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Factsheet for case PT-2020-11/395

Care for children or other dependents of workers of essential services

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Country	Portugal, applies nationwide
Time period	Open ended, started on 14 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Change of work arrangements to ensure business continuity – Organised safe childcare during school and creche closures
Case created	08 April 2020 (updated 20 April 2020)

Background Information

The Decree-Law 10-A/2020 of 13 March establishes exceptional and temporary measures regarding the epidemiological situation of the new Coronavirus - COVID 19.

The suspension of teaching and non-teaching and of formative activities with the presence of students, both in schools and in other social care organisations, in force since 16 March 2020, is one of the extraordinary and urgent measures implemented.

Workers in essential services are provided with a specific measure that ensures care for their children or other dependent household members.

Content of measure

This measure covers workers of essential services, following the suspension of teaching and non-teaching and of formative activities with the presence of students, both in schools and in other social care organisations.

A teaching facility is identified in each school group to provide for the care of children and other dependents of i) health, security forces and services, including volunteer firefighters, and armed forces professionals, ii) workers of essential public services, of essential infrastructure management and maintenance, and iii) other essential services, whose mobilisation for service or operational readiness prevents them to take care for

their children or other dependents.

The workers identified above are mobilised by the employer or by public authority.

Use of measure

Not available

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Local / regional government	particular professions	No special funding required

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	Unknown

Not available

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 13 March 2020: DECRETO-LEI N.º 10-A/2020 - DIÁRIO DA REPÚBLICA N.º 52/2020, 1º SUPLEMENTO, SÉRIE I DE 2020-03-13 (dre.pt)