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Factsheet for case **ES-2020-12/560**

Automatic extension of unemployment benefits

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Country	Spain, applies nationwide
Time period	Open ended, started on 18 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income protection beyond short-time work – Income support for unemployed
Case created	13 April 2020

Background information

During the period of validity of the extraordinary measures in the field of public health adopted by the authorities to combat the effects of the extension of COVID-19, which involve limiting the mobility of citizens or affecting the operation of public services whose action affects the management of unemployment protection, the State Public Employment Services will extend automatically the unemployment benefit to those workers whose entitlement ended during the above period.

Content of measure

Through this measure, the Social Security system is authorized to extend automatically the right to receive the unemployment benefit in the cases subject to the semi-annual extension of the right, so that the lack of application by the worker does not entail the interruption of the perception of unemployment benefits or the reduction of its duration.

Moreover, in the case of the beneficiaries of the subsidy for over fifty-two years, the payment of the subsidy and the contribution to Social Security will not be interrupted even when the presentation of the required annual income statement is made outside the legally established period

Use of measure

There are no estimates as to the number of workers affected by this policy

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Public employment service Social insurance	Employees Older people	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Direct consultation

Social partners were consulted prior to the approval of this policy

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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Sources

- 18 March 2020: Royal Decree-Law 8/2020, of March 17, on extraordinary and urgent measures to face the economic and social impact of COVID-19. (www.boe.es)