



# Employment Bulletin

## Northern Ireland August 2020

On behalf of the Career Transition Partnership (CTP), welcome to the Northern Ireland Employment Bulletin, which will provide you with the latest jobs and business news from across the region and highlights a selection of the latest regional vacancies on our job site, [RightJob](#).

In addition to this bulletin, there are plenty of other resources available to assist you in your job search: the monthly [Focus e-newsletter](#) provides job-finding, resettlement and training news via email, our bespoke [Industry Sector Guides](#) are regularly updated with the latest industry news, and the [CTP website](#) is full of useful tips, advice and dedicated [employer microsites](#), where you will find information from a range of companies with ongoing opportunities for ex-military personnel.

### Regional Overview

Northern Ireland has its own set of employment factors and unique employment legislation – this is different to the remainder of the UK.

This region covers six counties with cities such as Belfast, Londonderry, Enniskillen and Armagh. It is emerging as one of the fastest growing regions of the United Kingdom offering small to medium-sized enterprises excellent opportunities for growth and prosperity, which in turn creates various employment opportunities.

Each of these areas has its own varying set of employment factors which you need to take into account when job searching. Therefore, it is beneficial for you to sign up with local job search websites and keep up-to-date with local business news and sign up with local job search websites to get relevant, up-to-date information to aid you in your search for employment.



## Regional Job Market News

Expansions | New businesses | Market growth | Upcoming opportunities | Closures | Risks

### Top jobs in M&S at risk as company plans cuts

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Around 50 store manager roles are thought to be at risk at retail giant Marks & Spencer in Northern Ireland as part of UK-wide cuts.

The company, which has 78,000 staff around the UK, said 950 roles in total are at risk as part of plans to reduce store management and head office roles.

Marks & Spencer has around 2,800 staff across 20 stores here. It's understood up to 2% of roles may be affected by the measures though a spokeswoman would not give any detail.

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### Marcon in £1m fit out for whiskey attraction in Ballynahinch

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Co Antrim firm Marcon has won a contract for the £1m fit-out of a new distillery.

Marcon will work on the two-storey gin and whiskey Hinch Distillery near Ballynahinch, Co Down, due to open this year. The building will have a visitor centre, as well as a coffee shop, courtyard and events spaces.

Marcon will work on the project with design company Drinksology. Hinch Distillery is being developed by Dr Terry Cross, the founder of west Belfast packaging firm Delta Print and Packaging - now part of Huhtamaki.

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### Foreign investment in NI shrinks by 50% in 2020 due to the pandemic

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Foreign direct investment in Northern Ireland has dropped by 50% this year, the head of a leading authority for FDI has said.

Mark O'Connell, chief executive of OCO Global said the drop is a "short term" impact of Covid-19 and is hopeful that 2021 will bring a slow recovery.

Speaking in an Ulster Business podcast he said: "We won't be back to usual until 18 months.

"But if you look at the success of NI in attracting investment it has shown resilience in Fintech, cyber and activity around the banking and trading platforms."

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## Unemployment likely to hit 100,000 by end of the year

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Northern Ireland will "do well" to stop unemployment from soaring to 100,000 by the end of 2020, a leading economist has warned. Neil Gibson's shock prediction comes just after bookseller Eason announced the imminent closure of all seven of its local stores with the loss of 144 jobs. At the start of the year the unemployment rate was just 2.4%, one of the lowest on record.

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## Eason set to close 7 NI stores with 144 job losses

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Northern Ireland's biggest stationer and bookseller has announced that it intends to close all of its stores here with the loss of 144 jobs. Staff were told last on Wednesday night that Ireland's oldest book retailer, Eason & Son, intended to start a consultation process on proposals not to reopen its seven stores in Northern Ireland.

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## We are Vertigo in Belfast seeks 40 new staff ahead of reopening

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Belfast-based We Are Vertigo is gearing up for the reopening of its inflataparks and activity sites next month by recruiting 40 new staff members.

The recruitment drive follows on from the launch of the company's new Cargo by Vertigo outdoor restaurant, which was created to accommodate new social distancing measures in the hospitality industry.

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## NI private sector shows tentative signs of recovery

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The private sector here is showing "tentative signs of recovery" from the ravages of coronavirus as parts of the economy reopened last month, according to research today.

The latest Ulster Bank NI PMI report, produced by IHS Markit, has shown a softer rate of decline throughout June in the private sector.

The headline seasonally adjusted Business Activity Index rose to 42.6 in June, up from a reading of 18.9 in May.

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## Local Job Finding Events

Job Fairs | Open Days | Transition Fairs | Exhibitions | CTP Events | External Events

Event	Location	Date & Time	Booking Information
How the Careers Service can help you - DEL	Online	Ongoing	<b>Tel:</b> 0300 200 7820 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.jobcentreonline.com">www.jobcentreonline.com</a>
Enterprise Allowance Scheme – Start your own business	Jobs & Benefits offices across NI	Ongoing	<b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.jobcentreonline.com">www.jobcentreonline.com</a>
Employment Support Workshop	RRC Aldergrove	TBC	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rrcaldergrove@ctp.org.uk">rrcaldergrove@ctp.org.uk</a> <b>Tel:</b> 0203 162 4410 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://ctp.org.uk">ctp.org.uk</a>
Job opportunities with NHS Northern Ireland	Online	Ongoing	<b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.hscrecruit.com">www.hscrecruit.com</a>
Career Transition Workshop	RRC Aldergrove	TBC	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rrcaldergrove@ctp.org.uk">rrcaldergrove@ctp.org.uk</a> <b>Tel:</b> 0203 162 4410 <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://ctp.org.uk">ctp.org.uk</a>





[CTP RightJob](#) is our online job finding service, with thousands of vacancies for Service leavers. Here is a snapshot of the latest local job opportunities – login via MyPlan and apply today.

**Questions about RightJob? Contact us:** [RightJobSupport@ctp.org.uk](mailto:RightJobSupport@ctp.org.uk) | 0121 236 0058

Job Title	Location	Salary	Closing Date	RightJob ID
<b>Trainee Telecomms engineers</b>	Enniskillen	£23,500 - £24,500	04/08/2020	<a href="#">331867</a>
<b>Service Engineer</b>	Northern Ireland	Negotiable	07/08/2020	<a href="#">329205</a>
<b>Sustainability Manager</b>	Northern Ireland	£40,000	15/08/2020	<a href="#">332765</a>
<b>Vehicle Technician Training Programme</b>	Northern Ireland	Competitive	17/08/2020	<a href="#">231753</a>
<b>Class 2 Driver</b>	Northern Ireland	£10 - £11 per hour	17/08/2020	<a href="#">333110</a>
<b>Field Sales advisor</b>	Belfast	£25,000 - £45,000	31/08/2020	<a href="#">331386</a>
<b>Military to Managed services</b>	UK wide	Negotiable	31/12/2020	<a href="#">312599</a>

## Have You Recently Found Work

Congratulations! Please let us know by contacting [ifoundajob@ctp.org.uk](mailto:ifoundajob@ctp.org.uk)



## Useful Websites

National Apprenticeship Service  
Research apprenticeships & current vacancies

<http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

Career Map  
Search for apprenticeship vacancies

<http://careemap.co.uk/job-search/>

Job Reactor  
National job search website

<http://jobreactor.co.uk/>

Universal Job Match  
National job search website

<https://www.gov.uk/jobsearch>

NHS Careers  
Explore NHS careers and current vacancies

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>

Jobtome  
National job search website

<http://uk.jobtome.com/>

Department for Education –  
Get Into Teaching

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk>

JobsGoPublic  
Public Sector vacancies

[www.jobsgopublic.com](http://www.jobsgopublic.com)

UK Jobs Guide  
National job search website

[www.ukjobsquide.co.uk](http://www.ukjobsquide.co.uk)

Graduate Jobs and Work Placements

[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

Gumtree  
National job search website

[www.gumtree.com/jobs/](http://www.gumtree.com/jobs/)

One2Find  
National job search website

[www.one2find.co.uk/jobsearchuk/](http://www.one2find.co.uk/jobsearchuk/)

Total Jobs  
National job search website

[www.totaljobs.com](http://www.totaljobs.com)

Skillnet  
Apprenticeships and Training website

<http://www.skillnet.org.uk/>

The Prince's Trust  
Helping young people into employment and training

<https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/>

It is beneficial to set up '**job alerts**' on websites from which you would like to receive notifications of new vacancies.

## Further Information

Upcoming CTP Events

[www.ctp.org.uk/events](http://www.ctp.org.uk/events)



CTP RightJob

[www.ctp.org.uk/job-finding](http://www.ctp.org.uk/job-finding)

RFEA – The Forces Employment Charity  
Lifelong job-finding support for veterans

[www.rfea.org.uk](http://www.rfea.org.uk)

The Officers' Association  
Lifelong job-finding support for officers

[www.officersassociation.org.uk](http://www.officersassociation.org.uk)

MOD Welfare Support in Transition

<http://www.army.mod.uk/welfare-support/23590.aspx>

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