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Factsheet for case CZ-2020-16/285

Rescue programme for self employed

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Country	Czechia, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 15 April 2020 - 30 June 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct subsidies (full or partial)
Case created	05 April 2020 (updated 07 May 2020)

Background information

Self-employed persons who were hit by the restrictions stemming from the coronavirus crisis receive a bonus of CZK 25,000 (€907 approx.) from the state to compensate them losses caused by anti-coronavirus measures.

The daily rate is CZK 500 (€18 approx.) for every calendar day in the period from 12 March 2020, when the state of emergency was declared by the Government, until 30 April 2020. The request for the bonus has to be filled to the Tax Office up to 30 June 2020. The Tax Office should be disbursing this bonus without a delay and that solely by a cashless payment to the account of the self-employed; the bonus is not to be a subject of a possible distraint.

Content of measure

For the bonus of €25,000 are eligible self-employed who are doing business on their own, based on a trade licence or, e.g. perform a liberal profession (musicians, writers etc.), or are doing business in agriculture or on the grounds of other Acts of law (medical doctors, veterinarians, attorneys at law, etc.). The self-employment has to be the main activity, however, in some cases it can be subsidiary activity (e. g. for beneficiaries of disability or old-age pension or parental allowance).

A statutory declaration should be also attached to the request, stating that the self-employed met the conditions for this bonus and is not able to continue in business appropriately due to the health threats and/or government anti-crisis measures adopted with the occurrence of COVID-19.

Use of measure

No information available yet.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Company / Companies	Self-employed Solo-self-employed One person or microenterprises Other businesses	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Direct consultation

Association of small and medium enterprises and crafts of the Czech Republic (Asociace malých a středních podniků a živnostníků České republiky, AMSP ČR) has suggested simpler system of the rescue programme with a higher bonus than government had planned – the Government has accepted these suggestions and expanded the target group to almost every self-employed.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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Sources

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