

## TURKEY

Social Protection in Turkey is provided via contributory and non contributory systems.

### Contributory System

Benefits provided in the contributory system is financed by premiums paid by the employers and the employees (the state also contributes in case of financial deficits).—**Social Security Institution** unified all former social security institutions under a single framework.\* Contingencies covered by current legislation are **old age, survivors (death), invalidity, employment injuries and occupational diseases, maternity, sickness (benefits in kind and in cash)**.

The third pillar of the social security system is private pension schemes and private health insurance. Private Pension Schemes are run by private companies regulated by a specific body of Treasury (Pension Monitoring Centre)

Unemployment insurance is executed by ISKUR (Turkish Employment Institution). The contribution to unemployment insurance are collected by Social Security Institution and transferred to Unemployment Insurance Fund.

### Non-Contributory System

Non contributory system in Turkey is financed from general budget (tax revenues) and/or by voluntary participation of Foundations and NGOs.

#### Those covered by Compulsory Universal Health Insurance:

The implementation of compulsory universal health insurance has been initiated as of 1/1/2012. Accordingly, those who are out of universal health insurance status as well as those whose universal health insurance status has expired are registered directly by the Social Security Institution. In other words, these persons are taken into the scope of universal health insurance compulsorily. The premium is accrued when the the universal health insurance is registered directly and the obligation to pay starts. Those registered to universal health insurance compulsorily are subject to an income test. The amount of premium to be paid as a result of income test of those registered within the scope of universal health insurance is determined according to the income statue of the individual. According to the result of the income test, the universal health insurance premiums of those whose monthly income per capita within the family is less than one third

of the gross minimum wage are covered by the State and those whose monthly income per capita within the family is more than one third of the gross minimum wage shall be premiumpayer according to the level of income determined.

Universal health insurance premium at the rate of 12% is taken;

-over one third of minimum wage if the monthly income per capita is between one third of the gross minimum wage and the minimum wage;

-over the minimum wage if the monthly income per capita is between minimum wage and twofold of the minimum wage;

-over twofold of the minimum wage if the monthly income per capita is more than twofold of the minimum wage.

In case the income test is not made, the person shall have to pay premium over twofold of the minimum wage by being accepted that the income of the registered person is more than twofold of the minimum wage.

Ministry of Family and Social Policies is a big contributor in the non contributory system by means of **DG Non Contributory Payments** for the destitute persons old aged (65 years old and over) or with disabilities, etc.

General Directorate for Children Services and General Directorate of Social Assistance acting under the Ministry of Family and Social Policies, provide cash benefits and benefits in kind to the poor people. In addition, these general directorates also engage in social services provision. Municipalities, Foundations and NGOs are also functioning in the non contributory system on a voluntary and decentralized scale.

#### **Important addresses**

##### **Ministry of Labour and Social Security**

T.C. Çalışma ve Sosyal Güvenlik Bakanlığı İnönü Bulvarı  
No:42 PK: 06520 Emek / ANKARA  
[www.csqb.gov.tr](http://www.csqb.gov.tr)

##### **Ministry of Family and Social Policies**

T.C Aile ve Sosyal Politikalar Bakanlığı Sosyal Yardımlar  
Genel Müdürlüğü

Eskişehir Yolu Söğütözü Mahallesi 2177.Sokak No:10/A  
8.Kat Çankaya/ANKARA

[www.aile.gov.tr](http://www.aile.gov.tr)

##### **Social Security Institution**

Ziyabey Cd. No:6 Balgat/ANKARA

[www.sgk.gov.tr](http://www.sgk.gov.tr)

##### **Pension Monitoring Center**

Sarikanarya Sokak, No: 18 Yolbulan Plaza A Blok Kat: 1  
34742, Kozyatagi, ISTANBUL

[www.egm.org.tr](http://www.egm.org.tr)

##### **ISKUR (Turkish Employment Institution)**

Atatürk Bulvarı No:133 Kızılay/ANKARA

[www.iskur.gov.tr](http://www.iskur.gov.tr)

##### **Ministry of Health**

Mithatpaşa Cad. No: 3 Sıhhiye /ANKARA

[www.saglik.gov.tr](http://www.saglik.gov.tr)

##### **General Directorate for Children Services**

T.C Aile ve Sosyal Politikalar Bakanlığı Sosyal Yardımlar  
Genel Müdürlüğü

Anafartalar Cad. No: 70 Ulus / ANKARA

[www.cocuk hizmetleri.gov.tr](http://www.cocuk hizmetleri.gov.tr)

##### **General Directorate of Social Assistance**

T.C Aile ve Sosyal Politikalar Bakanlığı Sosyal Yardımlar  
Genel Müdürlüğü

Karanfil sokak No: 67 Kızılay, Çankaya /Ankara

[www.sosyal yardimlar.gov.tr](http://www.sosyal yardimlar.gov.tr)

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