

Sickness - Cash benefits

Applicable statutory basis

ALBANIA

Law No. 7703, dated 11.5.1993 "For the social insurance in Republic of Albania" (amended), by Law no.104/2014, date 31.07.2014, which has come into force on 1 January 2015.

Law on Health Care in Republic of Albania, No. 10107 dated 30.3.2009;

Code of Labor of Republic of Albania
No.7961, dated 12.07.1995 (amended) by Law no.136, date 05.12.2015.

Law No. 10 383, dated 24.2.2011, "On compulsory health care insurance", has come into force as from 25 March 2013.

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ARMENIA

- Labour Code.
- Law on "Temporary incapacity and maternity benefits", 22 November 2010.
- Law on "State benefits", 12 December 2013.
- RA Government resolution N1024, 14 July 2011.

AZERBAIJAN

"Regulations on the Calculation and Payment of Allowances on Compulsory State Social Insurance and Benefits Paid at the Expense of the Insurant to Employees who have a Temporary Disability", approved by Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 189 dated 15.09.1998.

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan No. 9 dated 8.01.1993 "On Approval of the Rules for the Issuance of Sick Leaves and the Assignment of Payments for Medical Purposes".

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH:

- Law on Health Insurance of FBiH (Official Gazette of FBiH, 30/97), amended in 2002, 2008, 2011, 2018 and 2022 (Official Gazette of FBiH, 7/02, 70/08, 48/11, 36/18 and 61/22);
- Rules of procedure and criteria for establishment of temporary inability to work of the insured person ("Official Gazette of FBiH", No 3/17).

Republika Srpska:

- Law on Health Insurance of Republika Srpska (Official Gazette of RS, 933/22/99), amended in 2022 (Official Gazette of RS 132/22)

Brčko District of BiH:

- Law on Health Insurance of the Brčko District of BiH (Official Gazette of Brčko District 1/02), amended (Official Gazette of BD 7/02, 19/07, 02/08, 34/08 and 19/20)

GEORGIA

Labour Code of Georgia.

27/12/2010|Order of Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs No 281/n, September 25, 2007 concerning "Temporary Incapacity Appraisal and Rules for Providing Sick-Leave Certificate".

Order of Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs No 87/n, 20 February 2009 on "Rules for appointment and provision of aid for Temporary Incapacity for work".

MONTENEGRO

The Law on Mandatory Health Insurance, 2021.

The Rulebook on the manner of exercising the right to temporary incapacity to work and exercising of the right to wage compensation during temporary incapacity to work, 2022.

Criteria for determining temporary incapacity for work.

NORTH MACEDONIA

Health Care Law (Official Gazette No. 43/2012), as amended on several occasions.

Law on health insurance (Official Gazette No. 25/2000), as amended on several occasions and supplemented by extensive guidelines.

Law on Obligatory Social Insurance Contributions (Official Gazette No.142/2008), as amended on several occasions.

Law on Labour Relations (Official Gazette No. 62/2005), as amended on several occasions.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Law no. 289-XV of 22 July, 2004, on temporary incapacity for work payments and other social insurance benefits,

Government Decision no. 108 of 02/03/2005 regarding the approval of the conditions of establishment, calculation and payment of temporary disability allowances and other social security benefits.

SERBIA

Law On Health Insurance, 2019.

Statute of Conditions and Procedures on Health Insurance Rights 2010, revised 2011/2013/2017/2019/2021.

Law On Labour 2005, revised 2009/2013/2014/2017/2018.

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants: Civil Servants Law No 657 dated 14/07/1965.

Workers: Social Insurance and Universal Health Insurance Law No 5510 dated 31/05/2006.

UKRAINE

Law of Ukraine "On the collection and accounting of a single fee for the compulsory state social insurance". 01.01.2011

Law of Ukraine "On compulsory state social insurance" N1105 in the wording of the law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on reforming mandatory state social insurance and legalization of payroll" N77 from 28/12/2014.

Law of Ukraine "On amendments to some legislative acts Ukraine "dated 12.06.2016, 1774-VIII

(last update of information by Ukraine 2019)

Basic principles

ALBANIA

Social insurance based scheme with entitlement based upon economic activity and payment of contributions. The scheme is financed by contributions from employers and employees and provides a benefit based on the contributions paid. A different system is in operation for the insurance of employment injuries and occupational diseases.

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ARMENIA

A social security scheme financed by State budget and by employers, partial compensation of lost salary (income) due to temporary incapacity.

AZERBAIJAN

Compulsory social insurance scheme, earnings-related benefits, aims at maintaining the salary paid by the employer.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brčko District of BiH
Social insurance based system linked to economic activity and payment of contributions.

GEORGIA

Financed by employers equal to salary for the period of temporary incapacity.

MONTENEGRO

The insured person is entitled to wage compensation during a temporary incapacity for work.
Temporary incapacity for work is determined by the selected doctor for the first 30 days, and the Medical Commission for a period longer than that.
Wage compensations for the first 60 days of incapacity for work are provided by the employer, and after that period the compensation is provided by the Fund.

NORTH MACEDONIA

Social insurance scheme providing earnings-related benefits for economically active persons.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

One of the fundamental principles of the organization and functioning of the public social insurance system is the contributory principle, according to which the social insurance funds are constituted on the basis of the contributions due by the persons participating in the public system, and the social security rights are correlated with the paid social insurance contributions.
Insured persons in the public social insurance system are entitled to indemnity for temporary incapacity for work caused by ordinary illnesses or accidents not related to work, indemnities for temporary incapacity for work caused by industrial injuries or occupational diseases, indemnity for care of the sick child.

The benefit for temporary incapacity for work caused by an industrial injury or occupational disease are granted based on a medical certificate and investigation documents related to the industrial accident or a document confirming occupational disease, issued by competent authorities. The benefit quantum constitutes 100% of the monthly insured wage of the person insured during the last 6 months preceding the industrial accident or occurrence of occupational disease

The benefit for temporary incapacity for work is payable for all working days; during the first 20 calendar days, such payment are covered by the employers, starting with day 21 – by territorial Structures of the National Agency for Social Insurance from Social Insurance Budget resources. This type of indemnity is granted regardless of the contribution period.

The indemnity for temporary incapacity for work caused by ordinary illnesses or accidents not related to work,

Conditions for granting cash benefits:

The insured persons are entitled to benefits if:

- a) a total contribution period of at least 3 years is confirmed;
- b) a total contribution period of up to 3 years is confirmed, provided that they have completed a minimum contributory period of at least 9 months, realized during the last 24 months preceding the occurrence of the insured risk.
- c) in case of an activity performed on the basis of a fixed-term individual employment contract including seasonal work, if a minimum contributory period of at least 12 months in the last 24 months preceding the occurrence of the insured risk is confirmed.
- d) in the case of being unemployed, the payment of the unemployment benefit is suspended.

Calculation basis: monthly average income realized in the last 12 calendar months preceding the month when the insured risk took place, income from which were calculated and paid the social insurance contributions.

Benefit amount:

- 60% of the calculation basis – for the persons having 5 years of insurance period;
- 70% of the calculation basis – for the persons having from 5 to 8 years of insurance period;
- 90% of the calculation basis – for the persons having more than 8 years of insurance period;
- 100% of the calculation basis – for persons with disease like tuberculosis, AIDS or any type of cancer.

SERBIA

Compulsory social insurance scheme providing earnings-related benefit to employees, entrepreneurs, priests and clergymen suffering from temporary working incapacity. The benefit is financed by employer for the first 30 days of incapacity, whereas afterwards it is paid by the Health Insurance Fund.

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants: Public bodies which employ civil servants pay them their full salary when they are temporarily out of work due to illness.
Workers: Based on social insurance providing earnings-related benefits financed by contributions collected from employers.

UKRAINE

Compulsory social insurance scheme for employers and employees -consolidated premium for pension insurance, insurance against temporary disability benefits and expenses related to funerals, insurance against accidents and occupational diseases that caused disability, unemployment insurance (voluntary for self-employed).

The amount of temporary disability benefit is calculated based on insured individuals' wages and covered service period.

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Field of application

Beneficiaries

ALBANIA

Compulsory:

Employees and those on whose behalf the state makes contributions (for instance unemployed persons), see Table I 'Financing')

Voluntary:

Self-employed persons (subject to longer waiting periods before payment of benefit).

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ARMENIA

Employees and self-employed persons.

AZERBAIJAN

All employed persons.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH,

Persons employed in Federation of BiH and insured persons who work abroad when during their stay in the Federation of BiH they need an assessment of their inability to work. Republika Srpska and District Brčko of BiH

Employed and self-employed persons

GEORGIA

Employees,
military personnel, and
civil servants.

MONTENEGRO

Employees;

Civil servants;

Civilians in military service, military units, and military institutions;

Elected or appointed persons;
Entrepreneurs and self-employed persons.

NORTH MACEDONIA

Employed persons, self-employed individuals.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

To social insurance benefits are entitled the insured persons who are domiciled or who reside in the Republic of Moldova and unemployed persons entitled to unemployment benefit.

SERBIA

Employed persons,
entrepreneurs,
priests and clergymen,
notary and public executor.
No benefit for farmers.

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants: civil servants.

Workers: workers.

UKRAINE

All insured employees.

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Membership ceiling

ALBANIA

None.

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ARMENIA

None.

AZERBAIJAN

None.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and District Brčko of BiH
None

GEORGIA

None.

MONTENEGRO

None.

NORTH MACEDONIA

None.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

None.

SERBIA

None.

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants: none.

Workers: none.

UKRAINE

None.

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Exemptions from compulsory insurance

ALBANIA

None.

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ARMENIA

None.

AZERBAIJAN

None.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and District Brčko of BiH
None

GEORGIA

None.

MONTENEGRO

No exemptions.

NORTH MACEDONIA

None.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

None.

SERBIA

None.

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants: Public bodies which employ civil servants pay them their full salary when they are temporarily out of work due to illness. Therefore, there is no compulsory premium paid for civil servants.

Workers: none.

UKRAINE

Self-employed and Ukrainian citizens working abroad, for whom voluntary insurance may be arranged.

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Conditions

Proof of incapacity

ALBANIA

ARMENIA

Temporary incapacity note issued by a medical institution, for whole period of illness
Temporary incapacity note is issued for a maximum period of 3 months and can be extended for another 3 months with the permission of the functional assessment committee.

AZERBAIJAN

Incapacity for work due to sickness certified by a doctor.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and District Brčko of BiH
Certificate from the family medicine doctor for absences up to 42 days in Federation of BiH and 30 days in Republika Srpska and District Brčko (certificate to be produced from the first day of absence), beyond that certificate from the medical commission required. Medical commission is composed of medical specialists and funded by HIFs-Health Insurance Funds (or primary health care institutions in Federation of BiH).

GEORGIA

Proof required. Sickness certificates can only be issued by doctors and institutions that have been licensed by the state. A sick leave certificate is required from the first day of absence. The claimant's own doctor may authorize sickness for the first 10 calendar days only. After this period sick leave may be extended by the head of the structural unit responsible for sickness certificates at the institution where the doctor is engaged. The head of unit may only authorize sick leave up to a maximum of 30 calendar days. For periods of sickness exceeding 30 calendar days the claimant must be examined by a Medical Commission within the medical institution.

MONTENEGRO

Based on the defined report form on the temporary incapacity for work.
Temporary incapacity for work for the first 30 days is determined by the selected doctor, and thereafter by the first instance medical

commission of the Health Insurance Fund according to the established criteria.

NORTH MACEDONIA

The claimant is obliged to provide a note from his personal doctor verifying his/her incapacity for work from the very first day of absence.

The doctor's note covers the first fifteen days of work absence (day 1 to day 15). If the claimant is absent for more than 15 working days, then a special Medical Committee of the Health Insurance Fund examines further his/her situation and issues a note verifying the temporary incapacity for work.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

The right to indemnity for temporary incapacity for work is confirmed by a sick leave certificate issued in the manner approved by the Government.

The indemnity for temporary incapacity for work is granted for maximum 180 days during a calendar year.

The Council is a public institution, subordinated to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection, with the sole competence in determining the degree of disability.

SERBIA

A certificate from doctor for incapacity of up to 30 days or certificate of specialists committee for periods longer than 30 days. A monthly re-examination by a committee of specialists is obligatory. The Health Insurance Fund nominates committee, which comprises three doctors with at least one being employed in local office of the Health Insurance Fund.

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants:

From the first day of illness, workers are obliged to prove that their absence is due to illness by providing a medical certificate from an approved doctor.

Workers:

From the first day of illness, workers are obliged to prove that their absence is due to illness by producing a medical certificate from an approved doctor.

UKRAINE

Incapacity for work certified by doctor (from the first day of absence).

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Qualifying period

ALBANIA

Minimum qualifying period is 3 Months

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ARMENIA

None.

AZERBAIJAN

6 months work experience.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Republika Srpska

On the condition that the worker has an employment insurance period of at least three months continuously or for six months with

interruptions in the last 18 months and that all due obligations have been paid on the basis of mandatory health insurance contributions.

Federation of BiH and District Brčko of BiH
None

GEORGIA

No minimum qualifying periods.

MONTENEGRO

None.

NORTH MACEDONIA

Compulsorily insured for at least 6 months before the occurrence of the event. This condition is not applicable if the temporary incapacity for work was caused by a work injury or occupational disease.

Contributions for compulsory health insurance paid regularly and on time (no more than 60 days late).

The rules do not apply to persons whose employment is subsidized by the state as they are exempted from payment of contributions for a given time period.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

The insured persons are entitled to benefits if:

- a) a total contribution period of at least 3 years is confirmed;
- b) a total contribution period of up to 3 years is confirmed, provided that they have completed a minimum contributory period of at least 9 months, realized during the last 24 months preceding the occurrence of the insured risk.
- c) in the case of being unemployed, the payment of the unemployment benefit is suspended.

SERBIA

Incapacity unrelated to work:
insured continuously for at least 3 months, or 6 months with interruptions over the last 18 months.

Employment injury or an occupational disease:
no minimum insurance period required.

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants:
Civil Servants are entitled to benefits the day they begin working for public service.

Workers:
If the reason for incapacity is because of sickness - At least 90 days of contributions during the year preceding the diagnosis of temporary incapacity.
If the reason for incapacity is work accident, there is no qualifying period.

UKRAINE

None.

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Other conditions

ALBANIA

Claimant must pay contributions, coverage continues for 30 days following termination of compulsory insurance.

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ARMENIA

None.

AZERBAIJAN

None.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and District Brčko of BiH
None

GEORGIA

None.

MONTENEGRO

None.

NORTH MACEDONIA

None

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

None

SERBIA

None.

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants: none.

Workers: none.

UKRAINE

None.

(last update 2019)

Waiting period

ALBANIA

14 days.

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ARMENIA

None.

AZERBAIJAN

5 working days (see below “Benefits paid by the employer”).

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and District Brčko of BiH
None

GEORGIA

None

MONTENEGRO

None.

NORTH MACEDONIA

None

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Two days.

SERBIA

None.

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants: none.

Workers: The payment starts on the 3rd day of the temporary incapacity in case of sickness and the payment continues during the term of medical certificate.

There is no waiting period for an insured who is suffering from temporary incapacity due to work accident or occupational disease.

UKRAINE

The first five days of disability are paid by employers to ensure the rigid supervision of issuing temporary disability certificates by medical institutions.

Temporary disability benefits are paid to insured individuals from Temporary Disability Fund starting on the sixth day of disability.

At the onset of other insured events (taking care of a sick child under 14, another sick family member, a child under three or an invalid child under 16, because of illness of the mother or another caregiver) temporary disability benefits are paid to insured individuals from the first day of disability from the Temporary Disability Fund.

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Benefits

Benefits paid by employers

ALBANIA

The first 14 calendar days of sickness or periods of nursing a dependent child are the liability of the employer. The amount of payment may be determined by the Labour Code, the employment contract or an agreement with worker's representatives, but must be no less than 80% of the previous wage.

The employer is also responsible for the continued payment of wages for employees who are unable to attend work because they are caring for a sick child. The duration of payment depends on the age of the child:

12 days of absence per year for children aged over 3 years.

15 days per year for children up to 3 years of age,

Furthermore, employees have the right to unpaid leave for an additional period, but no longer than 30 days.

(last update 2019)

ARMENIA

Benefit for the first 5 day of temporary incapacity is not paid, by employer (for the other days - by State budget).

AZERBAIJAN

The benefit for the first 14 calendar days of temporary disability is paid by the insurant (employer), and for the remaining days is paid by the State Social Protection Fund at the expense of compulsory state social insurance premiums.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH and Brčko District of BiH

- 42 days paid by employer

Republika Srpska

- Up to 30 days

The same rules are applicable on self-employed persons.

- Employers pay 100% net salary to employee if incapacity is due to a work related injury or occupational disease.

GEORGIA

Fully covered by employers for the whole period of temporary incapacity for work.

MONTENEGRO

Wage compensations for the first 60 days of incapacity for work are paid out by the employer, and after that period the compensation is provided by the Fund. The employer then addresses the Fund for a refund of the paid compensation.

Wage compensation based on temporary incapability for work during pregnancy is paid from the Fund's means from the very first day of temporary incapability for work.

NORTH MACEDONIA

Workers compensation for the first 30 days is paid by the employer from his funds, whereas afterwards it is paid by the Health Insurance Fund.

Exceptions: Workers compensation is covered by the Health Insurance Fund from the first day of temporary incapacity in case of: care of a sick child under 3 years old, blood, tissue or organ donation.

Workers compensation is covered by the Health Insurance Fund from the State budget as of the first day of temporary incapacity in case of absence from work due to maternity leave.

The compensation rate during sickness leave may vary among employers (depending on provisions of the sectoral collective agreement), but it shall be at least 70% of the basis.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

First five calendar day of sickness are paid from the funds of the employer, but not more than 15 days cumulative per calendar year for several periods of sickness starting with the sixth calendar day of sickness and for several periods of temporary disability - from the first day after the expiry of 15 days cumulative paid from funds of the employer, compensation is paid from the state social insurance budget. If unemployed, sickness allowance is paid from the state social insurance budget from day one.

SERBIA

Workers compensation for the first 30 days is paid by the employer, whereas afterwards it is paid by the Health Insurance Fund. Workers compensation is paid by the Health Insurance Fund from the first day of temporary incapacity in case of care of a sick child under 3 years old, tissue or organ donation.

In case of injury at work or an occupational disease the employer finances compensation for the entire period.

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants:

Employer continues to pay the full salary for 7 days. After that the fringe payment of the salary is deducted from the whole salary whereas the basic salary is paid as long as the sickness continues.

In case the total number of sickness leave days used within one calendar year exceeds 7 days, compensations (paid as a part of salary) corresponding to the exceeding days are reduced at the rate of 25%.

However, no deduction is made during in-patient treatment in an official treatment institution, during sickness leave due to need of long-term treatment like cancer, tuberculosis and mental diseases, and sickness leaves given upon medical board report.

Workers: no provisions.

UKRAINE

First 5 days from the beginning of any illness or injury that is unrelated to professional injury and occupational disease. Paid as a percentage of average gross earnings over the last three months depending on length of service

Under 3 years: 50%:

3 to 5 years: 60%;

5 to 8 years: 70%:

more than 8 years: 100%.

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Benefits of social protections - Amount of benefits

ALBANIA

Sickness benefit shall be 70% of the average daily net assessment base in the past six months from the date of eligibility, if the insured person has completed up to 10 insurance years, or 80%, if the insured person has accumulated over 10 years of insurance. For the hospitalization period, the sickness benefit provided to an eligible person without any dependant is equal to 50 percent of the average daily net assessment base in the past six months from the date of eligibility.

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ARMENIA

The benefits are determined based on the 80 % of calculated average monthly salary (income) of the employee or self-employed individual.

Average monthly salary (income) is determined through dividing by 12 the income for the year preceding the occurrence of temporary incapacity. In order to calculate the employee's benefit amount given a six-day work week the calculated portion * of the average monthly salary is divided by 25 and multiplied by the number of days of the temporary incapacity period.

In order to calculate the employee's benefit amount given a five-day work week the calculated portion ** of the average monthly salary is divided by 21 and multiplied by the number of days of the temporary incapacity period.

The average salary (income) applied in the calculation of the allowance amount for a self-employed individual is divided by 30.4 (average number of days in a month) and multiplied by the number of calendar days of temporary incapacity.

*If the calculated portion exceeds 10 times the amount defined in Article 1 of the RA Law on Minimum Monthly Salary, the benefit is calculated based on an amount that equals 10 times the minimum monthly salary.

** If the calculated portion less than 50% of the amount defined in Article 1 of the RA Law on Minimum Monthly Salary, the benefit is calculated based on an amount that equals 50% of the minimum monthly salary.

AZERBAIJAN

100% of previous earnings in the last month is paid to people who have worked for more than 12 years, servicemen, people with special ranks, persons involved in the protection of the territorial integrity, independence and constitutional order of Azerbaijan as well as their parents and widows, citizens who have lost their ability to work due to post-vaccination complications, hematopoietic organs, thyroid disease, malignant tumors, people with hereditary blood diseases such as hemophilia and thalassemia, people with multiple sclerosis, oncology patients, people who have a temporary disability due to the implementation of blood and blood component donor function.

80% of previous earnings in the last month is paid to people who have been employed for between 8 and 12 years and have up to 5 years of social insurance experience.

In the last month, 60 % of the previous earnings are paid to people who have worked for less than 8 years. The maximum amount of sickness benefit can't be more than 25 times of the basic part of the old-age labour pension.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH, and District Brčko of BiH

Amount of compensation is up to 80% of the last month net salary and 100% if incapacity is due to work related injury. Maximum benefit applies only for work related injuries and occupational diseases. The same rules are applicable on self-employed persons. Additionally in Federation of BiH the compensation is up to 100% when the work incapacity is due to a complication caused at the occasion of the pregnancy or labor, the transplantation of live tissue or organs for third parties.

Republika Srpska

- a disease or complication related to the maintenance of pregnancy that is determined by the findings and opinion of a medical doctor specializing in gynecology and obstetrics with whom the woman is registered in accordance with the regulation governing the field of health care or by the findings and opinion of a medical doctor specializing in gynecology and obstetrics from a health institution of secondary or tertiary level in the Republika Srpska - 100%;
- a malignant disease and care for a child suffering from malignant disease - 100%;
- voluntary donation of organs, tissues or cells - 100%;
- implementation of the prescribed measure of mandatory isolation as a germ carrier or due to the occurrence of an infection in his/her environment in accordance with the regulations regulating the area of population protection against infectious diseases - 90%;
- illness, injury, medical examination and care of a sick member of the immediate family - 70%.

GEORGIA

None.

MONTENEGRO

Minimum 70% of the calculation basis and 100% in case of injury at work or professional disease, pregnancy, voluntarily donation of blood, tissues and organs and treatment of the primary disease (such as paraplegia, multiple sclerosis, etc.).

Calculation basis: average earnings of the employed person in the last 12 months prior to the month when temporary incapability for work occurred.

If it is not possible to establish the basis for compensation, the amount of earnings which the employed person would have earned if he/she had worked is used as the compensation basis.

NORTH MACEDONIA

Employees: The basis for calculation of the compensation is the average salary upon which the health contribution for compulsory health insurance was paid 12 months before the occurrence of temporary incapacity.

Self-employed people: The basis for the compensation calculation is the base at which the contribution for the mandatory health insurance has been paid.

The compensation rate during sickness leave shall be 70% of the basis (85% in case of malignant disease).

The rate of the compensation during sick leave is 100% of the basis:
for work injuries and occupational diseases,
during blood, tissue or organ donation, and
during maternity leave.

The amount of the compensation cannot exceed four times the national average monthly salary paid in the previous year

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Calculation basis: monthly average income realized in the last 12 calendar months preceding the month when the insured risk took place (income from which were calculated and paid the social insurance contributions).

The monthly amount of the indemnity for temporary incapacity of work shall be differentiated, depending on the length of the contribution period, as follows:

Benefit amount:

60% of the calculation basis – for the persons having 5 years of insurance period;

70% of the calculation basis – for the persons having from 5 to 8 years of insurance period;

90% of the calculation basis – for the persons having more than 8 years of insurance period;

100% of the calculation basis – for persons with disease like tuberculosis, AIDS or any type of cancer.

The monthly amount of the indemnity for temporary incapacity for work paid from the employer's funds is 75% of the average salary of the employee, determined in the manner established by the Government.

SERBIA

The basis for calculation of the compensation is:

- Employees: his/her average salary during 12 months before the occurrence of temporary incapacity.

- Entrepreneurs, clerks and clergymen: average base at which the contribution for the mandatory health insurance was paid during 12 months before the temporary incapacity occurred.

The compensation rate during sickness leave shall be 65% of the basis.

The rate of the compensation during sick leave is 100% of the basis:

for work injuries and occupational diseases, or in case of tissue or organ donation.

Compensation cannot be lower than the national minimum wage (gross 54,649 RSD, net 40,480 RSD in January 2023 – 49% of net average wage), nor can it exceed 65% of the highest contribution base (100% if the temporary incapacity is caused by injury at work).

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants:

For sicknesses necessitating in-patient or outpatient treatments, the civil servants receive their full salary.

Workers:

-Outpatient treatment: 2/3 of previous daily earnings for each day

-Inpatient treatment: 1/2 of previous daily earnings for each day

These amounts are calculated according to earnings subject to contribution of the last 12 months. (Earning subject to contribution has to be between gross minimum wage and 7.5 times of this amount. See Chapter 1 "Financing".)

UKRAINE

From the sixth day of any illness or injury that is unrelated to professional injury and occupational disease.

Paid as a percentage of average gross earnings over the last three months depending on length of service

Under 3 years: 50%:

3 to 5 years: 60%;

5 to 8 years: 70%:

more than 8 years: 100%.

(last update 2019)

Benefits of social protections - Duration of benefits

ALBANIA

- Maximum duration for normal workers is 6 months; exceptionally prolonged by up to 3 months, provided that an MEC (Medical Experts Committee) certifies that the claimant shall recover in that period and not become entitled to a disability pension.

- Maximum duration for seasonal and temporary workers, who have been employed for at least 3 months in the last 12 months, is 75 days.

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ARMENIA

Sickness:

3 months (maximum can be extended up to 6 months)

n (the periods indicated relate to continuous periods of absence, there are no annual limits).

Nursing an adult family member at home: up to 7 calendar days.,

Nursing a child at home; 24 calendar days.,

Nursing a child because of contagious diseases; 28 calendar days., Accompanying a child under 18 years of age with need of individual care or a disabled child during spa treatment; full duration, but not more than the period mentioned in the authorization note (benefit is provided once per year).

Nursing a child under 3 years of age or a disabled child under 18 years of age, if the mother (guardian, trustee) is not able to take care of the child because of sickness or nursing another family member in hospital; full duration of mother's (guardian, trustee) sickness or mentioned period caring for person in hospital.

Nursing a child in a hospital: full duration of stay.

Self-employed persons are not entitled to the following benefits:

- nursing a child at home,
- nursing a child because of contagious disease,
- nursing a family member (other than child) in a hospital.

AZERBAIJAN

Temporary disability allowances are paid from the first day of illness up to maximum 6 months. Medical-Social Examination Commission (in brief, Commission) has to be passed after 6 months.

In addition, a person's doctor applies to the Commission for a referral in accordance with the procedure "Submission of Referrals for Medical and Social Examination for the Purpose of Assessing Disability", approved by Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan No. 12 dated 16.01.2020. No later than 7 working days after the application for referral, the Commission collects medical examinations of the person, including extracts from medical history, and examines the results of treatment. The Commission makes a decision on sending or refusing of the referral no later than in 3 working days. The decision is registered officially in the protocol. Temporary disability benefits continue to be paid by the Commission's decision to during the extended treatment period.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH

The Law on Material Support for Families with Children in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina", No 52/22) prescribed:

- allowances for an unemployed mother in the amount of 55% of the lowest salary in the Federation in accordance with the provisions of the Labor Law is paid for a maximum of 12 months from the day of the child's birth from the cantonal budget
- the amount of child allowance is 19% of the lowest salary in the Federation in accordance with the provisions of the Labor Law, and the right to child allowance lasts as long as the conditions for exercising the right exist, and for a maximum of 12 months

Republika Srpska and District Brčko of BiH
Maximum 12 months

GEORGIA

None.

MONTENEGRO

Maximum of 10 months of continuous incapacity for work, or 12 months during which there were a total of 10 months of incapability for work with interruptions.

NORTH MACEDONIA

For the duration of illness.

Workers' compensation is paid from the first day of working incapacity and lasts during the whole period. The benefit is paid for the

working days for which the worker would have received salary pursuant to the regulations for working relations.

In cases of temporary incapacity for up to 12 months the Medical Committee of the Health Insurance Fund refers the insured person to the competent Commission for assessment of the working capacity pursuant to the regulations on pension and disability insurance. See Table 5 "Invalidity" and Table 8 "Employment injuries and occupational diseases".

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

The maximum duration of payment is 180 days during a calendar year. The physician may extend the sick leave with 30 days (beyond the mentioned 180 days) to avoid the assessment for a partial disability.

SERBIA

After six months of temporary incapacity the recipient is sent to a committee of specialists for work incapacity assessment to establish if s/he meets the criteria to be entitled to invalidity pension. The decision must be made within two months. The person continues to receive the temporary benefit until a decision is finally taken. The work incapacity is assessed every 30 days by a special commission.

Once the person declared invalid, the benefit is replaced by invalidity pension (see 5. Invalidity).

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants:

Public bodies, which employ civil servants, pay them their full salary when they are temporarily out of work due to sickness. Duration limit is max 12 months. If the sickness leaves is due to the need of long-term treatment like cancer, tuberculosis and mental disease, the duration is max 18 months. If after these respective periods there is still no recovery, the period can be prolonged up to the double term. (There is no duration limit for employment injury and occupational diseases.)

Workers:

Paid until recovery or the last date of medical certificate (doctor's note for sick leave).

UKRAINE

Temporary disability benefits are paid to insured individuals from the Temporary Disability Fund starting on the sixth day of disability until the recovery of capacity for work or the diagnosis of invalidity.

(last update 2019)

Benefits of social protections - Special conditions for unemployed

ALBANIA

None.

(last update 2019)

ARMENIA

None;

AZERBAIJAN

No special conditions for unemployed.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH

The Law on Material Support for Families with Children in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina", No: 52/22) provided for allowances for unemployed mothers in the amount of 55% of the lowest salary in the Federation, in accordance with the provisions of the Labor Law, which is paid for the longest 12 months from the day of the child's birth from the cantonal budget.

Republika Srpska and District Brčko of BiH None

GEORGIA

None.

MONTENEGRO

The unemployed do not have special type of benefits.

NORTH MACEDONIA

None.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Unemployed persons are entitled to sickness cash benefit but their unemployment benefit is suspended while they receive sickness benefit.

First, second and third calendar day of sickness are paid from the social insurance budget.

SERBIA

None

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants: none.

Workers: none.

UKRAINE

No special provision.

(last update 2019)

Benefits of social protections - Death grant

ALBANIA

Death grant:

Awarded to the insured person or pensioner for the death of a dependent member of his/her family. Also awarded to the survivor of the deceased insured person, who looked after him/her and paid the funeral expenses.

The death grant is equal to up to 50% of the monthly minimum wage, the benefit is currently 13000 ALL (104 EUR)

(last update 2019)

ARMENIA

None.

AZERBAIJAN

In case of death of a retired worker, family members or non-family connected persons who take care of the funeral, will be paid an amount of 3 times the minimum pension (social insurance pension).

The amount of minimum pension from 1 February 2023 is 280 AZN.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH

In accordance with the Law on Foster Parents ("Official Gazette of the FBand H": No 75/21), in case of the death of a person with a

disability, the foster parent has the right to compensation for the costs of the burial of the deceased person in the same way as it is regulated by other laws for employees of federal authorities.

Republika Srpska

Covers funeral costs and/or lump sum payment of 3 average monthly wages.

GEORGIA

None.

MONTENEGRO

398.18 EUR in case of death of beneficiary of cash benefit (social assistance benefit), personal disability benefit, placement in an institution or placement in a foster family.

NORTH MACEDONIA

None.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Death grant paid for the death of an insured person is a one-time payment allocated to financially support the deceased person's family or person who covered death related expenses.

The right to such support belongs to: any family member of the deceased person, husband (wife), parents, tutor or guardian. Or other person who covered the death related expenses. The grant is a lump sum of 1100 MDL.

SERBIA

None

TÜRKİYE

See Table VII "Survivors"

UKRAINE

- For deceased employees, student, unemployed persons or family member of one of these respective categories 4100 UAH paid for funeral costs

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Benefits of social protections - Other benefits

ALBANIA

Insured persons forced to change employment for health reasons shall be eligible, with the approval of a Competent Medical Commission, to income compensation from social insurance.

The insured person, that due to health reasons and by decision of a Competent Medical Committee changes employment, shall be eligible to income compensation by social insurance. The amount of compensation shall equal the difference between the previous gross wage and present one. This compensation should not exceed 50% of the individual's daily average of the assessment basis of last calendar year.

The sickness benefit is 5% of the daily average of the annual assessment basis of the last calendar year in any period the beneficiary is hospitalized provided he does not support any dependent person.

(last update 2019)

ARMENIA

None.

AZERBAIJAN

None.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and District Brčko of BiH
None

GEORGIA

None.

MONTENEGRO

The employer is entitled to a refund 50% of the employee's salary who is on part-time work due to enhanced child care. Part time work shall be approved by the Medical Commission of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare.

NORTH MACEDONIA

Reimbursement of travel costs when insured persons are referred for health services abroad.
Insured persons are also entitled to reimbursement of the travel expenses if they are recommended to use outpatient health services for dialysis and rehabilitation and ophthalmologic, hearing and speech exercises out of their area of residence.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

In order to recover the work capacity, the insured person is entitled to:
a) indemnity for temporary incapacity for work in connection with orthopedic prosthesis;
b) balneotherapeutic treatment..
The temporary work incapacity benefit in connection with orthopedic prosthesis shall be granted, if the insured person is hospitalized for prostheses and / or for orthopedic surgery, during the entire period of stay in the hospital.
The method of granting balneotherapeutic treatment tickets is established by the Government.

SERBIA

Reimbursement of the costs of transport related to health services if these services are more than 50 km away.

TÜRKİYE

Civil Servants: none.

Workers: none.

UKRAINE

At the onset of other insured events (taking care of sick child under 14, another sick family member, a child under three or an invalid under 16, in the event of illness of the mother or caregiver) temporary disability benefits are paid to insured individuals from the first day of disability from Temporary Disability Fund.

(last update 2019)

Taxation and social contributions

Taxation of cash benefits

ALBANIA

Not subject to taxation.

(last update 2019)

ARMENIA

Subject to income tax along the general terms.

AZERBAIJAN

Subject to taxation.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH

- Not subject to taxation

Republika Srpska

Salary compensation in case of illness is taxable

Brčko District of BiH

- Subject to taxation

GEORGIA

Subject to taxation.

MONTENEGRO

Subject to taxation.

NORTH MACEDONIA

Subject to personal income taxation. Personal Income tax is paid by the employer or by the Health Insurance Fund respectively i.e. by the one who calculates and pays the workers' compensation.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Not subject to taxation.

SERBIA

Subject to taxation

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants: none.

Workers: none.

UKRAINE

Not subject to taxation.

(last update 2019)

Limit of income for tax relief or tax reduction

ALBANIA

Not applicable.

(last update 2019)

ARMENIA

Not applicable.

AZERBAIJAN

Sickness cash benefits are subject to tax as wages (monthly salary): benefits under 2500 AZN are subject to 14 % tax, if the amount exceeds 2500 AZN , then 350 AZN + 25 % of the sum exceeding 2500 AZN is to be paid.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH - Not applicable

Republika Srpska

The taxpayer of personal income tax is entitled to the following deductions from the tax base:

- 1) Personal allowance of the taxpayer amounting 8,400 BAM per year,
 - 2) 1,800 BAM per year for each supported member close family and
 - 3) The amount of interest paid on housing loan.
- (Law on Income Tax of Republika Srpska Official Gazette of RS 60/15, 5/16, 66/18, 105/19, 123/20, 49/21 and 119/21)

District Brčko of BiH

- Tax relief of 240.00 BAM + 50.00 BAM (life expenditures) and a further 120.00 BAM for each supported member of the family. The rest of the individual's income is subjected to taxation in amount of 10%.

GEORGIA

Taxes levied on entire income.

MONTENEGRO

Personal income tax: 9% of the amount of tax base (wage) from 700.01 EUR to 1,000 EUR and 15% of the amount of tax base (wage) over 1,000 EUR.

NORTH MACEDONIA

General taxation rules. No special relief for benefits.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Not applicable.

SERBIA

Qualification limit defined according to Law on income taxes.

Qualification limit for 2022 was 3,719,376 RSD (three times average annual wage in Serbia in 2022). No tax is paid if the income is below this limit. Tax rate of 10% applied on the income over the limit.

If annual income exceeds 7,438,752 RSD (six times average annual wage in Serbia in 2022) income tax is paid on the income over the limit at the rate of 15%.

TÜRKİYE

Civil Servants: not applicable.

Workers: not applicable.

UKRAINE

No information available.

(last update 2019)

Social security contributions from benefits

ALBANIA

None.

(last update 2019)

ARMENIA

None.

AZERBAIJAN

None.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Federation of BiH and Brčko District of BiH
- Contributions are paid the same way as on wages
Republika Srpska
- None

GEORGIA

Contributions from taxation are directed to the state budget.

MONTENEGRO

Benefits subject to social insurance contributions.

NORTH MACEDONIA

Contributions are calculated and paid in the same way as for wages. Social security rates on the basis of the employee's gross wage, which is a sum of the net wage, personal income tax and payroll deductions to pension fund, health care fund and unemployment fund.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

None.

SERBIA

Benefits subject to social insurance contributions.

TÜRKIYE

Civil Servants: none.

Workers: none.

UKRAINE

Insurance contributions for Pension Fund shall be paid from benefits for the periods of temporary disability

(last update by Ukraine 2019)

