

**If you are a  
person with a  
disability  
or  
If you know  
someone with a  
disability...**

**NFB**



# You need to

The Government is implementing the report of the Commission on the Status of People with Disabilities. As a very important part of this, the Government has decided to change the way it provides services for people with disabilities.

From 12th June 2000 many services will be mainstreamed. This means that after a short changeover period services for people with disabilities will be delivered in the same way and by the same organisations as services for everybody else.

From 12th June 2000 NRB (the National Rehabilitation Board) will cease to exist. Some of its services will be provided by existing organisations and some by new ones. You will still be able to get all the services you used to get from NRB but you may have to go to a different place to get them.

# know that...

This booklet tells you about the main changes. You can phone or fax the freephone numbers below to find out more. This service will be available from 12th June to 14th July and there is no charge for calls. There is also a free minicom service.

Watch out for ads in the main local newspapers and announcements on your local radio which will give more information about what is happening in your area. You can also get information from NRB's website at [www.nrb.ie](http://www.nrb.ie), from the FÁS website at [www.fas.ie](http://www.fas.ie) and from the National Social Service Board's website at [www.nssb.ie](http://www.nssb.ie) until the end of May.

This booklet is also available in Braille and large print and on audio tape and computer disk.

## **If you want to find out about training opportunities**

You need to know that from 12th June 2000

### **FÁS** and the **Health Boards**

will provide training services for people with disabilities. They both intend to use specialist agencies to assist them to provide appropriate training services. Following an interview they will determine your ability and guide you to the most suitable training option for you. Account will be taken of your preferences, experience, skills, training needs etc.

**FÁS** and the **Health Boards** will be dealing with different kinds of training:

- You should contact **FÁS**

### **if you want advice and guidance on vocational or employment skills training.**

This service will be available from **FÁS Employment Services** offices.

If you are currently in contact with NRB you will get a letter which will tell you where to go from now on. If not, look at the list on pages 11 to 15 to find out where to go. You can also contact the phone, fax or minicom numbers below for more information.

• You should contact your local **Health Board**

**if you want advice and guidance on rehabilitative/ lifeskills training** which could give you a foundation for further employment skills training and other options.

Look at the list on pages 16 to 17 to find out where to go. You can also contact the phone, fax or minicom numbers below for more information.

**If you want to find out about employment opportunities**

or

**If you want to find out about employment supports and grants**, such as the Employment Support Scheme (ESS), Workplace/Equipment Adaptation Grant Scheme (WEAGS) and Job Interview Interpreter Grant Scheme (JIGS)

or

**If you are already using NRB employment supports**

you need to know that from 12th June 2000

these services will be provided by **FÁS**.

They will be available from all FÁS Employment Services offices. Look at the list on pages 11 to 15 to find out where to go. You can also contact the phone, fax or minicom numbers below for more information.

## **If you have your hearing tested by NRB**

or

## **If you get your hearing aid from NRB**

you need to know that from 12th June 2000

Hearing clinics will be provided by

### **the Health Boards.**

These services will still be provided from the same places as now.

## **If you get your hearing aid repaired by NRB**

you need to know that from 12th June 2000

this service will be provided by

### **the Health Boards.**

The local drop-in service for small repairs to hearing aids will still be available from the same places as now but opening hours may change, so check before you go. If your hearing aid needs a major repair you can get it mended by giving it in to the drop-in service or by sending it direct to the National Repair Service, 44 North Great George's Street, Dublin 1, Tel: (01) 874 7792.

You can also contact the phone, fax or minicom numbers below for more information.

## **If you want information about entitlements or social services**

or

## **If you want help to find the right entitlements or social services for you**

then you need to know that from 12th June 2000

these services will be provided by

### **Comhairle.**

This is a new organisation. It is being formed by combining some of NRB's services with the National Social Service Board (NSSB). Comhairle will provide information, advice and support services from most of the former NRB centres. Look at the list on pages 18 to 21 to find out where to go.

You can also contact the phone, fax or minicom numbers below for more information.

You will also be able to get information and advice on the broad range of social services from the network of CICs (Citizens' Information Centres) supported by Comhairle throughout the country. Some CICs operate a full-time service while others are part-time, and some are not yet fully accessible to people with disabilities, so check before you go.

**If you want information on aids and equipment for people with disabilities and older people**

or

**If you want to look at and try out aids and equipment**

you need to know that

**the National Disability Resource Centre (NDRC)**

will be staying at 44 North Great George's Street, Dublin 1,

Tel (01) 874 7503. It will be run by **Comhairle**.

**If you want information about designing for accessibility**

or

**If you want information on accessible buildings, accommodation and areas**

you need to know that from 12th June 2000

**the Access Service**

will be run by **Comhairle** at 44 North Great George's Street, Dublin 1,

Tel (01) 874 7503.



## **If you want advice on the educational needs of a schoolchild with a disability**

you need to know that from 12th June 2000

you should enquire at

### **the National Educational Psychological Services Agency (NEPS).**

You can contact NEPS at Frederick Court, 24-27 North Frederick Street, Dublin 1, Tel (01) 889 2700, Fax: (01) 889 2755.

You also need to know that from 12th June 2000

**the National Disability Authority (NDA)**, a new organisation, will be working on research and standards. It will also assist the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to co-ordinate and develop policy relating to people with disabilities.

### **NRB Library**

will form the core of

the **NDA Library**. It will stay at

25 Clyde Road, Dublin 4, tel (01) 608 0400, and will continue to provide services to external readers.

Other services are moving too:

**For specialist assessment of young children with visual impairments**, contact:

National Council for the Blind in Ireland (NCBI)

PV Doyle House

Whitworth Road

Dublin 9

Tel: (01) 830 7033

**If you want to appeal a decision about disabled drivers' benefits**, contact:

Disabled Drivers' Medical Board of Appeal

C/o National Rehabilitation Hospital

Rochestown Avenue

Dun Laoghaire

Co Dublin

Tel: (01) 285 4777.

**FÁS Employment Services** are available from these accessible locations. Former **NRB** centres are in **bold print**. **Comhairle** services are also available from addresses marked with an asterisk (\*).

<b>County</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone and Fax</b>
Dublin	D'Olier House D'Olier Street Dublin 2	Tel 01-612 4800 Fax 01-679 8240
	27/33 Upper Baggot Street Dublin 4	Tel 01-607 0500 Fax 01-607 0611
	Ballyfermot Hill Ballyfermot Dublin 10	Tel 01-605 5900 Fax 01-605 5960
	Unit 14C Finglas Shopping Centre Finglas Dublin 11	Tel 01-834 6222 Fax 01-834 6386
	Nutgrove Avenue Rathfarnham Dublin 14	Tel 01-495 1414
	Unit 1A Northside Shopping Centre Coolock Dublin 17	Tel 01-847 5911 Fax 01-847 5770
	Social Services Centre Square Complex Tallaght, Dublin 24	Tel 01-452 5111 Fax 01-452 5591
	FÁS Training Centre Wyattville Road Loughlinstown Dun Laoghaire Co Dublin	Tel 01-204 3600 Fax 01-282 1168
Carlow	Carlow Shopping Centre Kennedy Avenue Carlow	Tel 0503-42605 Fax 0503-41759

<b>County</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone and Fax</b>
Cavan	49 Church Street Cavan	Tel 049-433 1767 049-433 2532 Fax 049-433 2527
Clare	FÁS Training Centre Shannon Industrial Estate Shannon, Co Clare	Tel 061-471133 Fax 061-472613
	42 Parnell Street Ennis, Co Clare	Tel 065-682 9213 Fax 065-682 8502
Cork	Government Buildings Sullivans Quay Cork	Tel 021-856200 Fax 021-968389
	25 O'Brien Street Mallow Co Cork	Tel 022-21900 022-21945 Fax 022-22582
	Warner Centre Barrack Street Bantry, Co Cork	Tel 027-50464 Fax 027-50203
Donegal	FÁS Training Centre Ballyraine Industrial Estate Ramelton Road Letterkenny Co Donegal	Tel 074-22200 Fax 074-24840
	Ionaid Oiliuma FÁS Na Doire Beaga Leitireceanainn Co Dhun na nGall	Tel 075-31211 Fax 075-31114
Galway	FÁS Training Centre Industrial Estate Mervue, Galway	Tel 091-706200 Fax 091-753590
	Island House Cathedral Square Galway	Tel 091-534400 Fax 091-562718

<b>County</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone and Fax</b>
	High Street Tuam Co Galway	Tel 093-28066 093-28067 Fax 093-28068
Kerry	Kenmare Place Killarney, Co Kerry	Tel 064-32466 Fax 064-32759
	17 Lower Castle Street Tralee, Co Kerry	Tel 066-712 6444 Fax 066-712 2954
Kilkenny	Dean Street Irishtown, Kilkenny	Tel 056-65514 Fax 056-64451
Laois	4 Meehan House James Fintan Lawlor Avenue Portlaoise Co Laois	Tel 0502-21462 0502-22198 Fax 0502-20945
Leitrim	Government Buildings Shannon Lodge Carrick-on-Shannon Co Leitrim	Tel 078-20503 Fax 078-20505
Limerick	18 Davis Street Limerick	Tel 061-487915 Fax 061-412326
	Government Buildings Gortboy Newcastlewest Co Limerick	Tel 069-62411 Fax 069-61561
*	<b>Perycourt Upper Mallow Street Limerick</b>	Tel 061-319779 061-314270 Fax 061-412977
Longford	7 Market Square Longford	Tel 043-46820 043-46829 Fax 043-45702
Louth	<b>4 Adelphi Court Long Walk Dundalk, Co Louth</b>	Tel 042-933 2913 Fax 042-933 7081

\* Comhairle services are also available

<b>County</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone and Fax</b>
Louth	14 North Quay Drogheda, Co Louth	Tel 041-983 7646 Fax 041-983 8120
	79 Park Street Dundalk, Co Louth	Tel 042-935 5772/3 042-935 5700 Fax 042-933 6311
Mayo	Riverside Church Road Ballina, Co Mayo	Tel 096-21921 096-21211 Fax 096-70608
*	<b>Humbert Mall Main Street Castlebar, Co Mayo</b>	Tel 094-22834 Fax 094-21963
Meath	Tara Mall Trimgate Street Navan, Co Meath	Tel 046-23630 046-23925 Fax 046-21903
Monaghan	Market Square Monaghan	Tel 047-81511 Fax 047-83441
Offaly	Church Street Tullamore Co Offaly	Tel 0506-51176 0506-21921 Fax 0506-21964
*	<b>High Street Tullamore, Co Offaly</b>	Tel 0506-41262 Fax 0506-51523
Sligo	FÁS Training Centre Ballytivnan, Sligo	Tel 071-59595 Fax 071-69506
	Government Buildings Cranmore, Sligo	Tel 071-43390 Fax 071-44120
Tipperary	<b>2/3 Emmet Street Clonmel Co Tipperary</b>	Tel 052-23486 052-23211 Fax 052-26214
	6 Mary Street Clonmel, Co Tipperary	Tel 052-24422 Fax 052-24565

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<b>County</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone and Fax</b>
Tipperary	79 Connolly Street Nenagh, Co Tipperary	Tel 067-31879 Fax 067-31167
	Friar Street Thurles, Co Tipperary	Tel 0504-22188 Fax 0504-23574
Waterford *	<b>14 Gladstone Street Waterford</b>	Tel 051-850998 051-872431 Fax 051-876575
	28 Patrick Street Waterford	Tel 051-301501 Fax 051-301517
Westmeath	Church Avenue Mullingar Co Westmeath	Tel 044-48805 Fax 044-43978
Wexford	<b>100 North Main Street Wexford</b>	Tel 053-24363 053-24354 Fax 053-46319
	Crescent Mall Henrietta Street Wexford	Tel 053-23126 053-23936 Fax 053-23177
Wicklow	Boulevard Quinsboro Road Bray	Tel 01-2867912 Fax 01-2864170
	Government Buildings Castlepark Arklow	Tel 0402-39509 Fax 0402-39413

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**To find out about Health Board training services, contact**

**Health Board**

**Contact Person**

Eastern Region Health Authority

Ms. Ann Roche

Midland Health Board

Ms. Liz Scully

Mid-Western Health Board

Mr. Joe Sweeney

North Eastern Health Board

Ms. Therese Cunningham

North Western Health Board

Ms. Anne Marie Ward

South Eastern Health Board

Ms. Ann Kennelly

Southern Health Board

Customer Information Line

Western Health Board

Mr. John Fahy



## **your local address below**

<b>Address</b>	<b>Tel</b>	<b>Fax</b>
Eastern Region Health Authority Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin 8	01-635 2357	01-677 1518
APT – Kilcruddin Centre Tullamore, Co Offaly	0506-41204	0506-52267
Mid-Western Health Board Tobartaoscáin, Ennis, Co Clare	065-684 4753	065-684 4754
North Eastern Health Board Regional Disability Services Unit Dublin Road, Dundalk, Co Louth	042-932 9230	042-932 9236
North Western Health Board 69 Ballyraine Road, Letterkenny Co Donegal	074-27309	074-27568
South Eastern Health Board Dublin Road, Kilkenny	056-20400	056-52813
Customer Services Southern Health Board Wilton, Cork	1850-742000	021-545748
Western Health Board Merlin Park, Galway	091-751131	091-757780

## COMHAIRLE OFFICES

Comhairle office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

**Information, advice and support services** are available:

Monday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Please check with your local office for additional hours of service or to make an appointment.

Specialist services will be provided on a sessional basis. Please contact your local office for details.

## LOCAL OFFICES

<b>Address</b>	<b>Tel</b>	<b>Fax</b>
Humbert Mall Main Street <b>Castlebar</b> , Co Mayo	094-22834 *	094-21963
Magnet House Farnham Street, <b>Cavan</b>	049-436 2533	049-433 2525
4 Adelphi Court Long Walk <b>Dundalk</b> , Co Louth	042-933 2913 *	042-933 7081
4 The Parade <b>Kilkenny</b>	056-65176 056-64212	056-64211
Port Road <b>Letterkenny</b> , Co Donegal	074-21103	074-23019
Perycourt Upper Mallow Street <b>Limerick</b>	061-319779 061-314270 *	061-412977

<b>Address</b>	<b>Tel</b>	<b>Fax</b>
The Manse Castle Street <b>Mullingar</b> , Co Westmeath	044-40219 044-41056	044-42897
The Lodge Knappagh Strandhill Road, <b>Sligo</b>	071-62809 071-62459	071-69716
3 Bridge Lane <b>Tralee</b> , Co Kerry	066-712 3292	066-712 4810
High Street <b>Tullamore</b> , Co Offaly	0506-41262 *	0506-51523
14 Gladstone St. <b>Waterford</b>	051-850998 *	051-876575

Services will be provided from the local CIC (Citizens' Information Centre) in the following areas. Please contact to check details.

Clonmel CIC Market Place Clonmel Co Tipperary	052-22267	052-28546
Wexford CIC St Bridget's Centre Roches Road Wexford	053-23301 053-23819	053-21292

## REGIONAL OFFICES

101 North Main Street, <b>Cork</b>	021-270423	021-272935
44 North Great George's Street <b>Dublin 1</b>	01-874 7503	01-874 7490
Hainault House The Square Tallaght, <b>Dublin 24</b>	01-462 0444	01-462 0494
10 Ely Place Sea Road, <b>Galway</b>	091-583567	091-582114

## OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE

### **National Disability Resource Centre (NDRC)**

44 North Great George's Street  
Dublin 1

9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. Monday - Friday

9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Last Saturday of each month

### **Access Service**

44 North Great George's Street  
Dublin 1

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday to Friday

## **HEAD OFFICE**

### **Address**

7th Floor, Hume House,  
Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

### **Contact details**

Central telephone line: 01-605 9000  
Fax: 01-605 9099  
e-mail: [comhairle@comhairle.ie](mailto:comhairle@comhairle.ie)

Comhairle Head Office does not provide a direct service to the public. Please contact your local or regional office listed above.

You can get more copies of this booklet from any former NRB centre. It is also available in Braille, on tape, on disk and in large print.

You can also access it from NRB's website at [www.nrb.ie](http://www.nrb.ie), the FÁS website at [www.fas.ie](http://www.fas.ie) and the National Social Service Board's website at [www.nssb.ie](http://www.nssb.ie)

You can also get more information by

**Tel: 1800 350 150 Fax: 1800 260 160**

**minicom: 1800 348 484**

There is no charge for these calls.

Lines open from 12th June to 14th July 2000.