

Exceptional measures to reinforce Social Protection, within the scope of the COVID- 19 pandemic

On 7th of May, [Decree-Law no. 20-C / 2020](#) was approved, which establishes Exceptional Social Protection Measures:

- **Extraordinary support measures are extended** to members of statutory bodies of legal persons with management functions when they have workers at their service, extending to those with an annual turnover of up to 80 thousand euros, and to independent workers not covered, either for not having a contributory obligation, or for not fulfilling the other conditions of access to extraordinary support;
- a new regime is established to **cover self-employed workers who didn't meet the requirements** of support of the reduction of activity. Self-employed workers who are exempt from paying contributions or who started their activity less than 12 months ago are covered, with support of up to 219.40 euros (half of the Social Support Index's amount);
- extraordinary support due to activity reduction of **self-employed workers** who meet the conditions of access is expected to have a minimum limit set at 219.40 euros.
- **the guarantee periods for the attribution of social unemployment benefit are halved. Workers are entitled to initial unemployment benefit if they have:**
 - 90 days of dependent employment, with the corresponding record of wages, in a period of 12 months immediately prior to the date of unemployment;
 - 60 days of work on behalf of others, with the corresponding record of wages, in a period of 12 months immediately prior to the date of unemployment, in the event where this has occurred due to the expiration of the fixed-term employment contract or termination of the employment contract by the employer during the experimental period;
- **the procedure for attributing social integration income is streamlined**, not depending on the signing of the integration contract;
- **a measure is created to include people who are excluded from the social protection system**, giving financial support to workers who are not covered by the Social Security system, and who declare the beginning or restart of independent activity with the tax administration, with the granted support of 219.40 euros (half the amount of Social Support Index's). These people will have to remain linked to the Social Security system for a period of 24 months.

For more information please **VISIT**:

[Decree-Law no. 20-C / 2020](#) - Establishes exceptional social protection measures, within the scope of the COVID-19 disease pandemic, which makes the seventh amendment to Decree- Law no. 10-A / 2020, of 13th of March, and amends exceptional and temporary measures relating to the COVID-19 disease pandemic. (Access the consolidated version of [Decree-Law no. 10-A / 2020](#), of 13th of March.)