

Unemployment benefits

Self-employed Workers

What are unemployment benefits?

Benefits paid as 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.

Which are the unemployment benefits?

- Benefit for termination of activity
- Partial benefit for termination of activity
- Benefit for termination of professional activity
- Partial benefit for termination of professional activity.

Who is entitled?

Benefit for termination of activity

Self-employed workers who are economically dependent on a single contracting entity and whose service contract has been involuntarily terminated.

Partial benefit for termination of activity

Self-employed workers, if the worker continues to exercise a professional activity corresponding to 20% or less of the total annual income following the termination of the service contract with the contracting entity.

Benefit for termination of professional activity

Self-employed workers with entrepreneurial activity who have ceased their professional activity for justified reasons and comply with eligibility conditions at the time they cease their professional activity or close down their company.

Partial benefit for termination of professional activity

Self-employed workers with entrepreneurial activity 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

Benefit for termination of activity and Partial benefit for termination of activity

- 720 days of activity as a self-employed worker with registered pay-slips for a period of 48 months immediately prior to the date of termination of activity
- Fulfillment of the contributory obligation of the contracting entities of the self-employed worker, in that capacity, for least two civil years, one of them being immediately prior to the termination of the service contract.

Benefit for termination of professional activity

720 days of activity as a self-employed worker with registered pay-slips for a period of 48 months immediately prior to the date of termination of activity.

When to claim?

Within 90 days of the date of unemployment to the Employment Centre of the beneficiary's area of residence.

Legislation

- Decree-Law no. 65/2012, March 15
- Decree-Law no. 12/2013, January 25.

The information contained in this leaflet does not replace or preclude consulting the applicable legislations