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Factsheet for case **LU-2020-15/306**

Establishment of an emergency fund for the self-employed

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Country	Luxembourg, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 08 April 2020 - 25 June 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Supporting businesses to stay afloat – Direct subsidies (full or partial)
Case created	06 April 2020 (updated 29 April 2020)

Background information

The General Directorate for the Middle Classes introduced an emergency allowance for self-employed workers.

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This measure is intended to provide financial support, in the form of a certified tax-free emergency allowance, to traders, craftsmen and intellectual workers who work as self-employed persons, as well as to managing partners who hold an establishment permit.

This is an additional measure to the measure aiming at small enterprises and self-employed occupying less than ten employees.

At the moment no legal reference is available

Content of measure

The aid takes the form of a one-off lump-sum capital grant of 2,500 euros.

It is intended exclusively for persons :

- who have the status of self-employed persons as their main occupation and ;

- who are affiliated as such to the social security system.

The aid cannot be cumulated with the certified emergency allowance which was introduced by Grand-Ducal regulation of 25 March 2020 in order to assist commercial or craft enterprises, whether operating as sole proprietorships or companies. To be eligible, 5 conditions must be met :

1. the self-employed person was affiliated to the Joint Social Security Centre as such on 15 March 2020 ;
2. he has the necessary authorisations and approvals for the activity he carries out as a self-employed person;
3. the professional income of the self-employed person used as a basis for calculating the social security contributions for the year 2019 plus, where applicable, the pensions paid by a pension insurance body must not exceed the amount of 2.5 the minimum social wage (EUR 5,354.98 per month or EUR 64,259.70 per year);
4. the self-employed person employs less than 10 people;
5. the self-employed person encounters temporary financial difficulties that have a direct causal link with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Use of measure

no information available

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Solo-self-employed	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

no information available

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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Sources

- 09 April 2020: Establishment of an emergency fund for the self-employed (guichet.public.lu)