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Factsheet for case **DK-2020-11/305**

Jobsharing

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Country	Denmark, applies nationwide
Time period	Open ended, started on 12 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Change of work arrangements to ensure business continuity – New rota schemes
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Background information

In order to avoid direct dismissals, the government has made it possible for the companies to make use of the existing jobsharing scheme in a more flexible way. Jobsharing is covered by collective agreement. The flexible measures were passed by a so-called urgent statute in the Parliament. According to the statute, a rule about notifying the local jobcentre a week before jobsharing can begin is abolished because it might create unnecessary red tape for the company.

Content of measure

According to collective agreement a company can introduce a period of 13 weeks of jobsharing in the company as a provisional measure. Normally, the company must notify the local jobcentre a week before the jobsharing can start. This rule is abolished with the aim that the company can start jobsharing the same day the notification is sent.

At the same time, it becomes possible for companies to switch between the types of jobsharing periods when a cycle of jobsharing is completed. As it is, the working hours must be reduced by at least 2 full days per day. week or with 1 week of full-time work followed by 1 week of unemployment. However, the distribution can also be arranged with 2 weeks of full-time work followed by 1 week of unemployment or with 2 weeks of full-time work followed by 2 weeks of unemployment. According to the urgent statute, the employer can switch between the periods when the one in use expires.

During the periods of unemployment, the employees in question will receive a supplementary unemployment benefit.

Use of measure

The media has mentioned that jobsharing is increasing among the companies affected by COVID 19 related decrease in production/sales. However, the concrete statistics is not yet published, but it is a matter of short time.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Employees All companies	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Informed
Form of involvement	Other

The social partners have welcomed the initiative to make the existing jobsharing scheme more flexible for a (open ended) period.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 12 March 2020: Arbejdsfordeling gøres mere fleksibel ([bm.dk](https://www.bm.dk))