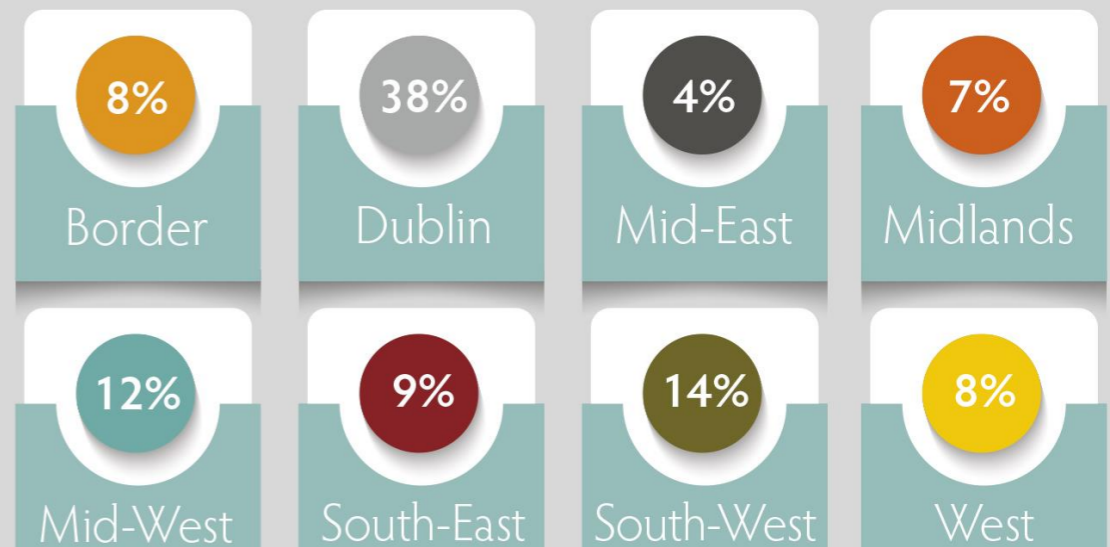
Springboard+ Snapshot

11,000 Places 332 Courses 35 Providers €34m Budget

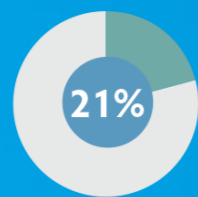
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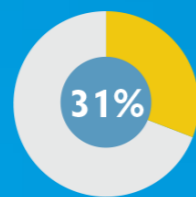
SPRINGBOARD+ 2019 PLACES BY REGION



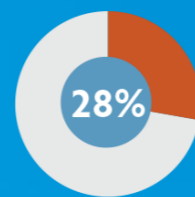
LEVEL 6



LEVEL 7



LEVEL 8



LEVEL 9

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