

## **THE 8<sup>TH</sup> PACKAGE OF MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

1. The package of measures aims to support the employees and individual entrepreneurs (hereinafter referred to as Beneficiaries) in the most affected areas of the private sector (hereinafter referred to as Affected areas) as a result of the CoVID-19 outbreak.
2. Within the meaning of this package of measures, the following are considered affected areas:
  - 1) Hotel and guesthouse services,
  - 2) Catering services,
  - 3) Tourism services,
  - 4) Hair and beauty salon services
  - 5) Retail trade, including trade in trade centers or other trade points
3. Within the meaning of this package of measures, those retail services (regardless of size and proportion) which sell food, tobacco, medicine and alcohol, are not considered Affected areas.
4. The procedures and conditions for determining the amount of support for employees of business entities (including individual entrepreneurs) (hereinafter referred to as Employer) operating in more than one area (one or several of which are considered as Affected area(s), and the rest - are not) are stipulated in a separate decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia.
5. The procedures and conditions for determining the amount of support for beneficiary individual entrepreneurs operating in more than one area (one or several of which are considered as Affected area(s), and the rest - are not) are stipulated in a separate decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia.
6. Employees are considered a Beneficiary, in case they were employees of Affected areas within the period from 13 March, 2020 to 30 March 2020.
7. The support is provided in the form of a lump-sum in the following amounts:
  - 1) if the calculated average monthly salary of the employee for the period of January-February 2020 exceeds the amount of minimum wage, it is provided in the amount of 50% of the average monthly wage of the employee for the period of January-February, 2020 but not less, than the minimum wage and not more, than twice the minimum wage,

- 2) if the calculated average monthly salary of the employee for the period of January-February 2020 is less than the amount of minimum wage, it is provided in the amount of average monthly salary calculated for the employee for the period of January-February 2020.
- 3) In case of individual entrepreneurs, it is provided in the amount of 10% of its turnover for the 4th quarter of 2019, but not more than twice the minimum wage.
8. The support is provided based on the electronic application submitted by the Beneficiary to [www.online.ssa.am](http://www.online.ssa.am) following the procedures described on the website.
9. The data of those who receive support under this package of measures shall be published on the official webpage of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia.
10. In case of co-employed workers, support is provided once, based on the total amount of incomes received from all employers operating in the Affected areas for the period of January-February 2020, as described in the procedures of point 7 of this decision.
11. At the same time, in case the Beneficiary is both an employee and an individual entrepreneur, the support is provided separately as an employee and separately as an individual entrepreneur calculated based on the maximum support amount, as described in point 7 of this decision.