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Factsheet for case **AT-2020-16/577**

Corona family hardship funds

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Country	Austria, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, started on 15 April 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Measures to prevent social hardship – Protection of vulnerable groups (beyond employment support)
Case created	13 April 2020 (updated 26 April 2020)

Background information

In order to combat child poverty, the family ministry has decided to increase the (pre-existing) family hardship fund for families in Corona crisis times: Families in which parents (either one or both) are concerned by unemployment or short-time work, thus encountering a loss in income, should be receiving a one-time non-repayable compensation for income loss. Also self-employed with income losses will be eligible for this support.

Content of measure

Measures against child poverty are to be strengthened, family minister Anschober said: There are now payments to families who have been pushed into short-time work or unemployment by the current crisis. The minister specified that the previous family hardship compensation fund had been increased by 30 million euros which are now available for single payments to those affected. From April 15, parents who had been employed until February 28 and are now on short-time work or have become unemployed due to the crisis are eligible. Self-employed persons with losses could also apply for payment. This applies to families with children who receive family allowance. The payment is valid for three months, but is paid once at the beginning and does not have to be paid back.

The exact amount of support should depend on previous income. Aschbacher cited as an example a family with two children and 3,000 euros net family income, which would receive 780 euros for three months after

the father's unemployment. The aim is to compensate for the loss of income due to unemployment or short-time work, the Ministry said. The ministry plans to publish the exact calculation bases next week.

Use of measure

Measure will start on 15 April.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Employees Self-employed Unemployed Children (minors) Parents	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	Not applicable

Unilateral government measure.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 09 April 2020: One-off payments for affected families ([orf.at](https://www.orf.at))