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Factsheet for case **LU-2020-15/306**

Establishment of an emergency fund for the solo-self-employed

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Country	Luxembourg, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 08 April 2020 - 25 June 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income protection beyond short-time work – Extensions of income support to workers not covered by any kind of protection scheme
Case created	06 April 2020 (updated 03 May 2020)

Background information

The General Directorate for the Middle Classes introduced an emergency allowance for self-employed workers. This measure is intended to provide financial support, in the form of a certified tax-free emergency allowance, to traders, craftsmen and intellectual workers who work as self-employed persons, as well as to managing partners who hold an establishment permit.

This is an additional measure to the measure aiming at small enterprises and self-employed occupying less than ten employees.

At the moment no legal reference is available

Content of measure

The aid takes the form of a one-off lump-sum capital grant of €2,500.

It is intended exclusively for persons :

- who have the status of self-employed persons as their main occupation and ;
- who are affiliated as such to the social security system.

The aid cannot be cumulated with the certified emergency allowance which was introduced by Grand-Ducal regulation of 25 March 2020 in order to assist commercial or craft enterprises, whether operating as sole proprietorships or companies. To be eligible, 5 conditions must be met:

1. the self-employed person was affiliated to the Joint Social Security Centre as such on 15 March 2020;
2. he has the necessary authorisations and approvals for the activity he carries out as a self-employed person;
3. the professional income of the self-employed person used as a basis for calculating the social security contributions for the year 2019 plus, where applicable, the pensions paid by a pension insurance body must not exceed the amount of 2.5 the minimum social wage (€5,354.98 per month or €64,259.70 per year);
4. the self-employed person employs less than 10 people;
5. the self-employed person encounters temporary financial difficulties that have a direct causal link with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Use of measure

no information available

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Solo-self-employed	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

no information available

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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Sources

- 09 April 2020: Establishment of an emergency fund for the self-employed (guichet.public.lu)