

## Ethiopia

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#### Profile structure

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### Old age, disability and survivors

#### **Branch overview**

Type of programme	Programme name	Additional information
Social insurance	Private sector programme	Private- and public-sector benefits are governed by identical regulations but are administered by separate public agencies.
Social insurance	Public sector programme	See above.

#### Regulatory framework

Year	Law name and number
2022	Public servants pension proclamation, No. 1267
2022	Private Organization Employees' Pension Proclamation, No. 1268

#### Coverage

Programme	Mandatory coverage	Voluntary coverage	Exclusions	Citizenship conditions
Private sector programme (social insurance)	Private-sector employees.	Self-employed persons and foreign nationals covered by bilateral or multilateral agreements.	Household workers, seasonal workers, and employees of international organizations or foreign diplomatic missions.	Citizens only.
Public sector programme (social insurance)	Citizens of Ethiopia employed in the public sector, government appointees, members of parliament, judges, public prosecutors, and military and police personnel.	No possibility of voluntary coverage.		Citizens only.



Source of funds				
Programme name and persons covered [1]	Contributions	Income base	Government contributions	Additional information
Private sector progra	amme (social insura	ance)		
Employees (+)	Covered person: 7%. Employer: 11%.	Gross monthly salary (for work performed during regular hours).	None.	Contributions also finance the social insurance programme under Accidents at work and occupational diseases.
Public sector progra	mme (social insura	nce)		
Employees (+)	Covered person: 7% (in general).  Employer: 11% (in general). Note: 33% (military and police personnel).	Gross monthly salary (for work performed during regular hours).	None; contributes as an employer.	

<sup>[1]</sup> Employees (+) refers to all persons who are covered who are **not self-employed** (employees, pensioners, and other protected groups where applicable, such as students, unemployed persons, etc.)

Old-age benefits						
Old-age pension - Private sect	Old-age pension - Private sector programme (social insurance)					
Qualifying conditions						
Age requirements	Men: 60	Women: 60	Legislated increases: No information.			
Minimum qualifying period	With at least 10 years of contributions.  Legislated increases: No information.					
Employment conditions	Employment mu	ıst cease.				
Reduced requirements for persons in hazardous work, persons with disabilities, specific occupations, etc.	The qualifying conditions may be reduced for persons working under certain hazardous or arduous conditions.					
Benefit details						
Benefit calculation rules	Wage replacement					
Amount	30% of the reference earnings plus 1.25% or 1.65% (military and police covered under the public sector programme) of the insured's average monthly basic salary for each year of contributions exceeding 10 years.					
Minimum benefit	2,218 birr a month; 1,258 birr a month for the public sector programme.					
Maximum benefit	70% of the insured's average monthly basic salary in the three years before retirement (a month).					
Reference earnings for benefit calculation	The insured's average monthly basic salary in the three years before retirement. The basic salary is the gross salary paid for work performed during regular hours.					
Benefit adjustments	Legally mandated. Adjusted every three years based on cost of living and available assets of the pension fund.					
Early pension						
Name	Qualifying conditions Amount					

of years of contributions. The basic salary is the gross salary paid for work performed during regular hours.



Reduced benefit for insufficient control	Age: (A) 55; (B) 50 (senior government officials and members of parliament under public sector programme). (men); (A) 55; (B) 50 (senior government officials and members of parliament under public sector programme). (women).  Other qualifying conditions: (A) With at least 25 years of contributions; (B) with at least one full term of service (five years under the public sector programme).  Employment conditions: Benefits cease if employment is resumed and contributions must be paid on earnings. The insured person can claim the standard retirement benefit upon reaching standard retirement age. If the insured person opts to cease employment before reaching the standard retirement age, he or she may reclaim early pension benefits, but will forfeit contributions made following the return to work.	Calculated in the same way as the old-age pension.
Name	Qualifying conditions	Amount
Old-age settlement	Age 60 with less than 10 years of	A lump sum of the insured's basic
	contributions. Employment must cease.	salary in the month before retirement multiplied by 1.25 (1.65 for military and police personnel under the public sector programme) and by the number

#### Old-age pension - Public sector programme (social insurance)

See Old-age pension (Retirement Pension) under Private sector programme (social insurance) above.

#### Disability benefits

Disability pension - Private sector programme (social insurance)		
Qualifying conditions		
Qualifying conditions	Must be assessed with an incapacity for any gainful employment and have at least 10 years of contributions.	
Employment conditions	Employment must cease.	
Benefit details		
Benefit calculation rules	Wage replacement	
Amount	30% of the reference earnings plus 1.25% (1.65% for military and police personnel under the public sector programme) of the reference earnings for each year of contributions exceeding 10 years.	
Maximum benefit	70% of the insured's average monthly basic salary in the three years before retirement (a month).	
Reference earnings for benefit	The insured's average monthly basic salary in the three years before the	



calculation	disability began. The basic salary is the gross salary paid for work performed during regular hours.			
Benefit adjustments	Legally mandated. Adjusted every three years based on cost of living and available assets of the pension fund.			
Schedule of payments	Monthly.			
Reduced benefit for insufficient of	nt contributions			
Name	Qualifying conditions Amount			
Disability settlement	Must be assessed with an incapacity for any gainful employment and have less than 10 years of contributions.	A lump sum of the insured's basic salary in the month before the disability began multiplied by 1.25 (1.65 for military and police covered under the public sector programme) and by the number of years of contributions. The basic salary is the gross salary paid for work performed during regular hours.		

### Disability pension - Public sector programme (social insurance)

See Disability pension under Social insurance (private sector programme).

### Survivor benefits

Qualifying conditions				
Qualifying conditions		The deceased received or was entitled to receive an old-age or disability pension at the time of death.		
Eligible survivors	A widow(er), orphans you parents.	nger than age 18 (age 21 if o	disabled), and dependent	
Remarriage conditions		an age 45 (age 50 for a wido o remarriage settlement is p		
Benefit details				
Benefit calculation rules	See the calculation of pen	sions under the earlier bran	ch(es).	
Benefit amount				
Spouse/partner	50% of the old-age or disability pension the deceased received or was entitled to receive is paid to the widow(er).	Minimum: No information.	Maximum: No information.	
Dependent children	20% of the old-age or disability pension the deceased received or was entitled to receive is paid to each eligible orphan; 30% for each full orphan.	Minimum: No information.	Maximum: No information.	
Other dependents	15% of the old-age or disability pension the deceased received or was entitled to receive is paid to each eligible parent; 20% if there are no other eligible survivors.	Minimum: No information.	Maximum: No information.	
Combined maximum for all survivors	100% of the old-age or disto receive.	100% of the old-age or disability pension the deceased received or was eligible to receive.		
Benefit duration		Age restrictions apply for orphans (see qualifying conditions); no information for other eligible dependents.		



Reduced benefit for insufficient contributions				
Name	Qualifying conditions	Amount		
Survivor settlement	The deceased had less than 10 years of contributions and did not qualify for an old-age or disability pension. Eligible survivors include a widow(er) and orphans younger than age 18 (age 21 if disabled).	A lump sum of 50% of the old-age or disability settlement the deceased received or was entitled to receive is paid to the widow(er); 20% to each eligible orphan (30% for each full orphan). The maximum combined survivor settlement is 100% of the old-age or disability settlement the deceased received or was eligible to receive.		

#### Survivor pension - Public sector programme (social insurance)

See survivor pension under Public sector programme (social insurance) above.

#### Administrative organization

Organization	Role in relation to programme	Related programmes	Additional information
Ministry of Finance	Payment/delivery of benefits; Collection of contributions.	Public sector programme (social insurance)	
	Note: Collects contributions for the public-sector programme jointly with the Public Servants' Social Security Agency.		
National Bank of Ethiopia	General supervision and regulation.  Note: Administers the private-sector programme.	Private sector programme (social insurance), Public sector programme (social insurance)	Managed by a tripartite board and Director General.
Private Organizations' Employees Social Security Agency	Programme administration and delivery; Collection of contributions.  Note: Administers the	Private sector programme (social insurance)	Managed by a tripartite board.
	private-sector programme and collects contributions.		
Public Servants' Social Security Administration	Programme administration and delivery; Collection of contributions.	Public sector programme (social insurance)	Managed by a board and a director general.
	Note: Administers the public-sector programme and collects contributions jointly with the Ministry of Finance.		



## Health and long-term care benefits

#### Branch overview

Type of programme	Programme name	Additional information
Universal system		
Social insurance	Community-based health insurance	Voluntary programme for rural and informal workers. Finalization of legal framework is ongoing (see regulatory framework below).

**Note:** No statutory long-term care benefits. A new health insurance system for public- and private-sector workers, the Social Health Insurance programme, was approved by parliament in 2010 (Proclamation No.191) and is in the process of being implemented.

### Regulatory framework

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Year	Law name and number	Additional information
1994	Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	
2022 (see note)	Proclamation No. 1273 on Community-based Health Insurance	Establishes a legal basis for the Community-based health insurance programme, which has existed as a nonstatutory programme since 2011. The Proclamation was approved by the Ethiopian House of Representatives in 2022. While final passage of the law is pending, we have included it here due to its relevance to the programme.

### Coverage

Programme	Mandatory coverage	Voluntary coverage	Citizenship conditions
Universal Community- based health insurance	Citizens of Ethiopia.  Not applicable (see voluntary coverage).	Rural groups and informal workers (including self-employed).	Citizens only.



Source of funds			
Programme name and persons covered [1]	Contributions	Government contributions	Additional information
Universal			
All covered persons	None.	The government pays the total cost.	
Community-based he	ealth insurance		
Self-employed	An annual flat-rate contribution, which varies depending on the community's income level and settling (rural or urban).	Federal government pays a matching contribution and covers costs for needy individuals.	Additional financing is provided via transfers from development partners.

<sup>[1]</sup> Employees (+) refers to all persons who are covered who are **not self-employed** (employees, pensioners, and other protected groups where applicable, such as students, unemployed persons, etc.)

Health benefits	
Medical benefits - Universal	
Qualifying conditions	
Qualifying conditions	There is no minimum qualifying period.
Benefit details	
Services covered	Public hospitals and community health facilities provide limited free health services.

Medical benefits - Community-based health insurance			
Qualifying conditions			
Qualifying conditions	There is no minimum qualifying period.		
Eligible dependents	Spouse and children (natural, adopted, or any child under guardianship) under the age of 18 (no age limit if disabled). An additional contribution is required for other household members.		
Benefit details			
Services covered	An essential package of health care services, including preventative and curative care and inpatient and outpatient services.		
Approved service providers and service conditions	Only care in health facilities contracted by Federal and Regional health insurance implementing bodies is covered. Access to other health services is covered through an established referral system (except for medical emergencies).		
Cost sharing	Co-payments may be required for primary health care services.		
Services covered for dependents	The same as those for the main beneficiary, membership is at the family level.		
Renefit duration for dependents Age restrictions apply (see qualifying conditions).			



Social Affairs

#### Administrative organization Organization Role in relation to Related programme(s) programme Payment/delivery of District, zonal and Community-based health regional health bureaus benefits. insurance, Universal General supervision and Ethiopian Health Community-based health insurance regulation; Programme Insurance Agency administration and delivery; Collection of contributions. General supervision and Ministry of Health Community-based health regulation; Programme insurance, Universal administration and delivery. General supervision and Ministry of Women and Universal

regulation.



## Sickness and maternity

### Branch overview

Type of programme

Employer-liability system

Note: A special system exists for civil servants and military and police personnel.

#### Regulatory framework

Year	Law name and number
	Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
2019	Labour Proclamation No. 1156

#### Coverage

Programme	Mandatory coverage	Exclusions	Citizenship conditions
Employer liability	Private-sector employees.	Self-employed persons; employees of non-profit organizations; workers with training-related contracts and contracts for treatment, care, or rehabilitation activities; and household workers.	Citizens only.

### Source of funds

Programme name and persons covered [1]	Contributions	Government contributions
Employer liability		
Employees (+)	Covered person: None.	None.
	<b>Employer:</b> The total cost (provides benefits directly to employees).	

<sup>[1]</sup> Employees (+) refers to all persons who are covered who are **not self-employed** (employees, pensioners, and other protected groups where applicable, such as students, unemployed persons, etc.)



### Sickness benefits

Sickness benefit - Employer liability		
Qualifying conditions		
Qualifying conditions	There is no minimum qualifying period after the employee completes an employment probation period of up to 60 days.	
Benefit details		
Benefit calculation rules	Wage replacement	
Amount	100% of the reference earnings for the first month; 50% of earnings for the next two months; the next three months of leave are unpaid.	
Reference earnings for benefit calculation	The employee's earnings.	
Benefit duration	Up to 6 months a year.	

### Maternity benefits

Maternity benefit - Employer liability		
Qualifying conditions		
Qualifying conditions	There is no minimum qualifying period. A medical certificate may be required.	
Benefit details		
Benefit calculation rules	Wage replacement	
Amount	100% of the reference earnings.	
Reference earnings for benefit calculation	The employee's earnings.	
Benefit duration	For 120 days (30 days before and 90 days after the expected date of childbirth). May be extended if there are complications arising from childbirth.	

### Administrative organization

Organization	Role in relation to programme	Related programmes
Employers	Payment/delivery of benefits.  Note: Pay cash benefits directly to employees.	Employer liability
Ministry of Women and Social Affairs	General supervision and regulation.	Employer liability



# Accidents at work and occupational diseases

Branch overview			
Type of programme	Programme name	Additional information	
Social insurance	Private sector programme	Private- and public-sector benefits are governed by identical regulations but are administered by separate public agencies.	
Social insurance	Public sector programme	See note above.	
Employer-liability system			

Note: A special system exists for military and police personnel.

Regulatory framework		
Year	Law name and number	
2017	Federal Civil Servants Proclamation, No. 1064	
2019	Labour Proclamation No. 1156	
2022	Private Organization Employees' Pension Proclamation, No. 1268	

Coverage				
Programme	Mandatory coverage	Voluntary coverage	Exclusions	Citizenship conditions
Private sector programme (social insurance)	Private-sector employees.	Self-employed persons, employees of religious or political organizations, and persons engaged in the informal sector.	Household workers, seasonal workers, and employees of international organizations or foreign diplomatic missions.	Citizens only.
Public sector programme (social insurance)	Citizens of Ethiopia employed in the public sector, government appointees, members of parliament, judges, public prosecutors, and military and police personnel.			Citizens only.
Employer liability	Employees in the formal sector, including private-sector employees and civil servants.		Self-employed persons, employees of non-profit organizations; workers with training-related contracts and contracts for treatment, care or rehabilitation activities; and household workers.	No information.



Source of funds				
Programme name and persons covered [1]	Contributions	Government contributions	Additional information	
Private sector programme (	social insurance)			
Employees (+)			Financing is reported under "Old age, disability and survivors".	
Public sector programme (s	ocial insurance)			
Employees (+)			Financing is reported under "Old age, disability and survivors".	
Employer liability				
Employees (+)	Covered person: None.  Employer: The total cost (pays insurance premiums or provides benefits directly to employees).	None; contributes as an employer (provides benefits directly to civil servants).		

<sup>[1]</sup> Employees (+) refers to all persons who are covered who are **not self-employed** (employees, pensioners, and other protected groups where applicable, such as students, unemployed persons, etc.)

### Temporary work-injury benefits

Temporary disability benefit - Employer liability		
Qualifying conditions		
Qualifying conditions	Must be assessed with a work injury or occupational disease.	
Accidents during commute	Only covered if the employer provides the transportation.	
Benefit details		
Benefit calculation rules	Wage replacement	
Amount	For private-sector employees, 100% of the reference earnings is paid for up to three months; 75% for the next three months; and at least 50% for the following six months. For public-sector employees, 100% of the reference earnings over the entire period.	
Reference earnings for benefit calculation	The employee's average monthly earnings in the year before the disability began.	
Benefit duration	Until the employee recovers and resumes work (up to a limit of 12 months) or is medically certified as permanently disabled (the rate decreases over time; see benefit amount).	

### Permanent work-injury benefits

Permanent disability pension - Private sector programme (social insurance)		
Qualifying conditions		
Qualifying conditions	Must be assessed with a work injury or occupational disease. An authorized medical board assesses the degree of disability.	
Accidents during commute	Only covered if the employer provides the transportation.	



Benefit details			
Benefit calculation rules	Wage replacement		
Amount	47% of the reference earnings is paid if the insured has an assessed degree of disability of at least 10% and is unable to work. If the permanent disability pension is less than or equal to the old-age pension the insured is entitled to receive, the old-age pension is paid, up to 70% of the insured's monthly basic salary.		
Minimum benefit	2,218 birr a month; 1258 b	pirr a month for public sector programme.	
Reference earnings for benefit calculation	The insured's last monthly basic salary before the disability began, which is the gross salary paid for work performed during regular hours.		
Benefit adjustments	Legally mandated. Adjusted every three years based on prevailing economic conditions and available assets of the pension fund.		
Schedule of payments	Monthly.		
Benefit duration	No limit.		
Reduced benefit for a partial disability			
Name	Qualifying conditions Amount		
Incapacity gratuity	If the insured has an assessed degree of disability of at least 10% but is able to work.	A lump sum of 47% of the insured's last monthly basic salary before the disability began multiplied by 60 months and by the assessed degree of disability is paid.	

#### Permanent disability pension - Public sector programme (social insurance)

See Permanent disability pension under Private sector programme (social insurance) above.

### Medical work-injury benefits

Medical benefits - Employer liability		
Qualifying conditions		
Qualifying conditions	Must be assessed with a work injury or occupational disease.	
Accidents during commute Covered if the employer provides the transportation.		
Benefit details		
Services covered	Benefits include general and specialized medical and surgical care, hospitalization, pharmaceutics, and prosthetic or orthopaedic appliances.	

### Survivor's work-injury benefits

Survivor pension - Private sector programme (social insurance)			
Qualifying conditions			
Qualifying conditions	The deceased had been assessed with a work injury or occupational disease.		
Accidents during commute	Only covered if the employer provides the transportation.		
Eligible survivors	A widow(er), orphans younger than age 18 (age 21 if disabled), and dependent parents.		
Remarriage conditions	The widow(er)'s pension ceases upon remarriage if the widow is younger than age 45 (age 50 for a widower; no limit if disabled). Remarriage settlement: No remarriage settlement is paid.		
Benefit details			
Benefit calculation rules	See the calculation of pensions under the earlier branch(es).		
Benefit amount			



Spouse/partner	50% of the permanent disability pension the deceased received or was entitled to receive.	Minimum: No information.	Maximum: No information.
Dependent children	20% of the permanent disability pension the deceased received or was entitled to receive is paid; 30% for each full orphan.	Minimum: No information.	Maximum: No information.
Other dependents	15% of the permanent disability pension the deceased received or was entitled to receive is paid; 20% if there are no other eligible survivors.	Minimum: No information.	Maximum: No information.
Combined maximum for all survivors	100% of the permanent disability pension the deceased received or was entitled to receive.		
Benefit duration	Up to the standard retirement age for widow(er)s; age restrictions apply for orphans (see qualifying conditions); no information for other dependents.		

#### Survivor pension - Public sector programme (social insurance)

As provided under the Private sector programme (see above).

Survivor settlement - Private sector programme (social insurance)		
Qualifying conditions		
Qualifying conditions	The deceased had been assessed with a work injury or occupational disease and was receiving or was entitled to receive a Disability grant.	
Accidents during commute	Only covered if the employer provides the transportation.	
Eligible survivors	A widow(er) and children younger than age 18 (age 21 if disabled).	
Benefit details		
Benefit calculation rules	See the calculation of pensions under the earlier branch(es).	
Amount	A lump sum of 50% of the partial disability settlement the deceased was entitled to receive is paid to the widow(er); 20% to each eligible orphan (30% for each full orphan).	
Combined maximum for all survivors	100% of the disability pension the deceased received or was entitled to receive.	

#### Survivor settlement - Public sector programme (social insurance)

See Survivor settlement under Private sector programme (social insurance) above.

Funeral grant - Employer liability		
Qualifying conditions		
Qualifying conditions	The deceased had been assessed with a work injury or occupational disease.	
Accidents during commute	Only covered if the employer provides the transportation.	
Eligible survivors	A widow(er), orphans younger than age 18 (age 21 if disabled), and dependent parents.	
Benefit details		
Benefit calculation rules	Wage replacement	
Amount	A lump sum of at least two times the reference earnings.	



Reference earnings The employee's salary.
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#### Administrative organization

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Organization	Role in relation to programme	Related programmes	Additional information
Employers	Payment/delivery of benefits.	Employer liability	
	Note: Insure work injury liability through private carriers or pay compensation directly to employees or dependent survivors.		
Ministry of Finance	Payment/delivery of benefits; Collection of contributions.  Note: Collects contributions jointly with the Public Servants' Social Security Administration.	Public sector programme (social insurance)	
National Bank of Ethiopia	General supervision and regulation.  Note: Administers the private-sector programme.	Private sector programme (social insurance), Public sector programme (social insurance)	Managed by a tripartite board and Director General.
Private Organizations' Employees Social Security Agency	Programme administration and delivery; Collection of contributions.	Private sector programme (social insurance)	Managed by a tripartite board.
Public Servants' Social Security Administration	Programme administration and delivery; Collection of contributions.	Public sector programme (social insurance)	Managed by a board and a director general.



## Unemployment

#### Branch note

Severance pay exists: Under the 2003 labour proclamation, employers must provide severance pay in case of: unfair dismissal; workforce restructuring; the employer's death, insolvency, or bankruptcy; the employee's death at work; physical incapacity; or HIV/AIDS diagnosis. Severance pay is 30 times the employee's average daily wage in the last week of employment for the first year of service plus 10 times for each additional year of service, up to the employee's annual salary. An additional amount is paid for bankruptcy and workforce restructuring.



## Family and household benefits

Branch note

No statutory benefits.