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Factsheet for case **DK-2020-10/634**

Increased access to unemployment benefits and sickness benefits

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Country	Denmark, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 01 March 2020 - 09 June 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income protection beyond short-time work – Income support for unemployed
Case created	15 April 2020 (updated 23 April 2020)

Background Information

Increased access to unemployment benefits and sickness benefits due to Covid-19: In order to mitigate the negative consequences that the spread of COVID-19 can have on unemployed and sick pay recipients, the government and all the parties of the Folketing agree to provide easier conditions for unemployed and sick pay recipients in the coming temporary period.

The legal references are "LOV nr 274 af 26/03/2020" and "LOV nr 275 af 26/03/2020".

Content of measure

For unemployment benefit recipients: The period from March 1 to May 31 is not included in the unemployed seniority. It will be a condition that the members be a member of the a-box during the period.

For sickness benefit recipients: Persons who have received sickness benefit for more than 22 weeks during the period from March 9 to June 9, in the nine preceding calendar months, ie. when the reassessment date and cannot extend the payment of sickness benefit in accordance with the existing extension rules, the right to sickness benefit will be extended for three months.

Suspension of G-days: Employer's payment of unemployment benefit (G-days) to employees who are covered by a division of work or returned home is suspended.

Use of measure

Unknown

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Unemployed	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

Unknown

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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Sources

- 15 April 2020: LOV nr 275 af 26/03/2020 (www.retsinformation.dk)
- 15 April 2020: LOV nr 274 af 26/03/2020 (www.retsinformation.dk)
- 15 April 2020: Beskæftigelsesministeriet (bm.dk)