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Factsheet for case GR-2020-12/670

State income benefit to support freelancers, self-employed and sole proprietors

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Country	Greece, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, started on 15 March 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	16 April 2020 (updated 03 May 2020)

Background information

By virtue of the Legislative Act 20 March 2020 "Urgent measures to address the consequences of the spread of COVID-19 coronavirus, to support the society and entrepreneurship, and to safeguard the smooth operation of the market and public administration" and as was amended by Art. 25 'Financial support measures for freelancers, self-employed and sole proprietors who are affected by COVID-19 pandemic' of the Legislative Act 30 March 2020 "Measures to combat the pandemic of coronavirus COVID-19 and other urgent provisions", freelancers, self-employed and sole proprietors are entitled to a special state benefit of €800.

Content of measure

By virtue of the Legislative Act 20 March 2020 "Urgent measures to address the consequences of the spread of COVID-19 coronavirus, to support the society and entrepreneurship, and to safeguard the smooth operation of the market and public administration" and as was amended by Art. 25 'Financial support measures for freelancers, self-employed and sole proprietors who are affected by COVID-19 pandemic' of the Legislative Act 30 March 2020 "Measures to combat the pandemic of coronavirus COVID-19 and other urgent provisions", freelancers, self-employed and sole proprietors, who are affected by COVID-19, are entitled to a special state benefit of 800 Euros for the period 15/03 – 30/4/2020. Social security contributions on the nominal amount of the salary for the aforementioned period is covered by the State. The special state benefit is exempted from tax, seizure and shall not be offset against any liability.

Use of measure

No available information

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Company / Companies	Self-employed SMEs One person or microenterprises	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

No involvement.

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 20 March 2020: Act of Legislative Content on “Urgent measures to address the consequences of the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19, to support society and entrepreneurship and to ensure the smooth functioning of the market and public administration.” (O.G A’ 68/20-3-2020) (www.e-nomothesia.gr)