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Factsheet for case GR-2020-12/694

## Extension of expired or expiring unemployment benefit payments

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Country	Greece, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, 20 March 2020 - 30 June 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income protection beyond short-time work – Income support for unemployed
Case created	16 April 2020 (updated 04 May 2020)

### Background information

In the context of the “emergency contingency measures to address the effects of the coronavirus COVID-19, to support society and entrepreneurship and ensure the uninterrupted operation of the market and public administration”, the Greek government introduced a regulation/extension of unemployment benefits in order to support the unemployed. The extension concerns the regular unemployment benefit, the long term unemployed benefit and the unemployment benefit of the self-employed.

The relevant law: Art 7 of the Official Gazette A68, March 20, 2020 and art 24 of the Official Gazette A75, March 30, 2020).

### Content of measure

Pursuant to the new measure, the duration of the unemployment benefits that have expired or expire during the first quarter of 2020 is extended for 2 months after their expiry. The extension concerns the regular unemployment benefit, the long term unemployed benefit and the unemployment benefit of the self-employed.

Regarding the amount, beneficiaries of the regular unemployment benefit will receive in total, for the two months, up to €798.50 (up to €399.25 monthly), increased by 10% for each dependent of the beneficiary unemployed.

The beneficiaries of the self-employed unemployment benefit will receive up to €720 (up to €360 monthly) in total and the beneficiaries of the unemployment benefit will receive up to €400 (up to €200.00 monthly) in total.

## Use of measure

According to an estimate by the OAED Commander , about 200,000 unemployed people, who ended their unemployment benefit in January, February, March and April 2020 will get a two-month extension. In addition another 155,000 long-term unemployed will receive the aid.

## Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Self-employed Unemployed	National funds

## Social partners

Role of social partners	Not applicable
Form of involvement	Not applicable

The government has designed and implemented this measure. The measure was considered positive.

## Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

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## Sources

- 20 March 2020: "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.et.gr](http://www.et.gr))
- 30 March 2020: Act of Legislative Content of 30.03.2020 "Measures to combat the pandemic of coronavirus COVID-19 and other urgent provisions" ([www.et.gr](http://www.et.gr))