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Factsheet for case **ES-2020-12/223**

Extension of protection for unemployment benefits

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Country	Spain, applies nationwide
Time period	Open ended, started on 17 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income protection beyond short-time work – Income support for unemployed
Case created	31 March 2020 (updated 01 May 2020)

Background information

This extraordinary legislation supplements existing legislation of unemployment benefits. The content on extending unemployment protection in this Royal Decree 8/2020 mainly follows the proposals made by the social partners. The right to receive unemployment benefit is recognised even if the employee has not the minimum period of social contribution made and even he/she has a previous entitlement for receiving an unemployment benefit or allowance suspended.

Content of measure

It establishes that the entitlement of such benefits is recognised even if an employee being dismissed lacks the minimum period of paid employment / contribution to unemployment insurance necessary and even if at the time of the adoption of the business decision – of temporary dismissal - the right to unemployment benefit or subsidy was suspended.

Furthermore, the time in which this benefit is received for extraordinary circumstances is not computed regarding the entitlement to receive an unemployment protection benefit, in order to consume the maximum periods of perception established.

The duration of the of the benefit will be extended until the end of the suspension of the employment contract

or temporary reduction of the working time, which are the causes entitling to ask for this benefit

Use of measure

Not known yet.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Unemployed All companies	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	Consulted
Form of involvement	Direct consultation

Unknown details at the time of first reporting

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 31 March 2020: Agencia Estatal Boletín Oficial del Estado (www.boe.es)