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Factsheet for case NO-2020-13/723

Temporary prolongation of the payment period during lay-off

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Country	Norway, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 27 March 2020 - 30 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	17 April 2020 (updated 05 May 2020)

Background information

In the Resolution 400, 16 March 2020, the Storting asked the government to temporarily ensure that the receivers of time-limited benefits could continue to receive benefits during the pandemic crisis, when the labour market is poor. To ensure that no one loses unemployment benefits during a very difficult period in the labour market and to prevent redundancies, the period the unemployed can receive unemployment benefits is extended until 30 June.

Content of measure

Under the current regulations related to the lay-off pay law, employees can receive unemployment benefits for 26 weeks within the last 18-month period. At the end of 26 weeks, the employer's pay obligation re-enters. From the social partners it has been pointed out that some laid-off workers are approaching the 26-week limit. In today's situation, they will probably be dismissed because the employer is unable to take them back into regular work. The opportunity to get a new job is small, so they will have to reapply for unemployment benefits as ordinary unemployed. To avoid this situation, the period the unemployed can receive unemployment benefits is extended until 30 June.

Use of measure

No information to date

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Public employment service	Unemployed	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Direct consultation

Social partners have been consulted regularly during design and implementation of the measure.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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Sources

- 20 March 2020: Prop 67 S (2019–2020) Endringer i statsbudsjettet 2020 (www.regjeringen.no)