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Food Manufacturers to Power Hiring Plans in Northern Ireland

Job seekers can expect the gloomy hiring climate to continue in the forthcoming quarter, according to employers who report a Net Employment Outlook of -18%, the fourth consecutive negative forecast. The Outlook is seven percentage points weaker when compared with the previous quarter and decreases by 18 percentage points in comparison with the same period last year.



MARKET OVERVIEW

Questions around Brexit and the future of trade is high on employers' agenda in Northern Ireland. As trade discussions continue as we approach the EU Exit deadline, employers are acting fast to finalise their preparations. Many are shoring up office support staff and professionals with legislative experience to help preparations across the whole supply chain.

A key sector that has continued to grow despite the slumping labour market – especially in terms of cross-border trade – is food production. Restrictions on hospitality venues are helping prop-up demand across food production into major supermarkets and food retailers, creating opportunities right across the supply chain. Notably, the Driving & Logistics industry is benefiting from this growth, where significant numbers of candidates will be redeployed from other industries and are able to find work.

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