

# Unemployment benefits

## Employees

### What are unemployment benefits?

Benefits paid as a compensation for the loss of work earnings due to involuntary loss of employment of a beneficiary, who:

- Is fit and available for work
- Enrolled as a job seeker at the Employment Centre
- Resides in national territory.



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### Which are the unemployment benefits?

- Unemployment benefit
- Social unemployment benefit
- Partial unemployment benefit
- Benefit for termination of professional activity
- Partial benefit for termination of professional activity.

### Who is entitled?

#### Unemployment benefit and Social unemployment benefit

Beneficiaries whose work contract is terminated in accordance with the law and who comply with the eligibility conditions.

#### Partial unemployment benefit

Beneficiary receiving or claiming unemployment benefit that begin to work as employees with a part time contract or as self-employed workers.

#### Benefit for termination of professional activity

Managers or company directors who have ceased their professional activity for justified reasons and comply with eligibility conditions when they cease their professional activity or close down their company.

#### Partial benefit for termination of professional activity

Managers and company directors who claim or are receiving the benefit for termination of professional activity and begin to work as employees with a part time contract or as self-employed workers.

### Qualifying period

#### Unemployment benefit

To have been employed for 360 days with registered pay-slips within a period of 24 months immediately prior to the date of unemployment.

#### Social unemployment benefit

To have been employed for 180 days with registered pay-slips within a period of 12 months immediately prior to the date of unemployment.

#### Benefit for termination of professional activity

720 days of activity as a manager or company director with registered pay-slips for a period of 48 months immediately prior to the date of termination of activity.

### When to claim?

Benefits must be claimed within 90 days after the date of unemployment to the Employment Centre of the beneficiary's area of residence.

### Legislation

- Decree-Law no. 12/2013, January 25.

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