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Factsheet for case **DE-2020-13/404**

Basic income support for solo-self employed

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Country	Germany, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, started on 23 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income support to workers and those laid off – Extensions of income support to workers not covered by any kind of protection scheme
Case created	09 April 2020 (updated 22 April 2020)

Background Information

The German Federal Government decided to ease up rules for basic income support for solo-self employed persons. This measure is part of a broader rescue package adopted by the government at the end of March 2020, in order to help out German business, freelancers and micro entrepreneurs. The whole package consists of reducing tax burdens, easier access to loans, start-up support, lowering companies personnel costs by improved short-time working scheme and other financial help for solo- or micro entrepreneurs.

Content of measure

The German Federal Government eased rules for basic income support, in order to help solo self-employed persons to get through the crisis. Applicants for basic income support working as solo self-employed will not have to make any statements on their financial assets and will also not have to tap these assets within the next six months, before being granted basic income support. With the basic income support, they should be able to pay rent or finance their housing. The new rules also provide that application will be provisionally approved and the usual means-testing will be conducted later. In this way, the government hopes to facilitate easier and faster access to these grants.

Use of measure

No information to date.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Public employment service	solo-self-employed	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Other

German social partners are usually consulted by the Federal Government on broader measures, though no formal tripartite social dialogue structure exists in Germany at the federal level

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

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