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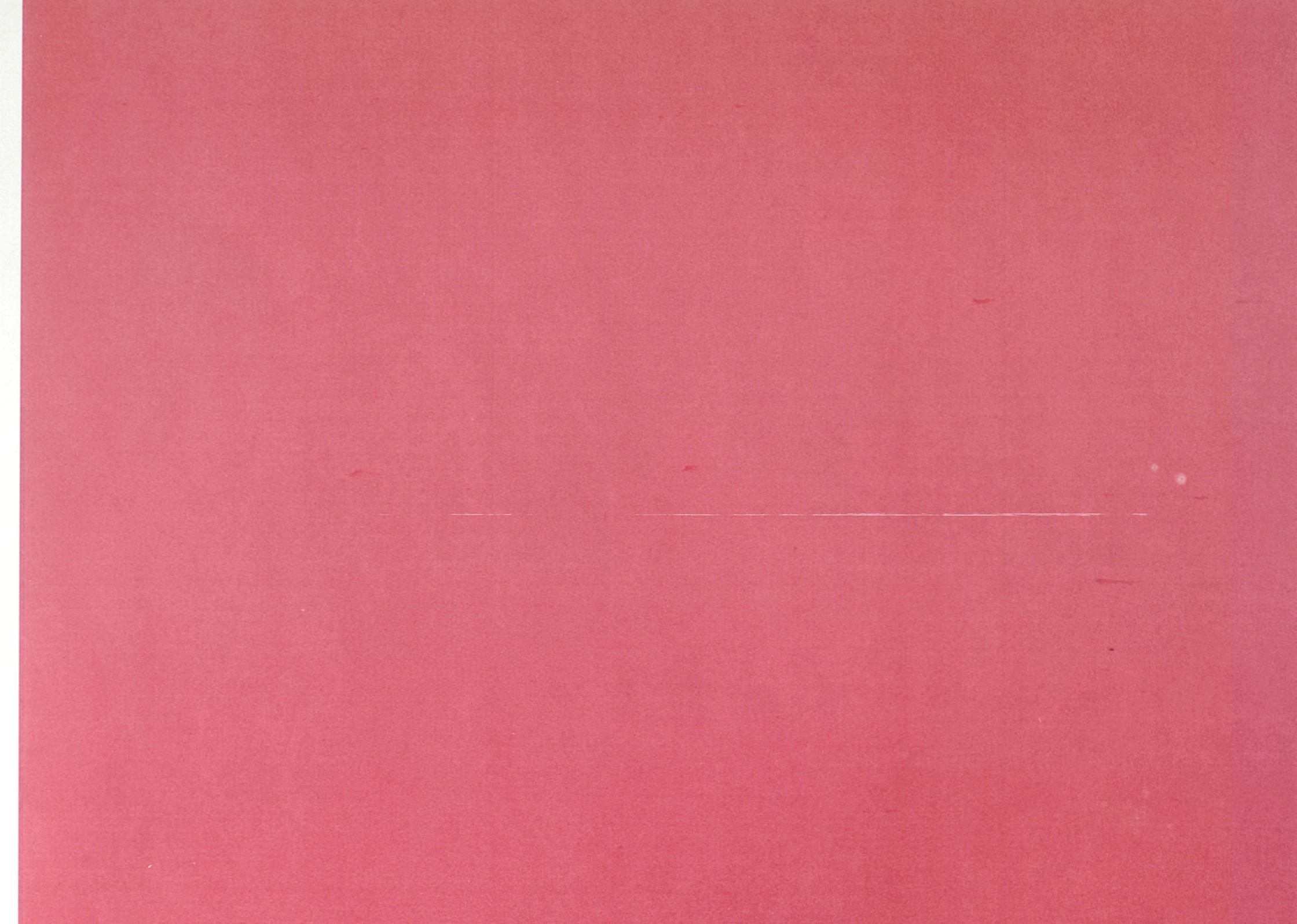
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## INTRODUCTION

This booklet provides a rapid comparison of social security schemes in the different Member States by means of descriptive tables.

It describes the situation at 1 July 1980 and also includes Greece, given the entry of this country into the EEC at the beginning of 1981.

The booklet does not claim to provide full details but does constitute a source of rapid information which allows the reader to compare easily the essentials of one country's legislation with another's. (For detailed comparisons, reference should be made to special studies.) Therefore details of each regulation are not given, neither are national terminologies closely copied, to avoid an apparent plethora of purely formal differences.

The definition of social security corresponds to ILO Convention No 102 and thus includes the risks covered by it. These different risks are each the subject of a series of tables. The first two series give details of the organization and the financing methods used, countries being classified by alphabetical order. Otherwise, this edition follows the same plan as the previous one.

For a quantitative comparison of different schemes, reference should be made to the publications of the Statistical Office of the European Communities.



**ORGANISATION**

ORGANIZATION IN BELGIUM

Ministry of Social Security

For unemployment: Ministry of Employment and Labour

Table I - 1

Sickness and invalidity	Old-age and survivors	Employment injuries and occupational diseases	Family allowances	Unemployment
<b>NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE (Collection and distribution of contributions except for industrial injuries)</b>				
National Institute for Sickness and Invalidity Insurance (separate management for medical care and cash benefits (INAMI)  National Associations of Federations of recognized mutual benefit societies  or  Auxiliary sickness and invalidity insurance fund  Mutual benefit societies or offices of the auxiliary fund	National Pension Office for non-industrial staff (ONPTS)  National Fund for retirement and survivors' pensions (paying-out body)	Occupational Diseases Fund (FMP)  Industrial Injuries Fund (FAT)  Registered communal private insurance funds or societies (for employment injuries)	National Family Allowances Offices for non-industrial staff (ONAFTS)  Compensation funds for family allowances  or  Regional offices of the ONAFTS  or  Special funds (for some occupations)	National Employment Office (ONEM)  Union funds  or  Auxiliary Fund for paying out unemployment benefit  Local branches  or  Auxiliary Fund offices

ORGANIZATION IN DENMARK

Ministry of Social Affairs

For unemployment and supplementary pensions: Ministry of Labour

For hospitals: Ministry of the Interior

Table I - 2

Sickness, Maternity			Invalidity, old-age, survivors, child allowances	Employment injuries and occupational diseases	Unemployment
Hospitals	Other benefits in kind	Cash benefits			
National Health Office	National Social Security Office (1)			Labour Directorate	
Regional authorities		Local municipalities		Registered private insurance companies	Unemployment funds

(1) The Labour Market Supplementary Pension Scheme (ATP) is administered centrally by an independent body managed jointly by the two sides of labour.

ORGANIZATION IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (1)  
Federal Insurance Office (2)  
Labour Ministers of the Länder (2)

Table I - 3

Sickness	Invalidity, old-age and survivors	Employment injuries and occupational diseases	Family allowances and unemployment
(Confederation of sickness funds) Local funds or Funds operated by firms or Funds operated by trades or Licensed mutual health insurance funds	Federal Insurance Institute for non-industrial staff or Land insurance institutes for industrial staff	Trade cooperative associations or Federal, Land or local bodies (public employees)	Federal Labour Office Land Labour Offices Local Labour Offices

(1) For family allowances, responsibility is divided between the Ministry for Families, Youth and Health (legislation) and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (implementation).

(2) Bundesversicherungsamt: Supervisory body for insurance organs whose authority exceeds the geographical boundaries of a "Land"; in all other cases supervision is carried out by the "Länder", under the authority of the Labour Ministers.

ORGANIZATION IN GREECE

Ministry of Social Services  
For unemployment and family benefits; Ministry of Labour

Table I - 4

Sickness, maternity, invalidity, old age, survivors, employment injury, occupational disease	Unemployment, family benefits
Institute for Social Insurance (IKA) also responsible for contribution collection for all branches, including unemployment and family benefits	Office for Employment and Manpower (O.A.E.D)
Local offices	Offices in large towns. IKA offices elsewhere.

ORGANIZATION IN FRANCE

Ministry of Health and Social Security  
For unemployment: Ministry of Labour and Participation

Table I - 5

Sickness, maternity, invalidity, survivors, and occupational risks	Old-age	Family allowances	Unemployment
<p align="center">Central Agency of Social Security Organs (responsible for the overall management of financial assets; the collection of contributions is carried out by associations for this purpose)</p>			<p align="center">National Inter-occupational Union for Employment in Industry and Commerce (UNEDIC)</p>
<p>National Sickness Insurance Fund Regional funds Primary funds</p>	<p>National Old-age Insurance Fund (1)</p>	<p>National Family Allowances Fund Family Allowances Funds</p>	<p>Association for Employment in Industry and Commerce (ASSEDIC)</p>

(1) There is a regional fund for the Haut-Rhin, Bas-Rhin and Moselle departments.

ORGANIZATION IN IRELAND

Department of Social Welfare  
Department of Health

Table I - 6

Health Services	All cash benefits (Sickness, Maternity, Invalidity, Old-age, Survivors, Employment injuries and occupational diseases, Family allowances) except Unemployment, Supplementary Welfare Allowance and those mentioned under "Health Services"	Unemployment
Eight Regional Health Boards under the general supervision of the Department of Health. These also administer certain allowances (e.g. Disabled persons Maintenance Allowance, Blind Welfare Allowances, Maternity Grant, Supplementary Welfare Allowance.	Centrally administered by the Department of Social Welfare.	Administered by local offices of Department of Social Welfare.

ORGANIZATION IN ITALY

Ministry of Labour and Social Security  
Ministry of Health

Table I - 7

Sickness	Invalidity, Old-age, Survivors, Family allowances, Unemployment	Employment injuries and Occupational diseases
Regions Local health units (USL) National Institute of Social Welfare (provisional responsibility for cash benefits and contribution collection)	National Institute for Social Welfare (INPS) (1) INPS regional inspectorates INPS provincial, urban and suburban offices (also authorized to collect contributions) Local offices and information centres	National Institute for Insurance against Industrial Injuries (INAIL) INAIL regional inspectorates INAIL provincial offices (also authorized to collect contributions) (some local offices)

(1) For social security pensions there is a "Social Fund" managed by INPS. Also managed by the INPS, a family allowances fund and one for supplementary benefits (partial unemployment).

ORGANIZATION IN LUXEMBOURG

Ministry of Labour and Social Security (1)  
General Inspectorate for Social Security

Table I - 8

Sickness	Invalidity, old-age, survivors, employment injuries, occupational diseases, family allowances	Unemployment
Sickness fund for private non-industrial staff or National sickness insurance fund for industrial staff or Funds operated by firms	Social Insurance Office comprising: Association for Insurance against Accidents (industrial and non-industrial staff) and Establishment for Insurance against Old-age and Invalidity (industrial staff), also responsible for managing the Family Allowances Fund for industrial staff (2) Pension Fund for private non-industrial staff (invalidity, old-age, survivors, for non-industrial staff) also responsible for managing the Family Allowances Fund for non-industrial staff (2)	Employment Administration Local agencies for the Employment Administration and Secretariats in the local authorities

(1) The Ministry for Family and Population Affairs is responsible for family allowances.

(2) The Fund also pays birth grants, for which the Birth Grants Fund is responsible.

ORGANIZATION IN THE NETHERLANDS

Ministry of Social Affairs  
Benefits in kind: Ministry of Public Health and Environment

Table I - 9

Sickness		Invalidity	Unemployment	Old-age, survivors, family allowances
Benefits in kind	Cash benefits			
COUNCIL OF SICKNESS FUNDS		COUNCIL OF SOCIAL INSURANCE		
Compensation fund and General Sickness Insurance Fund (serious risks)		Two Incapacity Funds	General Unemployment Fund	Social Insurance Bank, which also manages the old-age, survivors' and family allowances funds
Sickness funds	Occupational associations (some managed by a Joint Administrative Office), which are also responsible for collecting sickness, unemployment and incapacity insurance contributions of employees  Local authorities (unemployment benefit)			Labour councils

ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Department of Health and Social Security (DESS)  
Administration of unemployment: Department of Employment  
Also Welsh Office, Scottish Office and Northern Ireland Administration (1)

Table I - 10

Medical care	All cash benefits (Sickness, Maternity, Invalidity, Old-age, Survivors, Employment injuries and Occupational diseases, child benefit) except Unemployment benefit	Unemployment
National Health Service Regional and Area Health Authorities (under DESS supervision)	Regional and local offices of DESS	Regional and local offices of Department of Employment

(1) The structure of this Table relates to England and Wales; the Scottish Office and Northern Ireland Administration operate different structures.



**FINANCING**

## FINANCING

Table II - 1

Rates and ceiling for employees in industry and commerce (annual ceiling unless otherwise stated)

	BELGIUM		DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY		GREECE		FRANCE	
	Rate %	Ceiling		Rate %	Ceiling	Rate %	Ceiling	Rate %	Ceiling
Sickness and maternity	5.55 (a) 2.90 (b) Ee: 1.80 + 1.10 Er: 3.75 + 1.80	(a) - (b) BFR 675 900	National health services: - Cash benefits: All taxpayers pay 1% of taxable income	Average: 11.3 Ee : 5.65 Er : 5.65	DM 37 800	5.55 (a) 1.20 (b) Ee: 1.85 + 0.4 Er: 3.70 + 0.8	(a) DRA 50 025 (b) per month	18.95 Ee: 5.50 Er: 13.45 (of which 4.5% is calculated without taking the ceiling into account)	Ee: - Er: FF 60 120
Invalidity			Er: DKR 50 per employee per year	18		14.25 Ee: 4.75 Er: 9.5	DRA 50 025 per month		
Old-age; Survivors	14 Ee: 6 Er: 8	-	1) National pension: Taxpayers pay 1.2% and if under 67 another 2% of taxable income 2) Supplementary pension: DKR 36 per month of which Ee 1/3; Er 2/3	Ee: 9 Er: 9	DM 50 400			12.9 Ee: 4.7 Er: 8.2	FF 60 120
Employment injuries and occupational diseases	Insurance premiums or contributions to employers' joint funds are fixed by contract for industrial injuries. Contribution to the Employment Injury Fund Er: 0.4% and to the Occupational Diseases Fund Er: 0.7%		Insurance contribution varies according to the risk, paid by employer		Collective rates according to degree of risks in the various occupational branches. Contribution fixed by the association and calculated on the basis of the total gross earnings Contribution ceilings: varying between DM 60 000 and DM 84 000 according to the different professional associations	See 'Sickness' and 'Old-age'		Collective individual or mixed rates according to number employed in the concern and degree of risk. Contribution assessed on total of gross earnings with a ceiling of FF 60 120	
Unemployment	2.90 Ee: 1.20% Er: 1.70%	BFR 408 900	Ee: Contributions fixed every year corresponding to 3 times the maximum rate of daily payment (DKR 26 per day) made by the fund Er: 2 x DKR 26 per year per employee	3 Ee: 1.5 Er: 1.5	DM 50 400	3 Ee: 1 Er: 2	DRA 50 025 per month	3.6 Ee: 0.84 Er: 2.76	FF 240 480
Family allowance	Er: 7.75	-	-	-	-	2 Ee: 1 Er: 1	DRA 50 025 per month	Er: 9	FF 60 120

See the notes on page II - 1 (continued).

## FINANCING

Rates and ceiling for employees in industry and commerce (annual ceiling unless otherwise stated)

Table II - 1

IRELAND		ITALY		LUXEMBOURG		NETHERLANDS		UNITED KINGDOM	
Rate %	Ceiling	Rate %	Ceiling	Rate %	Ceiling	Rate %	Ceiling	Rate %	Ceiling
<u>Health Service:</u> Ee: 1% (paid by Er for persons with full eligibility - see Table III) <u>Cash benefits</u> 14.3 Ee: 4.5 Er: 9.8	IRL 7 000	16.27 (Industry)	-	4.30 (a)	LFR 918 528	8.1 (a)	(a) HFL 34 320 or	If fully participating in the scheme (not contracted out) 16.95 Ee: 6.75 Er: 10.20 of weekly earnings provided that earnings are UKL 23 or more. If members of approved occupational scheme, same rates as above for earnings up to UKL 23 plus 9.95 Ee: 4.25 Er: 5.70 for that part of earnings above UKL 23	UKL 165 per week
		14.55 (Commerce)		3.70 (b)		3.2 (b)	HFL 132 per day		
		Ee: 0.3		Ee: 2.15 + 1.85		7.6 (c)	(b) HFL 46 400		
		15.97 (Industry)		Er: 2.15 + 1.85		Ee: 4.05 + 1	(c) HFL 61 100 or		
		14.25 (Commerce)				+ 6.6	HFL 235 per day		
		24.62 (Industry)	-	16	LFR 918 528	14.1 (a)	(a) HFL 61 100 or		
		24.47 (Commerce)				4.2 (b)	HFL 235 per day		
		Ee: 7.15		Ee: 8		Ee: 7.05	(b) HFL 46 400		
		Er:		Er: 8		Er: 7.05 + 4.2			
		17.47 (Industry)				11.6	HFL 46.400		
		17.32 (Commerce)				Ee: 10.25 (old-age) + 1.35 (survivors)			
		Collective rates based on degree of risks in the various occupational branches. The rate, varying between 3% and 5% (average: 3.9%) is calculated on total earnings. Also an additional contribution equal to 20% of social security contributions		Collective rates based on a scale of risks. Contribution fixed by the insurance association and calculated on gross total earnings, with a minimum equal to the minimum earnings of an adult manual worker and a maximum of LFR 918 528 per year		See 'Invalidity'			
		Er:	-	Er: 0.25	LFR 918 528	1.25	HFL 61 100 or		
		2.91 (Industry)				Ee: 0.625	HFL 235 per day		
		1.61 (Commerce)				Er: 0.625			
		Er: 6.20	-	Er: 2.50	LFR 918 528	Er: 2	HFL 46 400		

See the notes on page II - 1 (continued)

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Table II - 1 (continued)

Rates and ceiling for employees in industry and commerce (annual ceiling unless otherwise stated)

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
<p>NOTES:                      Ee: = Employee                      Er: = Employer</p>	<p><u>Sickness:</u> a = benefits in kind                      b = cash benefits                      In addition a 5% contribution is levied on car insurance premiums</p>	-	<p><u>Sickness:</u> The rate varies according to regulations of the fund concerned; the ceiling represents 75% of the pension ceiling for manual workers</p>	<p><u>Sickness:</u> a = benefits in kind                      b = benefits in cash  <u>Old-age:</u> The rate is increased for difficult or insalubrious work by 3.6% (Ee: 2.2%, Er: 1.4%) and for enterprises where a risk of employment injury is great, by 1% (Er)</p>	<p><u>Sickness:</u> A further contribution of 3% is levied on car insurance premiums</p>

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Rates and ceiling for employees in industry and commerce (annual ceiling unless otherwise stated)

Table II - 1 (continued)

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p><u>Unemployment:</u> Including 0.5% redundancy contribution and 0.35% employment surcharge paid by Er</p>	<p><u>Sickness:</u> incl. maternity (0.53% Industry, 0.31% Commerce), 2.01% Tuberculosis, 3.8% pensioners' sickness insurance, 0.58% agricultural solidarity, 1.65% hospital fund (1)  <u>Old-age:</u> incl. 0.15% supplement pension funds (Industry), 0.15% assistance to orphans, 0.1% finance of local authority crèches, 0.11% for basic contribution to old-age and 0.01% for assistance to orphans (1)  <u>Family benefits:</u> lower contributions for certain types of employer  <u>Unemployment:</u> incl. 0.01% basic contribution, 1.1% (Industry) for topping-up earnings (partial unemployment) and 0.3% supplement to unemployment insurance</p>	<p><u>Sickness:</u> a = benefits in kind  b = cash benefits  <u>Family allowances:</u> rate applicable in commerce: 2.10%  <u>Unemployment:</u> financing by an unemployment fund which is subsidized by solidarity taxes paid by individuals and various bodies together with local authority contributions</p>	<p><u>Sickness:</u> a = benefits in kind  b = general insurance against serious risks  c = cash benefits (average rate)  <u>Invalidity:</u> a = employees insurance (HFL 56 per day free of contribution)  b = general insurance  <u>Unemployment:</u> average rate</p>	<p><u>Surcharge:</u> 3.5% paid by Er for general taxation funds  <u>Sickness:</u> Benefits in kind are almost entirely financed by general taxation</p>

(1) For certain contributions an exoneration is given to industrial or artisanal firms in manufacturing or extractive industries.



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Special rates and annual ceilings applicable to non-industrial staff in Belgium, Italy and Luxembourg  
(Otherwise Table II - 1 rates and ceilings apply)

Table II - 2

	BELGIUM		ITALY		LUXEMBOURG	
	Rate %	Ceiling	Rate %	Ceiling	Rate %	Ceiling
Sickness and maternity	Benefits in kind: see Table II - 1		14.27 (1) 12.94 (2)	-	4.30 (a) (4) 0.20 (b) (4)	LFR 918 528
	Cash benefits		Ee: 0.30 Er: 13.97 (1) 12.64 (2)		Ee: 2.15 + 0.10 Er: 2.15 + 0.10	
Invalidity	2.50 Ee: 0.70 Er: 1.80	BFR 675 900	See Table II - 1	-	See Table II - 1	See Table II - 1
Old-age; Survivors	14 Ee: 6 Er: 8	BFR 675 900				
Employment injuries and occupational diseases	Employment injuries Er: 0.4 Occupational diseases: 0.6	-	-	-	See Table II - 1	See Table II - 1
Unemployment	See Table II - 1	See Table II - 1	Er: 1.61% (3)	-	See Table II - 1	See Table II - 1
Family allowances	See Table II - 1	See Table II - 1	See Table II - 1	-	Er: 1.45	LFR 918 528

- (1) Industry; including 3.80% pensioners' sickness insurance, 2% tuberculosis, 0.58% agricultural solidarity, 0.53% maternity, 1.65% National hospital fund and 0.01% basic contribution for tuberculosis (see also footnote previous page).  
(2) Credit sector; same as for industry except that the maternity contribution is 0.20%.  
(3) Industry - no contributions for funds topping-up earnings (partial unemployment).  
(4) (a) = benefits in kind, (b) = cash benefits.

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Table II - 3

Public authorities' contribution

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
Sickness/Maternity Benefits in kind	Specific contributions ('social diseases': 95%; invalidity: 75%; funeral expenses grant: 70%) General contributions: 27% of budget estimates for expenditure on medical care	Financed by local and central Government	State contribution to cost of students' sickness insurance	Annual subsidy to cover any deficit	-
Sickness/Maternity Cash benefits			The Federal Government refunds a lump sum of DM 400 for each maternity grant paid and a benefit for prolonged maternity leave (1)		
Invalidity		Basic pensions: State covers all costs apart from a small part covered by contributions Supplementary pensions: No Government participation	Annual Federation subsidies fixed according to variations in the general basic earnings (1)	Annual subsidy to cover any deficit	-
Old-age; Survivors	Annual State subsidies				
Employment injuries and occupational diseases	60% of expenditure on silicosis benefit	-	-	Annual subsidy to cover any deficit	-
Unemployment	Cover for any deficit	The State pays expenditure not covered by the income from contributions	The Federal Government covers any insurance deficit and the cost of unemployment assistance	Annual subsidy to cover any deficit	Flat-rate subsidy by State
Family allowances	Annual subsidy	Financed by the Government	Financed by Federal budget	Annual subsidy to cover any deficit	-

(1) Until 31 December 1981, the State credits contributions during the prolonged maternity leave.

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Public authorities' contribution

Table II - 3

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
State contributes 94% for benefits in kind (workers'/employers' contributions represent only 6% of cost)	As well as contributions for sickness insurance, the national health Fund collects from regions, provinces, communes and other public institutions as well as from the surplus of tuberculosis insurance	50% of administrative and staff costs (excepting funds operated by firms). The State finances certain benefits prescribed by law (e.g. maternity, certain accidents, mental and congenital illness, tuberculosis, cancer, poliomyelitis, etc.) The National Solidarity Fund intervenes for pensioners	Fixed annual subsidy (indexed) for general insurance (serious risks)	Government contributes approximately 88%
State contribution; difference between amount of contributions and cost of benefits	Financing of Social Fund	State and local authorities; all costs for the flat-rate part of pensions State: 50% of administrative costs	Annual subsidy to cover expenditure on handicapped youth  Annual and special subsidies granted to maintain pensions at minimum salary levels	Exchequer subsidy of about 18% of total contributions plus full cost of non-contributory Invalidity Pension, Attendance Allowance, Mobility Allowance, and Non-contributory Retirement Pension
	-	1/3 of cost of adapting and adjusting pensions; 50% of administrative costs	-	
	Annual State subsidies	Financing by an unemployment fund enhanced by local authority contributions amongst others	The State pays a sum equal to the total contributions for unemployment insurance and finances unemployment assistance	
	Financed by the Government	Annual subsidies	The State finances: - the difference between total amount of family allowances and total contributions; - birth grants; - administrative costs; - allowances for handicapped children	
Financed by the Government				

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Table II - 4

Financing systems applicable to long-term benefits

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
Invalidity	'Pay as you go'	'Pay as you go' (The State covers nearly all costs)	Special 'pay as you go' procedure Formation of reserve	'Pay as you go'	'Pay as you go'
Old-age; Survivors	Capital cover system	'Pay as you go' Constitution of a fund for special purposes Supplementary old-age and survivors pensions: mixed system (pay as you go and capital cover)	As for invalidity	'Pay as you go'	'Pay as you go'
Employment injuries and occupational diseases	Employment injuries: capitalization; financing systems of commercial insurance companies Occupational diseases: 'Pay as you go'	Mixed system (pay as you go and capital cover)	'Pay as you go' Formation of a reserve	'Pay as you go'	'Pay as you go'

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Financing systems applicable to long-term benefits

Table II - 4

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
'Pay as you go' plus Exchequer supplement	'Pay as you go'	Invalidity, old-age and survivors - annual formation of capital to cover pensions due and the rights being acquired by survivors of pension beneficiaries	'Pay as you go'	'Pay as you go' plus Government supplement
'Pay as you go' plus Exchequer supplement	As for invalidity	- adjustment of pensions to the cost-of-living index calls for capital cover, but adjustment of pensions to the wage level does not	'Pay as you go'	'Pay as you go' plus Government supplement
'Pay as you go'	Mixed system ('pay as you go' and capital cover system) Formation of mathematical reserves representing the current values of permanent pensions	- Capital cover for pensions granted during a financial year; - Adjustment of pensions to cost-of-living and wage level made annually through contributions	See 'Invalidity'	'Pay as you go' plus Government supplement



**HEALTH CARE**

Table III - 1

## HEALTH CARE

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
<b>LEGISLATION</b>					
1. First law	28 December 1944	1892	15 June 1883	1934	5 and 30 April 1930
2. Basic legislation	9 August 1963, supplemented and amended 23 December 1963 on hospitals	National health: June 1971 Hospitals: June 1974	'Versicherungsordnung' (Insurance Code) of 19 July 1911, amended and supplemented on many occasions General section of the Social Code, of 11 December 1975, prescriptions 23 December 1976	Law of 14 June 1951, modified	Social Security Code - Book III - Decree of 29 December 1945, amended
<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>					
Fields of application	1. All workers bound by a contract of service and categories assimilated thereto 2. Pensioners (including the disabled and orphans) 3. Unemployed persons 4. Handicapped persons 5. Higher education students 6. Persons otherwise unprotected	All residents	1. All persons in paid employment and those receiving vocational training 2. Pensioners 3. Unemployed persons 4. Persons receiving transitional allowances under vocational training arrangements 5. Handicapped persons employed in sheltered workshops 6. Higher education students	1. Employees and assimilated 2. Pensioners 3. Unemployed	1. All employees or persons assimilated thereto 2. Pensioners 3. Unemployed persons
Membership ceiling	-	-	Non-industrial staff: DM 37 800 p.a. (1)	-	-
Dependants	Dependants, subject to certain conditions	All residents	Dependant spouse and children, other dependants (monthly income lower than DM 390)	Dependant members of the insured's family	Dependant members of family (also certain relatives)
Special rules for pensioners	Those receiving pensions for a working life equal to at least 1/3 of a full working life are entitled to medical care without contribution (also free care if the household's gross annual income does not exceed BFR 259 386 + BFR 48 078 per dependant)	Same rules as for the rest of the population	Benefits in kind for themselves and their families Contributions are paid by the old-age insurance body under certain conditions	Same rules as for other insured	Holders of an invalidity pension and members of their families: - exemption from all contributions - benefits in kind with full refund for the pensioner himself. Those receiving an old-age pension or non-contributory old-age allowance and members of their families: - benefits in kind with standard refund

(1) 75% of the contribution ceiling for pension insurance.

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
1911  1970 Health Act	27 October 1927 (TB)  Law of 23 December 1978, instituting the national health service	31 July 1901  Books I and IV of Social Insurance Code, consequent upon the Law of 2 May 1974 (modified)	1 November 1941  15 October 1964; 14 December 1967 introducing general insurance for serious risks	1911  National Health Service act 1946, amended
- Full eligibility for necessitous persons - Limited eligibility for remainder of population	All residents including foreign residents (on request)	1. All persons in paid employment 2. Pensioners 3. Unemployed persons 4. Persons whose sole remuneration is their keep	1. All persons in paid employment 2. Pensioners 3. Unemployed persons For general insurance; all residents	All residents
-	-	-	HPL 40 250 p.a.	-
The insured person and his dependent family	See 'Field of application'	Dependent members of family living in the insured's household	Dependent members of the family	All residents
Same rules as for the rest of the population	Same rules as for the rest of the population	Pensioners: compulsory contribution of 4,3% of the pension, half being paid by the body granting the pension (1). Benefits in kind for themselves and their families If the beneficiary carries on an occupational activity, membership is required by reason of those activities (except for those holding invalidity and retirement pensions). The contribution is calculated both on the pension and on the salary	Holders of incapacity pensions if the incapacity is over 45% and holders of widows' or orphans' pensions. Contributions are compulsory Provided that they were members of the compulsory scheme before the pension was granted	Same rules as for the rest of the population

(1) The maximum contribution is the same as for employed insured persons. Minimum contributions payable on the minimum social salary plus 30%. If the pension is below the minimum, the pensioner pays the contribution in proportion to the pension he is actually receiving and the body granting the pension pays the difference.

## HEALTH CARE

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
CONDITIONS Conditions for grant of benefits - qualifying period	- Period of work and membership required: 6 months, including 120 days of actual work or periods assimilated thereto (unemployment, annual holidays, etc.) - Proof of payment of minimum contribution - Proof of illness covered by the insurance	6 weeks for new residents	- Period of work and membership required: none	50 days of work subject to contribution over the preceding year, or in the 12 first months of the 15 months preceding the illness	Period of work and membership required: 1 200 hours during the year or 600 per half year or 200 per quarter
Commencement of benefits	From beginning of illness	From beginning of illness	From beginning of illness	From the start of the sickness	From beginning of illness
Duration of benefits	Unlimited; (or until the end of the 2nd quarter following that in which membership terminates)	Unlimited	Unlimited; (when an employee withdraws from the insurance scheme, benefits cease to be paid 26 weeks after the date on which he ceases to be insured)	Unlimited	Unlimited; (or one month after termination of membership)
ORGANISATION 1. Doctors: a. Approval	All doctors registered with the Orders of Doctors	All doctors qualified to practise (numbers limited by district according to number of inhabitants)	Doctors approved by the funds are formed into 'associations of sickness fund doctors' at regional and national level. In certain cases, hospital doctors	Doctors employed by the insurance institute (IEA)	All doctors qualified to practise
b. Payment	Scales of fees fixed by agreement between the insuring bodies and doctors' organisations or, failing this, laid down officially. Otherwise, fees fixed freely by doctors and the insurance refund is laid down by decree	Fees are fixed by agreement between the Doctors' Organization and the public health insurance. In the Copenhagen area fees are calculated in proportion to the number of patients registered with the doctor; outside Copenhagen fees are calculated partly on this basis and partly as a flat-rate sum for each medical action Specialists are paid a flat-rate sum for each medical action	Payment in full to the association by the fund: a. lump sum, or fixed amount per medical act; b. fixed amount per head; c. fixed amount per sick case; d. combination of above. The association of sickness fund doctors distributes the comprehensive payment between the sickness fund doctors on the basis of a scale agreed with the sickness fund federations	Doctors are paid by the insurance institute	Scales of fees fixed by a national agreement or by ministerial decree. These scales may be exceeded in the case of: a. patient's particular financial situation; b. patient's special requirements; c. practitioner's special qualifications
2. Hospitals	Hospitals; establishments approved by the Minister of Health, scales of fees fixed by agreements or, failing this, by the public authorities	Public hospitals established by regional health authorities. Private hospitals; the regional health authorities conclude agreements with most of the private hospitals	The sickness funds conclude agreements with certain hospitals	Public hospitals and registered private clinics	1. Public hospitals: rates fixed by the public authorities; 2. Private establishments: - after approval by the regional committee - partially by agreement on fees concluded with the sickness funds

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
-	-	- Period of work and membership required: none, in principle	Period of work and membership required: none, subject to enrolment with a sickness fund in time	-
From beginning of illness	From beginning of illness	From beginning of illness	From beginning of illness	From beginning of illness
Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Doctors participate in the General Medical Services on the basis of agreement reached by the Department with the Irish Medical Association and the Medical Union	Doctors under contract to the region	All doctors approved by the State	'Approval by the sickness funds' by contract with the doctor. Rights and obligations and fees for assisting persons insured by sickness fund are fixed by agreement	Doctors under contract with the Local Family Practitioner Committee
Doctors are paid on a fee per item basis in accordance with scale agreed with the Irish Medical Association and the Medical Union	Flat-rate basis per head depending on age of patient and experience of doctor. The scales are fixed by agreements between the Ministry of Health, Regions and Doctors' organizations. Maximum number of persons registered with a doctor: 1 500. Individual contracts for out-patient specialists with payment on fixed hourly rate and consultation basis. Doctors employed in hospitals receive a fixed monthly salary from their employers	Fees: - pursuant to collective agreements; - following arbitration by the Conciliation and Arbitration Committee subject to ministerial confirmation Scales of fees are linked to the cost-of-living index	Direct payment of fees by the sickness fund: - flat-rate per insured person according to the system of registration on family doctor's list	In general: - basic allowance - capitation fee - special allowance
Most hospitals	Hospitals are administered on a regional base, both public hospitals and approved private clinics	Agreements with association of hospitals	Special agreements between hospitals and regional sickness funds	All the hospitals administered by the National Health Service (most hospitals in the country)

## HEALTH CARE

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
<b>BENEFITS</b> Choice and payment of doctor	Free choice of doctor Advance on fees by insured person Refund at the agreed or official rate	<u>Category 1</u> : unrestricted choice, but choice valid for one year <u>Category 2</u> : free choice	Free choice among sickness fund doctors No fees paid by insured (Fees are paid by the association of sickness fund doctors)	The insured goes to the local insurance institute doctor No fees	Free choice of doctor Advance on fees by insured person Refund at the agreed or official rate
Patients' contributions towards medical expenses	Insured person's share must not exceed 25% for general medical care No share borne for assistance by specialists or for treatment of 'social diseases' No share borne in the case of the disabled, pensioners, widows, orphans, or handicapped persons whose income is less than a fixed maximum (normally BFR 259 386 p.a. + BFR 48 018 per dependants)	<u>Category 1</u> : No charges <u>Category 2</u> : Partial reimbursement That part of expenses which exceeds the amount fixed by the public scheme for Category 1	No share borne by insured person	No participation	Share borne by insured person (statutory): 25% but: a. reduced to 20% for treatment given during hospitalization or consultations given in hospitals; b. not required for expensive treatment, prolonged sickness or certain complaints
Hospitalization	Free choice among hospitals approved by the minister Normal cost per day of hospitalization fixed by the minister (variable according to class of hospital and price index) Complete refund (public ward) Duration of benefit: unlimited in principle but if hospitalization is more than 40 days, reduced amount of insurances (1)	- <u>Public hospitals</u> No charge (except for private wards) - <u>Approved private hospitals</u> Costs exceeding the public tariff are payable by the insured	Free choice among hospitals having a contract with the sickness fund Entirely free hospitalization in a shared room Duration of benefit: unlimited, in principle	The insured has the right to hospitalization in a public hospital or in a registered clinic designated by the insurance institute	Free choice among: 1. Public, and 2. Private (approved) hospitals Generally up to 20% of costs borne by the insured person, but not in the case of any expensive treatment, prolonged illness or certain complaints Duration of benefit: unlimited in principle
Sanatoria	See hospitalization	See Hospitalization	Free if necessary	See Hospitalization	Subject to sickness fund's prior approval; no share borne by insured person
Courses of treatment	Preventive health centres: underdeveloped children Flat-rate sum from insurance (maximum BFR 646 per day); also fixed daily sums	See Hospitalization	Contribution to cost or if necessary payment of total cost Assistance to convalescents; settlement in conval. homes	Partial contribution by the insured	Subject to sickness fund's prior approval; refund of medical fees and cost of treatment in a thermal centre No daily allowances in principle (except for the more needy)

(1) Reduction of BFR 53 per day from 41st day. From 91st day, for single insured having regard to their economic situation, from BFR 159 to BFR 265.

## HEALTH CARE

Table III - 3

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
Free choice from those doctors listed on special area registers Payment of fees by insured persons except for persons with full eligibility	Free choice of doctor among those on the register for the area. A fixed fee is paid by the region	Free choice of doctor (treatment abroad subject to approval of sickness fund) Fees refunded to insured person by sickness funds	Free choice of doctor (twice a year) by registering with a sickness fund doctor Direct payment (flat-rate per insured person) by the sickness fund No fees	Free choice for all persons aged 16 years or over; parents or guardians choose for children under 16 No fees (National Health Service)
<p><u>General medical care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Persons with full eligibility: no charge</li> <li>- Others pay the whole cost of services except in cases of certain serious or long term diseases and disabilities</li> </ul> <p><u>Specialists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No charge for persons with full eligibility;</li> <li>- Others pay full cost, except those with incomes under IRL 7 000 per year</li> </ul>	No participation by the beneficiary	Share borne by insured person: 20% of the ordinary tariff for visits for the first medical visit in any 28 day period. No change in cases of hospitalization	No share borne by insured person. But under the general insurance scheme (serious risks) a share must be borne by insured persons over 18 for hospitalization exceeding 6 months	No charge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Public hospitals</u> No charge (except for private wards)</li> <li>- <u>Approved private hospitals and nursing homes</u> Patient receives financial aid to cover hospital expenses</li> </ul>	Direct assistance; free choice of public or private hospital among those registered under the scheme with free treatment (sharing a room)	Free choice of hospital (hospital abroad subject to approval of sickness fund) Hospitalization is entirely free	Free choice among hospitals or psychiatric institutions which have an agreement with the sickness insurance fund and are located near the place of residence Health care is entirely free for injured persons and members of their families in the lowest category of room Duration of benefit: unlimited (after 1 year taken over by the general insurance scheme)	No charge, except where the patient asks for special amenities or for extra treatment which is not clinically necessary
Infectious diseases treatment given free of charge to all persons irrespective of income; unlimited duration	See Hospitalization	(In principle as for hospitalization)	TB sanatorium; refund of costs corresponding to the lower category of 'approved' sanatorium Duration: unlimited (after 1 year taken over by general insurance scheme)	See Hospitalization
	Thermal cures; Subject to prior approval of the local health unit Free cures in registered establishments In the others, the reimbursement is limited to fees in registered establishments	Subject to approval		See Hospitalization

## HEALTH CARE

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
Dental treatment	<p>Comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- preservative treatment,</li> <li>- extractions,</li> <li>- dental prostheses,</li> <li>- orthodontic treatment</li> </ul> <p>Refund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- of cost of treatment, see medical care</li> <li>- of costs of dental plates, etc., subject to sickness fund doctor's approval, up to 100% if patient is 50 or over or if younger, affected by specific complaints</li> </ul>	<p>Cost to insured:</p> <p><u>Category 1:</u> 1/3 of cost treatments on list</p> <p><u>Category 2:</u> That part of cost which exceeds the amount fixed for Category 1</p>	<p>Comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All costs covered by the sickness fund</li> <li>- Cash grant towards costs for prostheses and dental crowns</li> </ul> <p>In certain cases, total or partial dental costs covered</p>	As for health care but charge of 25% for dental prostheses	<p>Comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- preservative treatment,</li> <li>- extractions,</li> <li>- dental prostheses,</li> <li>- orthodontic treatment</li> </ul> <p>Refund: according to fixed rate as for medical care</p> <p>The 25% share borne by the insured person is abolished in some exceptional cases</p>
Pharmaceutical products	<p>Share paid by insurance: 10% of public selling price</p> <p>Insured person's share nonetheless limited to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BFR 70 for patent medicines and</li> <li>- BFR 35 for made-up prescriptions</li> </ul> <p>No charge in the case of pensioners, the disabled, widows or orphans with low income for made-up prescriptions. For patent medicines charge limited to BFR 40</p>	<p>Cost to insured:</p> <p>Two lists of products</p> <p>Most important products: 25% of cost</p> <p>Less important products: 50% of cost</p>	<p>Insured persons: one DM for each medicament prescribed, except children and special cases.</p> <p>'Comfort' drugs should no longer be prescribed.</p> <p>Members of family: as for insured person</p>	Charge of 25% for medicaments prescribed by doctor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Made-up prescriptions</li> <li>2. Patent medicines (appearing in official list)</li> <li>3. Accessories and dressings</li> </ol> <p>Refund: 70 or 100% but only 40% for 'Comfort' drugs</p>
Prostheses, spectacles, hearing-aids	Full refund of fees fixed by agreement	Partial reimbursement	Full refund	Charge limited to 25% maximum	<p>Subject to sickness fund's prior approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- refund of established fees (70%) and for major fittings (100%)</li> </ul>
Other benefits	As laid down in the regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free assistance and treatment given by nurse at home if recommended by a doctor</li> <li>- Free transport to doctor or hospital for pensioners, who are insured in Category 1, and in certain other cases and circumstances</li> <li>- For both categories, part of cost met for treatment by chiropractor</li> </ul>	<p><u>Treatment at home:</u> assistance and treatment given by nurse, etc. as supplementary benefit</p> <p><u>Examination for early symptoms:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. children's diseases (up to 4 years);</li> <li>2. cancer annual examination after 30 years for women and after 45 years for men</li> </ol> <p><u>Assistance with domestic arrangements in cases of hospitalization:</u></p> <p>domestic or financial assistance</p>	Various benefits, such as cost of travelling for the sick living in distant regions	Other benefits may also be granted, if funds are available, with the approval of the sickness insurance fund

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No charge for persons with full eligibility and for children under 6 years of age and primary school pupils</li> <li>- In certain cases limited charges levied on insured persons</li> </ul>	<p>Comprising:</p> <p>Standard benefits: free treatment in the centres of the national health service and from registered doctors</p> <p>Supplementary benefits: if the prosthesis is approved refund of LIT 3 000 per tooth</p>	<p>Comprising:</p> <p>Standard benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- preservative treatment,</li> <li>- extractions,</li> <li>- orthodontic treatment</li> </ul> <p>Refund according to collective agreements</p> <p>Contributions towards costs of prostheses cannot exceed 20%</p>	<p>Comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- preservative treatment,</li> <li>- extractions,</li> <li>- dental prostheses,</li> <li>- orthodontic treatment.</li> </ul> <p>Completely free treatment, conditional upon compulsory half-yearly examination</p> <p>Fund's contribution towards costs: dental plates, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Range of charges up to a maximum of UKL 8.00 for a course of treatment and UKL 50 for treatment including dentures.</li> <li>- No charge for children still at school, expectant mothers, mothers who have borne a child within the preceding 12 months and persons with low incomes.</li> <li>- No charge except for dentures for persons over 16 but under 21 who have left school</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No charge for persons with full eligibility</li> <li>- No charge for persons suffering from mental diseases and handicaps (for persons under 16 years only) and from certain serious and long-term illnesses</li> <li>- Insured persons: reimbursement for expenditure in excess of IRL 8 in any month</li> </ul>	<p>Except for free essential medicaments, the insured shares the cost for those on the 'therapeutic list' as follows: LIT 200 for those costing up to LIT 1 000, LIT 400 for cost LIT 1 000 to 3 000, LIT 600 for higher cost</p>	<p>Classification of drugs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- non-refundable drugs and products</li> <li>- drugs subject to preferential reimbursement i.e. at 100%</li> <li>- drugs subject to normal reimbursement i.e. at 85%, (but if hospitalized: 100%)</li> </ul>	<p>Registration with a chemist under contract chosen by the insured persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- free prescribed drugs (official list of patent medicines)</li> <li>- direct settlement between chemist and fund</li> </ul>	<p>Charge of UKL 0.70 per prescribed medicine except for children under 16, men aged 65 or over and women aged 60 or over, pregnant women and mothers of a child under one year of age, certain war pensioners in certain circumstances, persons with low incomes and persons suffering from certain chronic diseases including the housebound (1)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No charge for persons with full eligibility and for children under 6 years of age and primary school pupils</li> <li>- In certain cases limited charges levied on insured persons</li> </ul>	<p>Subject to prior approval, refund of costs as 'supplementary benefit' and according to established scale which varies according to the benefit</p>	<p>Subject to sickness fund's prior approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- refunds at the tariff rates fixed by agreements</li> </ul>	<p>(Excepting spectacles) subject to prior approval: cover of 70-100%</p>	<p><u>Spectacles:</u> Limited charges in accordance with National Health Service scale. No charge for children under 16, or persons over 16 still in full-time attendance at school. Financial help for persons with low incomes.</p> <p><u>Prostheses and Hearing aids:</u> No charge for provision and fitting of National Health Service appliances</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hospital in-patient and out-patient services are provided free of charge for children suffering from certain long-term diseases and disabilities</li> <li>- A laboratory service for the detection of cancer of the cervix is available to all women through their local general practitioner</li> <li>- Free home help service</li> <li>- Free transport to hospital</li> </ul>	<p>Various benefits as granted by the former health service</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transport for the sick.</li> <li>- Within the general insurance framework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• treatment in institutions for the mentally sick and for the handicapped;</li> <li>• stay in a home;</li> <li>• certain kinds of preventive medicines for children</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Various additional benefits provided under the National Health Service and by Local authorities e.g. free transport to hospital, if essential</p>

(1) An annual season ticket can be bought entitling the holder to an unlimited number of prescribed items without charge throughout the year. The cost of the ticket is UKL 12.



**SICKNESS – CASH BENEFITS**

Table IV - 1

## SICKNESS - CASH BENEFITS

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
<b>LEGISLATION</b>					
1. First law	See Table III 'Health care'	1892	See Table III 'Health-care'	1934	See Table III 'Health-care'
2. Basic legislation		Law of 1972		Law of 1951, modified	
<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>					
Field of application	All workers bound by a contract of service and categories assimilated thereto	All persons on the labour market (employees and self-employed, including spouse if helping)	All persons in paid employment	Employees and assimilated	All employees or persons assimilated thereto
Membership ceiling	-	-	Non-industrial staff: DM 37 800 (1)	-	-
Dependants other than insured person	-	-	In cases of hospitalization, also members of the family	-	-
<b>CONDITIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fulfilment of the conditions imposed for health care: required registration period, minimum working period, minimum contributions, maintenance of rights acquired, origin of the complaint</li> <li>- To have ceased all activities with at least a 66% reduction in earning capacity</li> <li>- To have provided the sickness fund doctor with a 'notice of cessation of work' within 2 days</li> </ul>	Illness must entail total or partial incapacity for work	For incapacity for work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incapacity for work certified by the Institute's doctor</li> <li>- 100 days of work subject to contributions during the previous year or the 12 first months of the 15 preceding the illness</li> </ul>	Incapacity for work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for the first 6 months, 200 hours during the 3 months prior to the date of treatment;</li> <li>- for subsequent period,               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. must have been registered for 12 months;</li> <li>. able to prove having worked 800 hours during those 12 months, of which</li> <li>. 200 working hours during the first of the 4 quarters preceding the cessation of work</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

(1) 75% of the contribution ceiling for pension insurance.

## SICKNESS - CASH BENEFITS

Table IV - 1

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
1911 Laws of 1952 - 1976	See Table III 'Health care'	See Table III 'Health care'	1913 Law of 5 June 1913 on sickness insurance, amended and supplemented	1911 Act of 1975 and regulations
<u>Flat-rate benefit:</u> With some exceptions, all persons aged 16 years and over employed under a contract of service or apprenticeship <u>Pay-related benefit:</u> Idem	Industrial staff (1) or persons assimilated thereto	All persons in paid employment	All persons under 65 in paid employment	<u>Flat-rate benefits:</u> All employed and self-employed persons (2) <u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> All employed persons under minimum pension age (65 for men; 60 for women) entitled to flat-rate sickness benefit
-	-	-	-	-
-	For TB: members of insured person's family	In the event of hospitalization, members of insured person's family	-	-
<u>Flat-rate benefit:</u> - Incapacity for work; - 26 contributions paid; - 48 contributions paid or credited during the contribution year preceding the benefit year (3). If less than 48 but more than 26 contributions paid or credited, a reduced benefit is payable <u>Pay-related benefit:</u> Have right to flat-rate benefit and have had reckonable earnings over IRL 14.00 per week in the relevant tax year	Incapacity for work. For TB: TB in active phase	Incapacity for work	Incapacity for work	<u>Flat-rate benefit:</u> Incapacity for work; either at least 26 contributions paid before 6/4/75 or contributions paid in any tax year since 6/4/75 amounting to at least 25 times the minimum weekly contribution for that year. For full benefit, contributions paid in the appropriate tax year of at least 50 times the minimum <u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> Title to flat-rate benefit and contributions paid on earnings over 50 times the lower earning's limit in the relevant tax year

- (1) In Italy non-industrial staff do not receive cash benefits in the event of sickness but employers must by law continue to pay their salaries for at least three months.  
(2) Except married women who opted before April 1977 not to be insured.  
(3) From January 1981, the benefit year will begin on the first Monday of January and the contribution year will be the last complete tax year preceding this date.

## SICKNESS - CASH BENEFITS

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
Waiting period	1 working day No waiting period: - if the insured person has been unemployed for at least 9 days within the 21 days prior to the incapacity for work; - if incapacity is due to pregnancy or confinement; - for unemployed persons in the employment of the public authorities; - if the worker has been in contact with someone suffering from an infectious disease	Wage earners: - Self-employed persons: 5 weeks (voluntary insurance may cover the first 5 weeks)	1 day No waiting period if incapacity for work is the result of an employment injury or an occupational disease	3 days	3 days
BENEFITS Duration of benefits	Maximum of 1 year (= period of 'primary incapacity for work')	Unlimited. Pensioners not more than 13 weeks in a 12 month period	For the same illness, limited to 78 weeks over a 3-year period	180 days (then, possibly, invalidity)	Normally 12 months (360 days) per period of 3 consecutive years, but until end of 36th month for 'protracted sickness' Exception: until end of 48th month when insured person undergoes course of rehabilitation or vocational retraining
Amount of benefits	Without hospitalization: 60% of earnings (Maximum earnings taken as basis: BFR 2 166.55 per day) For industrial staff account must also be taken of the law on the minimum weekly wage (80%) (1) and for non-industrial staff the law on contracts of employment (100% for 1 month) With hospitalization: ditto	90% of average weekly earnings Maximum benefit: DKR 1 569 per week (employer pays benefits for first 5 weeks but reimbursement of 4th and 5th week by the Commune)	80% of the normal salary but not exceeding the net salary Normal salary: salary used during the last 4 weeks for contributions up to the ceiling. The law on salary maintenance of 27.7.1969 foresees the continued payment of salary by the employer for 6 weeks. After 1 year adjustment as for pensions	- 50% of E E = average earnings of one of the 22 classes of insurance to which corresponds the real earnings - 10% increase for every dependant (maximum 4) - Overall maximum for benefits: DRA 677 per day	Without hospitalization: 50% of earnings with 3 children, 66 2/3% from 31st day (Maximum earnings taken as basis; earnings on which social security contribution is assessed). Minimum for protracted complaint after 7th month: 1/365 of minimum invalidity pension With hospitalization: without dependants: 20% with 2 children: 50%
Other benefits	Death grant: BFR 21 403	Death grant: see Table VIII (Other benefits)	- May be provided for in the regulations in addition to the statutory minimum benefits - Sickness benefit (maximum 5 days per year) if a child is ill - Death grant: 20 times basic earnings (minimum DM 100)	Death grant: at least 8 times the reckonable earnings of the lowest group, i.e. DRA 18 400	- When incapacity exceeds 3 months: revision of sickness benefit to bring it in line with the general increase in wages - Allowance for handicapped adults: FF 1 300 (means-tested)

(1) The collective agreements extend thus to a 30 days' minimum wage and to 100%.

## SICKNESS - CASH BENEFITS

Table IV - 2

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<u>Flat-rate benefits:</u> 3 days <u>Pay-related benefits:</u> 12 days	3 days For TB: None	None	2 days No waiting period: - if the employed person's occupational association has such a provision in its regulations	<u>Flat-rate benefits:</u> 3 days <u>Earnings-related:</u> 12 days
<u>Flat-rate benefits:</u> - Unlimited if the claimant has paid 156 contributions - Limited to 52 weeks if between 26 and 156 contributions paid <u>Pay-related benefits:</u> Limited to 381 days	Maximum of 6 months (180 days) per year For TB: no limit during treatment Maximum of 2 years for post-sanatorium allowance; 2 years for the treatment allowance (renewable every 2 years)	52 weeks	12 months (52 weeks)	<u>Flat-rate benefits:</u> - 168 days in a period of interruption of employment then replaced by invalidity benefit <u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> 156 days (non including Sundays)
<u>Flat-rate benefits:</u> IRL 20.45 per week (married woman dependent on her husband: IRL 18.00) <u>Increases for dependants:</u> - 1 dependant adult: IRL 13.25 - each of the first two children: IRL 5.95 - each further child IRL 4.90 <u>Pay-related benefits:</u> First 147 days 40% next 78 days at 30% followed by 78 days at 25% and 78 days at 20% of reckonable weekly earnings between IRL 14 and IRL 140 The combined sickness benefit and pay-related benefit may not exceed 85% of reckonable weekly earnings	Without hospitalization: Sickness: 50%; from 21st day 66 2/3% (earnings taken as basis; real earnings) TB: - daily allowance during treatment: insured person; as the sickness benefit for 180 days, then LIT 4 298; members of the family: LIT 2 149 - daily post-sanatorium allowance (1): insured person: LIT 7 162; members of the family: LIT 3 582 - allowance for a cure (2): LIT 40 000 per month With hospitalization: Sickness: allowances reduced 2/5 for insured person without dependants TB: as the daily allowance during treatment	Without hospitalization: The gross salary which the insured person would have earned if he had continued to work With hospitalization: - without dependants a gratuity amounting to 1/3 of the cash-sickness benefit; - with dependants a household allowance equal to the cash benefit for the first 10 days of hospitalization and to 85% of this benefit for the subsequent period of hospitalization	80% of the daily wage (maximum earnings taken as a basis; HFL 237.03 a day or HFL 1 185.15 a week. With the Ministers approval this percentage can be increased by the occupational associations	<u>Flat-rate benefits:</u> UKL 18.50 per week <u>Increases for dependants:</u> - 1 dependant adult: UKL 11.45 - Each child: UKL 1.70 <u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> One third of average weekly earnings between UKL 17.50 and UKL 30 plus 15% of earnings between UKL 30 and UKL 120. Limited to the amount needed to bring total weekly benefit (incl. flat-rate benefit increase for dependants and earnings-related supplement) up to 85% of reckonable weekly earnings
Death grant: see Table VIII (Other benefits)	Death grant: LIT 20 000 TB: special Christmas grants of LIT 25 000 to the insured (plus LIT 3 000 for dependants). LIT 15 000 for members of the insured's family	Death grant: LFR 22 313. For children under 6: 50% For children dead at birth: 20%	Death grant: daily wage multiplied by the number of days between day of death and the last day of 2nd following month	Death grant: see Table VIII (Other benefits)

(1) Provided that the treatment in sanatorium has lasted at least 2 months.

(2) The allowance is granted after the post-sanatorium treatment is completed where earnings capacity is reduced by at least half.



**MATERNITY**

Table V - 1

## MATERNITY

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
FIELD OF APPLICATION	<u>Benefits in kind:</u> - Insured women - Members of the family <u>Cash benefits:</u> Insured women	<u>Benefits in kind:</u> All residents <u>Cash benefits:</u> All employed and self-employed persons, including spouse helping	<u>Benefits in kind:</u> - Insured women - Wife and daughters of insured person <u>Cash benefits:</u> Insured women	<u>Benefits in kind:</u> - Insured women - Spouse or dependant of insured man <u>Cash benefits:</u> Insured women	<u>Benefits in kind:</u> - Insured women - Wife and daughters of insured person <u>Cash benefits:</u> Insured women
CONDITIONS	<u>Cash benefits:</u> Contributions paid for 6 months	<u>Benefits in kind:</u> 6 weeks of residence <u>Cash benefits (employees):</u> - Income during last 4 weeks before period of absence must at least be 10% of average earnings - income during previous tax year or income during at least 6 months during the previous 12 must at least be 10% of average earnings	<u>Cash benefits:</u> For maternity allowance: 12 weeks, insurance between the 10th and 4th month prior to confinement	<u>Benefits in kind:</u> 50 days insurance, as for health benefits <u>Cash benefits:</u> 200 days work resulting in contributions during the last 2 years	<u>Benefits in kind:</u> See Table III 'Health care' <u>Cash benefits:</u> Employment in a post for 1 200 hours during the year. Registration under insurance scheme for at least 10 months at the expected date of confinement
BENEFITS Benefits in kind	(See Table III 'Sickness-health care')	Free maternity services and hospital care	(See Table III 'Sickness-health care') - Midwife, doctor (incl. medical examinations), maternity hospital - Drugs, etc.	For birth expenses: DRA 14 288	(See Table III 'Sickness-health care') - Midwife or doctor - Maternity hospital (free for 12 days) - Private clinic (flat-rate allowance covering stay of 12 days) - Free drugs in a public hospital lump sum if the confinement takes place at home or in private clinic

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p><u>Benefits in kind:</u> All residents <u>Cash benefits:</u> <u>Maternity allowance and pay-related benefit:</u> Insured women <u>Maternity grant:</u> (a) Health services: persons with full eligibility (b) Social insurance system: insured women or wives of insured persons</p>	<p><u>Benefits in kind:</u> All women residents <u>Cash benefits:</u> Insured women or alternatively fathers</p>	<p><u>Benefits in kind:</u> - Insured women - Wife of insured person <u>Cash benefits:</u> <u>Allowance:</u> insured women <u>General allowance:</u> All women residents</p>	<p><u>Benefits in kind:</u> - Insured women - Wife and daughters of insured person <u>Cash benefits:</u> Insured women</p>	<p><u>Benefits in kind:</u> All women residents <u>Cash benefits:</u> <u>Maternity allowance:</u> Employed or self-employed insured women <u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> All employed women entitled to flat-rate maternity allowance <u>Maternity grant:</u> Employed, self-employed insured women, wives of insured persons and voluntary contributors</p>
<p><u>Maternity allowances:</u> - 26 contribution weeks of insurable employment for which the appropriate contributions have been paid - 26 contribution weeks registered (paid or credited) in the last contribution year before the beginning of the benefit year in which the allowance is due to commence or in a subsequent complete contribution year, if any, before the allowance is due to commence (1) <u>Pay-related benefit:</u> See Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits' <u>Maternity grant:</u> - 26 contribution weeks of insurable employment for which the appropriate contributions have been paid - and 26 contribution weeks registered (paid or credited) in the last complete contribution year before the beginning of the benefit year in which the confinement takes place or in a subsequent complete contribution year, if any, before the date of confinement (1)</p>	<p>None</p>	<p><u>Cash benefits:</u> <u>Allowance:</u> must have been affiliated for 6 months in the year preceding the birth <u>General allowance:</u> 1 year's residence and not having entitlement to insured women allowance</p>	<p>None</p>	<p><u>Maternity allowances:</u> At least 26 paid contributions before 6 April 1975 or contributions paid in any tax year since 6 April 1975 amounting to at least 25 times the minimum weekly contribution for that year For full benefit, contributions paid or credited in the appropriate tax year amounting to at least 50 times the minimum weekly contribution for that year <u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> See Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits' <u>Maternity grant:</u> At least 26 contributions paid before 6 April 1975 or contributions paid in any tax year since 6 April 1975 amounting to at least 25 times the minimum weekly contribution for that year Contributions paid or credited in the appropriate tax year amounting to at least 25 times the minimum weekly contribution for that year</p>
<p>Maternity services and hospital care for infants under 6 weeks are free except that those whose income is IRL 7 000 or more are liable for doctors' fees</p>	<p>(See Table III 'Sickness-health care') - Midwife - Doctor in the event of complications - Free stay in a maternity hospital or approved clinic - Free drugs</p>	<p>(See Table III 'Sickness-health-care') - Midwife and medical assistance - Stay in maternity hospital, drugs and baby foods (2)</p>	<p>(See Table III 'Sickness-health-care') - Midwife; in the event of complications, doctor and hospital - Maternity hospital or payment for care at home for 10 days (up to a ceiling)</p>	<p>Free health care under the National Health Service</p>

(1) See Tables IV 'Sickness-cash benefits', footnote 1.  
(2) These benefits are covered by payment of a lump sum.

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
Cash benefits	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confinement allowance (1): 14 weeks (of which 8 after confinement)</li> <li>2. Birth grant</li> </ol>	<p>Employed persons: Weekly payments for 14 weeks from not more than 8 weeks before expected confinement (6 weeks in the case of an adoption)</p> <p>Self-employed persons: 4 weeks after confinement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maternity allowance: 6 weeks before and 8 weeks after birth (12 weeks in case of birth before term or multiple birth) as well as during the prolonged maternity leave (1) (2)</li> <li>2. Grant for birth expenses</li> </ol>	<p>Maternity allowance payable to insured women 42 days before and 42 days after confinement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Daily allowance (1): 16 weeks (of which 6 before confinement) 10 weeks in the case of adoption (3)</li> <li>2. Other allowances (for confinement see family benefits): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- nursing allowance, 4 months</li> <li>- milk vouchers, 4 months</li> <li>- allowance for medical supervision of the child up to 6 years of age</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Miscellaneous: e.g. contribution towards cost of domestic help</li> </ol>
Amount	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 79.5% of lost earnings for a maximum of 14 weeks (4) followed by 60%</li> <li>2. See Table X, 'Family benefits'</li> </ol>	<p>See 'Sickness-cash benefits' (90% of average weekly earnings, not more than DKR 1 569 per week)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Insured women</u>: equivalent of net wage (minimum DM 3.50 per day) or sickness allowance or lump sum (in certain circumstances) of DM 150; <u>co-beneficiaries</u>: lump sum of DM 35 - DM 150</li> <li>2. Lump sum of DM 100</li> </ol>	<p>50% of earnings (see 'sickness') but without a ceiling</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 90% of earnings</li> <li>2. Nursing allowance: FF 42.5 per month for 4 months Milk vouchers: FF 5 per month for 4 months</li> </ol>

(1) Only if wage is discontinued.

(2) The prolonged maternity leave is granted until child is 6 months old. During this period, the benefits granted are in the range DM 3.50 and DM 25 per day.

(3) For children born or adopted after 1/7/1980: from the 3rd child, 26 weeks (18 weeks if adopted)

(4) These extra benefits only paid for days when guaranteed earnings not received.

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p><u>Maternity allowance and pay-related benefit:</u> (payable only under the insurance rights of the woman) is paid 6 weeks before the confinement and 6 weeks after (if confinement is later than predicted, the period of payment may be extended)</p> <p><u>Maternity grant:</u></p> <p>(a) Health services, lump sum</p> <p>(b) Social insurance system, lump sum (if both spouses are insured, two grants payable) (1)</p>	<p><u>Maternity allowance</u> (2): 2 months before the presumed confinement date and 3 months after (Optionally, 6 supplementary months) (3)</p>	<p><u>Insured women allowance</u> (2) and <u>general allowance</u> (4): 16 weeks (8 of which before birth)</p> <p><u>Birth grant:</u> (see Table X 'Family benefits')</p>	<p><u>Confinement allowance</u> (2): 12 weeks</p>	<p><u>Maternity allowance:</u> (payable only under the insurance rights of the woman); weekly payments for 18 weeks beginning 11 weeks before the expected confinement. May be extended if the confinement occurs later than expected</p> <p><u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> payable from the 13th day of maternity allowance for duration of maternity allowance period (5)</p> <p><u>Maternity grant:</u> Lump sum payable under the rights of insurance of the woman or her husband (but not both)</p>
<p><u>Maternity allowance:</u> IRL 20.45 per week</p> <p><u>Pay-related benefit:</u> See Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits'</p> <p><u>Maternity grants:</u></p> <p>(a) Health services: IRL 8 per child</p> <p>(b) Social insurance system: IRL 8 per confinement</p>	<p>80% of earnings for the compulsory period, and 30% for the supplementary period</p>	<p><u>Insured women allowance:</u> Same amount as the sickness cash benefit</p> <p><u>General allowances:</u> LFR 2 550 per week</p> <p><u>Birth grant:</u> See Table X, 'Family benefits'</p>	<p>100% of earnings</p>	<p><u>Maternity allowance:</u> UKL 18.50 per week</p> <p>- Increases for dependants: one adult dependant UKL 11.45 per week</p> <p>- Each child UKL 1.70 per week</p> <p><u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> See Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits'</p> <p><u>Maternity grant:</u> UKL 25</p>

- (1) In addition, maternity grants for multiple births (see Table X 'Family benefits').
- (2) Only if wage is discontinued.
- (3) The optional supplementary leave may be requested by the father if the mother does not claim, or if the father has sole charge.
- (4) Non-cumulative with similar benefits or with earnings.
- (5) Unless right to benefit already exhausted.



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<b>LEGISLATION</b> 1. First law 2. Basic legislation	28 December 1944  Law of 9 August 1963, supplemented and amended	1921  Law of 4 June 1965	22 June 1889  Industrial staff: Social Insurance Code (RVO) of 19.7.1911, version of 23.2.1957, with numerous amendments Non-industrial staff: Law of 20.12.1911 in the version of 23.2.1957, with numerous amendments. General section of the Social Code 11.12.1975. Prescriptions 23.12.1976	1934  Law of 14 June 1951, modified	5 April 1930  RAP of 29 December 1945 - Social Security Code (Code SS) Decree of 12 September 1960 Decree of 28 March 1961
<b>RISKS COVERED</b>	A worker who as a result of sickness or infirmity cannot earn more than one third of the normal earnings of a worker in the same category and with the same training	A person is considered to be an invalid when his capacity to work is reduced permanently because of a mental or physical illness	a) A worker who as a result of sickness or infirmity cannot earn more than half the normal earnings of a healthy insured person with similar training and equivalent skills in employment corresponding to his occupational position and skills (Occupational invalidity - Berufsunfähigkeit) b) A worker who as a result of sickness or infirmity is no longer able to work regularly or cannot earn more than a minimal income (General invalidity - Erwerbsunfähigkeit)	a) A person is considered to be an invalid when, as a result of illness or physical or mental disability, he or she cannot earn more than one third of the normal earnings of a worker in the same category or training during at least 6 months b) However, those who can no longer earn more than half the normal earnings obtain 75% of the benefit and those who can no longer earn more than two-thirds obtains an amount equal to the benefit for 2 years	A worker who as a result of sickness or infirmity can no longer in any occupation whatsoever earn more than one third of the normal earnings of a worker in the same category, with the same training and in the same region. The worker is classified under Group 1 if he is nonetheless still considered capable of being gainfully employed, and under Group 2 if he is not. He is classified under Group 3 if he requires the help of another person
<b>FIELD OF APPLICATION</b>	Industrial and non-industrial staff	All resident nationals	Industrial and non-industrial staff Handicapped persons	Employees and assimilated	Industrial and non-industrial staff All employees
<b>CONDITIONS</b> Minimum period of membership giving entitlement to benefits	6 months, with 120 days worked	At least one year of residence after the age of 15	Industrial and non-industrial staff: 60 months Requirement considered to be fulfilled when the insured person has become incapable of working or has died as a result of certain occurrences (e.g. employment injury) or under certain circumstances Handicapped persons: 240 months of insurance	1 500 working days (300 of which in the 5 years preceding the invalidity) except if employment injury (1)	12 months, with 800 hours worked, of which 200 during the quarter prior to ceasing work
(1) If injury not due to employment: 750 working days (150 of which during the 5 preceding years).					

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<p>1911</p> <p>Laws of 1952 - 1980</p>	<p>21 April 1919</p> <p>Decree laws of 4 October 1935 and 14 April 1939. Decree of 27 April 1968 and Law of 30 April 1969</p> <p>Laws of 11 August 1972 and of 3 June 1975</p>	<p>6 May 1911</p> <p>Social Insurance Code, Book III, of 1925 (Industrial staff), with numerous amendments</p> <p>Law of 29 August 1951 (non-industrial staff), with numerous amendments</p>	<p>5 June 1913</p> <p>(a) Law of 18 February 1966</p> <p>(b) Law of 11 December 1975 setting up a national insurance system</p>	<p>1911</p> <p>Act of 1975 and regulations thereunder</p>
<p>All insured persons who have been incapable of working for 12 months and whose incapacity is likely to continue for at least a further 12 months</p>	<p>A worker whose earnings ability, in occupations suited to his capacity, is permanently reduced to less than one third as a result of sickness or infirmity</p>	<p>a) A worker (industrial staff) who as a result of sickness or infirmity cannot earn more than one third of the normal earnings of a worker in the same category, with the same training and in the same region and for whom no employment suited to his strength and skills and, to an acceptable degree, to his training, can be found</p> <p>b) A worker (non-industrial staff) who as a result of sickness or infirmity is unable to carry on the occupation which he had carried on in his last post or another occupation suited to his capacity and, to an acceptable degree, to his training</p>	<p>(a) and (b)</p> <p>A person considered completely or partially incapable of working when as a result of sickness or infirmity he can no longer earn, from an activity corresponding to his strength and skill and with due allowance for his training and his previous position in his occupation, the same as that earned by someone normally earned in a similar occupation</p> <p>No distinction is made as regards the cause of the incapacity (invalidity or employment injury)</p>	<p>Incapacity for work by reason of physical or mental illness or disability in a period of interruption of employment where there has been entitlement to sickness benefit for 168 days (excluding Sundays)</p>
<p>With few exceptions, all persons aged 16 years and over, employed under a contract of service or apprenticeship</p>	<p>Industrial and non-industrial staff</p> <p>All employees</p>	<p>Industrial and non-industrial staff</p> <p>All employees or those considered as such</p>	<p>(a) All employees under 65</p> <p>(b) All residents under 65 without considering income or nationality</p>	<p>Employed and self-employed persons (1)</p>
<p>- At least 156 weekly contributions paid</p> <p>- At least 48 weekly contributions paid or credited during the contribution year (2) preceding the permanent incapacity to work</p>	<p>General invalidity:</p> <p>5 years and at least 260 weekly contributions or 60 monthly contributions of which 52 and 12 respectively during the 5 years prior to the application for a pension</p> <p>Occupational invalidity (3):</p> <p>1 year and at least 52 weekly contributions</p>	<p>Industrial staff: 270 days of insurance (4)</p> <p>Non-industrial staff: 12 months of insurance (4)</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Must have been entitled to sickness payments for 168 days in the period of interruption of employment</p>
<p>(1) Except married women who chose before April 1977 not to be insured.</p> <p>(2) See Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits', footnote 1.</p> <p>(3) Invalidity caused by circumstances of employment other than industrial injury.</p> <p>(4) No qualifying period if invalidity is caused by employment injury.</p>				

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
Minimum level of incapacity for work	66.66%	50%	Occupational invalidity: 50% General invalidity: 100%	33.33%	66.66%
Period for which cover is given	The day after the end of the primary period of incapacity until retirement age	From the 1st of the month following the application Maximum age: 66 years	From the end of the month in which the conditions are fulfilled At the age of 65 at the earliest the pension is converted into old-age pension provided that the minimum period of membership has been completed	a. From the date when invalidity is deemed to exist and without limit on duration, except if person is eligible for an old age pension b. Limited to 2 years in case of 33.33% incapacity	From the date when the state of invalidity is deemed to exist The pension is discontinued at the age of 60 and replaced by the old-age pension
<b>BENEFITS</b> Amount of pension	Allowances: 65% of the lost earnings (subject to ceiling) if there are dependants; 43.5% if no dependants. Minimum (for regularly employed) • with dependants: BFR 715 per day • without dependants: Men BFR 572 per day Women BFR 534 per day	<u>Invalidity pension:</u> <u>Incapacity level:</u> - 50-66%: 1/2 basic amount + 1/2 invalidity amount - 67- about 100%: basic amount + invalidity amount - about 100%: basic amount + invalidity amount + unemployability amount <u>Basic amount:</u> Married persons: DKR 22 452 per year each if both are pensioners Others: DKR 24 444 (1) <u>Invalidity amount:</u> Married persons: DKR 9 756 per year each if both have invalidity pension Others: DKR 11 376 <u>Unemployability amount:</u> Married persons: DKR 11 412 per year each if both have this amount Others: DKR 15 768	<u>Pension formula:</u> a. for occupational invalidity $1\% \times n \times E \times c$ b. for general invalidity $1.5\% \times n \times E \times c$ $n$ = Number of years of insurance (contribution periods, equivalent, credited (2) and supplementary periods). Supplementary periods = number of years to run until age of 55. These are added when the worker qualifies for invalid insurance before reaching that age, provided that the following are covered by contributions: - either for at least 36 months during the 60 months prior to the risk incurred, - or for at least half the period of membership (minimum 60 months). $E$ = General basic earnings, fixed for 1980 at DM 21 911 p.a. $c$ = Individual coefficient - average ratio for each year of the gross earnings of the person concerned to average gross earnings of all those insured (max. 2) (3)	See old age pension If 50% incapacity, amount of pension reduced by 25% If 100% incapacity, pension is increased by 50%, for care by a third person	<u>Pensions:</u> a. Group 1 (those still able to work): $30\% \times E$ b. Group 2: $50\% \times E$ c. Group 3 (those requiring help from another person): Class 2 pension + 40% supplement Minimum supplement: FF 32 767.20 p.a. $E$ = Average annual earnings for the 10 years of insurance prior to interruption of work or, where applicable, a shorter period
Annual earnings ceiling	BFR 675 900	-	Industrial staff { DM 50 400 Non-industrial staff {	DRA 50 075 per month	Industrial staff { FF 60 120 Non-industrial staff {

(1) If income is not above a certain level.

(2) Credited periods = periods of sickness (minimum 4 weeks), rehabilitation, unemployment, studies (over 16 years of age, up to 5 years) which are taken into account provided that at least half of the period of membership (minimum 60 months) is covered by contributions.

(3) If exceeded, possibility of obtaining increases.

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
-	66.66%	Industrial staff: 66.66% Non-industrial staff: no level is laid down, but the worker must be incapable of carrying on his occupation in a permanent manner	a. 15% b. 25%	-
From the date when the state of invalidity is deemed to exist (normally after sickness period) Maximum age: none	From the month following the application by the party concerned Maximum age: none	For permanent incapacity: • immediately, for temporary • incapacity - from 7th month At 65, takes form of old-age pension	a. From the end of the period for which sickness benefit is paid until the age of 65 b. After 52 weeks of incapacity until the age of 65	<u>For the pension:</u> The day after the end of the primary period of incapacity until retirement age (1) <u>For the allowances:</u> As above, but to qualify the incapacity must begin at least 5 years before retirement age
<u>Invalidity pension:</u> IRL 22.05 per week except married women dependant on their husbands IRL 19.40 per week	Pension formula: $2\% \times n \times E$ $n$ = number of years of insurance (maximum 40) $E$ = average annual earnings in respect of which contributions have been due for the best 3 years during the last 10 years Minimum: LIT 2 139 150 (LIT 2 266 150 if more than 15 years contributions) Social security pension: LIT 156 000 (12 000 x 13) of the annual contributory pension is provided by the Social Fund as a social security pension	Pensions: Consisting of a fixed amount (2) + a supplement. Fixed amount: LFR 47 815 p.a. Supplement: - 1.6% of total earnings; - earnings adjusted according to index and changes in wage level; - for invalidity before age of 55, special supplement for each entire calendar month either from beginning of right to a pension or right to cash sickness benefit up to age of 55 This supplement is 1.6% of the minimum social pension for the period preceding the 35th birthday and 1.6% of the same salary enhanced by 20% for the subsequent period Minimum pension: LFR 95 631 p.a. (at least 2 700 days of insurance) Minimum pension: LFR 191 453 (at least 35 years of insurance)	(a) Allowance (3): For incapacity level between: 15 - 25% : 10% E 25 - 35% : 20% E 35 - 45% : 30% E 45 - 55% : 40% E 55 - 65% : 50% E 65 - 80% : 65% E 80% and over: 80% E $E$ = daily earnings, subject to ceiling (minimum earnings: HFL 111.86 per day (4)) (b) Daily allowance (3) for incapacity level between: 25 - 35% : 20% 35 - 45% : 30% 45 - 55% : 40% 55 - 65% : 50% 65 - 80% : 65% 80% + : 80% of the basic amount = HFL 68.75 This basic amount is increased to HFL 98 for married persons whose income is less than HFL 14.70 per day (to HFL 80.83 if income is less than HFL 29.40 per day) (5)	<u>Invalidity pension:</u> Amount: UKL 23.30 per week reduced where recipient is inpatient in hospital for more than 8 weeks <u>In addition, Invalidity allowances:</u> 3 rates, varying according to the age when total disability arose: - persons under 40 years: UKL 4.90 - persons under 50 years: UKL 3.10 - persons under 60 years (55 for women): UKL 1.55 per week <u>Additional component:</u> An additional earnings-related pension based on 1.1/4% of earnings from 6 April 1978 between the upper and lower earning limits (6), amounts revalued annually
-	LIT 12 600 000	Industrial staff: none Non-industrial staff: LFR 918 528	a. HFL 61 628 p.a. (HFL 237.03 per day)	-

- (1) Deferment possible; maximum 5 years.
- (2) Conditions: 180 months of residence to obtain the whole of the fixed amount. Otherwise a proportion of the fixed amount is paid. This condition is not required where an occupational accident has led to the invalidity.
- (3) As well, a holiday allowance of HFL 103.74 per month for a married couple or HFL 72.62 for a single person.
- (4) Beneficiaries aged 23 years and over.
- (5) If both spouses receive the benefit, basic amount reduced to a total of HFL 98 per day.
- (6) I.e. contribution limits.

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
Supplements for dependants - spouse	-	A spouse (not a pensioner) receives a married person's allowance of DKR 3 120 p.a. payable to the pensioner. If a wife is 62-66 years old, her husband receives a wife's supplement of DKR 25 368 yearly (both allowances are means-tested)	-	See Table VII 'Old-age'	-
- children	(General family allowance scheme)	See 'Family benefits'	DM 1 834.8 p.a. until 18 (25 if studying or in occupational training (1))	See Table VII 'Old age'	(General family allowance scheme)
Other benefits	-	<u>Assistance allowance:</u> given for the personal aid of a third person and in cases of blindness or acute shortsightedness: DKR 11 376 p.a. This allowance can be replaced by: <u>Constant surveillance allowance:</u> When the claimant needs constant surveillance or care by a third person: DKR 22 752 <u>Invalidity allowance:</u> given when earnings are too high for a pension, but when invalidity is medically certified, and in cases of deafness resulting in serious problems of communication: if spouse has same benefit or invalidity pension: DKR 8 892 p.a. Others: DKR 10 968 p.a. <u>General pensions supplement and Personal allowance:</u> (see Table VII 'Old-age')	-	-	-
ADJUSTMENT	- Automatic adjustment of allowances by 2% when the index of consumer prices varies by 1.02% in relation to the preceding index - Rates of allowances are adapted in line with the evolution of the general standard of living by fixing an annual adjustment coefficient or flat-rate charge via benefit grant	Automatically twice a year, following changes in prices Rates are regularly adjusted following rises in wages	Twofold adjustment to economic situation: 1. by automatic incidence of general basic earnings (see above) when the amount of the pension to be paid is fixed 2. by adjustment of the pension according to a coefficient which is fixed once a year by law	See Table VII 'Old-age'	Annual adjustment on 1 January and 1 July by statutory instrument fixing the coefficient of increase

(1) No accumulation with family allowances, supplements for children from accident insurance or orphans pension from old-age insurance and allowances where there are vocational contracts, etc. provided these exceed a certain sum.

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>IRL 14.30 per week in respect of a dependent adult</p> <p>IRL 6.40 per week for each of the first two children IRL 5.30 per week for each further child under 18 years of age</p>	<p>-</p> <p>(General family allowance scheme)</p>	<p>-</p> <p>LFR 10 200 p.a. per child (1)</p>	<p>-</p> <p>See 'Family allowances'</p>	<p>UKL 14.00 a week in respect of one adult dependant</p> <p>Each child for whom child benefit is received; UKL 7.10 a week</p>
<p><u>Living alone allowance:</u> paid to pensioner aged 66 or over living alone Amount: IRL 1.65 per week</p> <p><u>Prescribed relative allowance:</u> is payable to an incapacitated pensioner who is receiving full-time care and attention from a prescribed relative Rate: IRL 11.75 a week</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p><u>Death allowances:</u> a) <math>\frac{100}{107.5}</math> of daily earnings b) 100% of basic amount From the day of death until the last day of the second month which follows this (2)</p>	<p><u>Non contributory invalidity pension</u> can be paid to those not qualifying for invalidity benefit Rate: UKL 14.00 a week plus increases for dependants</p> <p><u>Attendance allowance</u> given when the nature of the invalidity necessitates frequent attention or constant supervision Amount: UKL 21.65 per week for a person who requires attendance or supervision by day and night, or UKL 14.45 (3) a week for a person who needs the attendance by day or by night (4)</p> <p><u>Mobility allowance</u> can be claimed by persons who are unable or virtually unable to walk Rate: UKL 14.50 a week (5)</p>
<p>Invalidity pensions are normally increased once a year</p>	<p>6 monthly (1 January and 1 July) automatic adjustment of pensions by decree. Reference indices: i) <u>Pensions above minimum</u> a) Cost of living b) 1 January only: difference between this and minimum wage level in industry ii) <u>Minimum pension</u> Minimum wage level in industry (6)</p>	<p>1. Automatic adjustment of pensions wherever the index varies by 2.5% in relation to the preceding index 2. Adjustment of pensions to earnings level (most recent adjustment at 1.4.1979 to the 1977 earnings level). The special supplements are linked to the adjustments made to the minimum social salary</p>	<p>(a) and (b) Compulsory adjustment on 1 January and 1 July which is pegged to the earnings index during the period 30 April to 31 October or preceding 31 October to 30 April. In particular cases additional adaptations can be made between these dates</p>	<p>Adjustment by legislation at least annually in line with movements in the general level of earnings or prices, whichever is more beneficial</p>

- (1) Accumulation of supplements for children with family allowances.
- (2) As long as incapacity rate is 80%.
- (3) From 24 November 1980.
- (4) People who cannot work because they have to stay at home to care for a severely disabled relative receiving an attendance allowance may qualify for invalid care allowance at the rate of UKL 16.30 a week.
- (5) From 26 November 1980.
- (6) Pensions below minimum: indexed to cost of living.

INVALIDITY

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
ACCUMULATION WITH OTHER SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS (1)	Accumulation with employment injuries' or occupational diseases' pension is possible up to a variable maximum	Cash benefits can be accumulated, but a special reduction is possible when the basic amount and unemployability amount is combined with an employment injury pension	If combined with an employment injury pension, the invalidity pension is suspended when the total exceeds 80% of the highest basic earnings	Accumulation possible with widow's pension	Accumulation with an employment injuries' or occupational diseases' pension limited to the normal earnings of a worker in the same category
PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION	Functional and occupational re-training, in accordance with decision of panel of doctors, in specialized establishments	Measures to lessen the consequences of invalidity by: - assistance for special medical care; - maintenance allowances during vocational rehabilitation; - appliances and aids supplied by local authorities under the Social Assistance Act of 1974	Rehabilitation; medical benefits and occupational training as well as other measures, including transitional benefits (80% of the normal salary provided it does not exceed the net salary)	-	Vocational retraining in specialized vocational retraining centres or establishments, subject to a psycho-technical examination, with the social security funds contributing to the costs; the pensions or part of the pensions are continued

(1) In any case invalidity pensions and old-age pensions are mutually exclusive.

INVALIDITY

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
Not payable with any pension under the Social Welfare Acts	Accumulation of general invalidity pension with an employment injuries' or occupational diseases' pension (within the limit of annual earnings and subject to the ceiling, when the pensions are granted for the same invalidity)	A reduction of the invalidity pension is possible in certain cases when combined, for example, with an employment injuries' pension	(a) and (b) Reduction of the invalidity pension where combined with a benefit granted by foreign legislation for the same incapacity for work (a) Deduction of amount of general insurance indemnity	Attendance allowance can be paid in addition to any other benefit except other allowances paid for the same purpose
-	The INPS is able to grant medical care etc. to prevent or reduce invalidity and to restore capacity for work Hospitalization is free and charged to the Region	The insurance may require that curative treatment be given to restore a pensioner's capacity for work or avert an insured person's imminent incapacity; the pension may be entirely or partially suspended during this treatment	(a) - (b) Possibility for the person concerned of measures to maintain, restore or improve his capacity for work, such as rehabilitation, training or retraining. Measures may also be taken to improve his living conditions	Preventive medical care and medical rehabilitation are provided by the National Health Service. Industrial rehabilitation and vocational training, sheltered employment and a specialized placement service are provided by the Department of Employment under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Acts 1944 and 1958 Allowances are payable during training



**OLD-AGE**

Table VII - 1

## OLD-AGE

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE (1)
LEGISLATION					
1. First law	10 May 1900	1. National pensions 1891 2. Supplementary pensions 1964	22 June 1889	1934	5 April 1910
2. Basic legislation	Royal Decree of 24 October 1967	1. Law of 4 June 1965 2. Law of 7 March 1964	Industrial staff: Social Insurance Code (HVO) of 19 July 1911, version of 23 February 1957, with numerous amendments Non-industrial staff: Law of 20 December 1911, version of 23 February 1957, with numerous amendments General section of the social code (11 December 1975) Prescriptions (23 December 1976)	14 June 1951, amended	- Law of 5 April 1928 - Social Security Code (Code SS), Books I-III - Decree of 29 December 1945, amended - Law of 31 December 1971 - Law of 3 January 1975 - Law of 30 December 1975
FIELD OF APPLICATION	Industrial and non-industrial staff All employees	1. <u>National pension</u> All resident nationals 2. <u>Supplementary pension</u> All employees aged 18-66 working 10 hours or more per week	Industrial and non-industrial staff	Employees and assimilated	Industrial and non-industrial staff All employees
CONDITIONS					
Minimum period of membership	None	1. <u>National pension</u> At least 1 year of residence after the age of 15 2. <u>Supplementary pension</u> None	180 months of insurance	4 050 working days which have given rise to contributions	None
Legal retirement age	Men: 65 Women: 60	1. Men: 67 Women: 62 (2) 2. Men: } 67 Women: }	Men and women: The beneficiary can choose between 63 and 67; in principle otherwise 65	Men: 65 Women: 60	Men: } 60 Women: }

(1) In addition to the statutory old-age insurance scheme there are the supplementary retirement schemes which, pursuant to the agreement of 8 December 1961 between the French National Employers' Council (CNPF) and the trade union organizations, must be set up in all occupational sectors covered by the CNPF.

(2) Single women are entitled to an old-age pension from the age of 62 years. Reduced pension if her income from other sources exceeds certain limits.

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>1908</p> <p>Old-age contributory pensions: Law of 1960 - 1980</p> <p>Retirement pensions: Laws of 1971 - 1980</p>	<p>21 April 1919</p> <p>- Decrees of 4 October 1935 and 14 April 1939</p> <p>- Decree of 27 April 1968</p> <p>- Law of 30 April 1969</p> <p>- Laws of 11 August 1972 and 3 June 1975</p>	<p>6 May 1911</p> <p>Industrial staff: Social Insurance Code, Book III, 1925, with numerous amendments</p> <p>Non-industrial staff: Law of 29 August 1951, with numerous amendments</p>	<p>5 June 1913</p> <p>General old-age insurance: Law of 31 May 1956</p>	<p>1908</p> <p>Act of 1975 and the regulations thereunder</p>
<p>With few exceptions, all persons aged 16 years and over employed under a contract of service or apprenticeship</p>	<p>Industrial and non-industrial staff</p> <p>All employees</p>	<p>Industrial and non-industrial staff</p> <p>All employees or those considered as such</p>	<p>All residents between the ages of 15 and 65 whatever their income or nationality</p>	<p>1. <u>Flat-rate pension</u> All persons over school age, resident in the UK (1)</p> <p>2. <u>Graduated pension</u> All employed persons in the scheme who earned more than UKL 9.00 a week between 6.4.1961 and 5.4.1975</p>
<p>1. <u>Retirement pension</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- must have become insured before the age of 55</li> <li>- at least 156 contribution weeks of insurable employment for which the appropriate contributions have been paid</li> <li>- annual average of at least 24 contribution weeks registered (paid or credited)</li> </ul> <p>2. <u>Old-age pension</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- must have become insured before the age of 60 (56 in certain cases)</li> <li>- at least 156 contribution weeks of insurable employment for which the appropriate contributions have been paid</li> <li>- annual average of at least 20 contribution weeks registered (paid or credited)</li> </ul>	<p>15 years of contributions</p>	<p>1 350 days of insurance of industrial staff (2)</p> <p>60 months of insurance for non-industrial staff (2)</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>1. <u>Flat-rate pension</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At least 50 weekly flat-rate contributions paid at any time before 6 April 1975, or contributions paid in any tax year amounting to at least 50 times the minimum contribution for that year</li> <li>- Requisite number of qualifying years with contributions amounting to at least 50 times the minimum weekly contribution for that year; the required number varies according to the length of working life</li> </ul> <p>2. <u>Graduated pensions</u>: none</p> <p>3. <u>Non-contributory pensions</u>: none</p>
<p>1. Men: } 65 Women: }</p> <p>2. Men: } 66 Women: }</p>	<p>Men: 60 (3) Women: 55 (3) (4)</p>	<p>Men: } 65 Women: }</p>	<p>Men: } 65 Women: }</p>	<p>Men: 65 Women: 60</p>

(1) Except married women who opted before April 1977 not to be insured.  
 (2) An allowance is granted to insured persons who at 65 do not fulfil the conditions laid down but have paid contributions for 1 080 days (i.e. 4 years of insurance).  
 (3) A 'seniority pension' is granted after 35 years of contributions irrespective of age, provided that the pensioner is no longer working.  
 (4) Women may retire on request at 60, like men.

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
<b>BENEFITS</b> Amount of pension	<p><b>Pension formula:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for a single person or married man without dependent wife: <math>1/45 \times 60\% \times E \times n</math>;</li> <li>- for a married man (dependant wife): <math>1/45 \times 75\% \times E \times n</math>;</li> <li>- for women: <math>1/40 \times 60\% \times E \times n</math>;</li> </ul> <p>n = Number of years during which remuneration has been paid</p> <p>E = 1. For years prior to 1.1.1955: the factor representing 60% E (or 75% E) is fixed at a flat-rate of BFR 245 052;</p> <p>2. For the years after 1.1.1955: Industrial staff: gross wage without ceiling - Non-industrial staff: 1955-1957: flat rate 1958-1967: earnings ceiling + 10% After 1968: earnings ceiling</p>	<p>1. <u>National pension</u> Married persons: DKR 22 452 p.a. each if both are pensioners Others: DKR 24 444 A full pension is paid if 40 years of residence after the age of 15 or if 10 years of residence of which at least 5 years immediately preceding the age of 67, otherwise reduced</p> <p><u>General pension supplement</u> Married persons DKR 4 608 p.a. each; Others: DKR 4.296 p.a.</p> <p><u>Personal allowance</u> Under special circumstances</p> <p>2. <u>Supplementary pension</u> DKR 4 008 p.a. if 40 years of membership. Otherwise reduced proportionally</p>	<p><b>Pension formula:</b> <math>1.5\% \times n \times E \times c</math>.</p> <p>n = Number of years of insurance (of. invalidity)</p> <p>E = The general basic earnings, which was fixed for 1980 at DM 21 911 p.a.</p> <p>c = Individual coefficient - average ratio for each year of the gross earnings of the person concerned and the average gross earnings of all those insured (max. 2) (1)</p>	<p><u>Basic pension</u> Earnings % for each of 22 insurance categories, corresponding to average gross earnings in previous 2 years. This % varies between 70 and 30 in inverse relationship to earnings.</p> <p><u>Supplement</u> After 3 000 days of insurance, supplement of 1% of earnings for every 300 contribution days (after 7 800 days). This % varies between 1.5 to 2.5 of earnings, depending on their amount</p>	<p><b>Pension formula: (at 60)</b> <math>E \times 20\% \times \frac{L}{30}</math></p> <p>E = Average earnings over the best 10 years n = Number of years up to 37 1/2 Minimum pension (means tested): FF 7 900 (2)</p>
Annual earnings ceiling	Industrial staff: none Non-industrial staff: BFR 675 900	-	Industrial staff: } DM 50 400 Non-industrial staff: }	DRA 50 025 per month	Industrial staff: } FF 60 120 Non-industrial staff: }
Supplement for dependants: - spouse	(varving amounts - see above)	1. Married person's allowance of DKR 3 120 p.a. if the spouse does not receive a pension. If a wife is between 62-66 years of age husband receives a wife's supplement of DKR 25 368 2. None	-	1 1/2 minimum earnings (DRA 714)	Spouse aged over 65 (60 if incapacitated): FF 7 900 p.a. (means tested)
- children	See 'Family allowances'	1. See 'Family benefits' 2. None	DM 1 834.8 per child per year until age 18 (25 if studying or vocational training (3))	1st child: 20%, 2nd: 15%, 3rd: 10% of pension with limit of DRA 20 070	- 10% of the pension to any pensioner who has at least 3 children, including children whom he has brought up for at least 9 years before their 16th birthday (4) - Mothers: credit of 2 years insurance per child

(1) If exceeded, possibility of obtaining increases.

(2) FF 7 700 can be added to this minimum in the form of an allowance from the National Solidarity Fund.

(3) No accumulation with family allowances but supplements for children from accident insurance, orphans pension from old age insurance and vocational training contract income provided these exceed a certain sum.

(4) Accumulation of supplements for children with family allowances.

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>1. <u>Retirement pension</u> IRL 24.50 per week (IRL 26.25 where the pensioner is aged 80 or over) if average of annual contribution weeks registered is 48 or more. Where average is less than 48 but 24 or more, a reduced pension is payable</p> <p>2. <u>Old-age pension</u> IRL 24.50 per week (IRL 26.25 where the pensioner is aged 80 or over) (1) if average of annual contribution weeks registered is 48 or more. Where average is less than 48 but 20 or more, a reduced pension is payable</p>	<p>Pension formula: <math>2\% \times n \times E</math> n = Number of years of insurance (maximum: 40) E = Average annual earnings in respect of which contributions during the best 3 of the previous 10 years</p> <p>Minimum: LIT 2 266 150 p.a. (LIT 2 139 150 if less than 15 years contributions)</p> <p>Social security pension: LIT 156 000 (12 000 x 13) of the annual contributory pension is provided by the Social Fund in the form of a social security pension</p> <p>Persons aged over 65 without income are entitled to a social pension of LIT 1 431 950 p.a. from the Social Fund (non-revertible)</p>	<p>Pension: Consisting of a fixed amount (2) + a supplement Fixed amount: LFR 47 815 p.a. Supplement: - 1.6% of total earnings; earnings adjusted according to index and the changes in wage level; - minimum pension: LFR 95 631 (for 2 700 days of insurance); - minimum pension: LFR 191 453 (with at least 35 years of insurance)</p>	<p>Annual amount: Single persons: 1/50 of HFL 12 115.80 Married persons: 1/50 of HFL 17 397 (3) for each year of insurance</p>	<p>1. <u>Flat-rate pension</u> UKL 23.30 per week (reduced if number of years is less than maximum but at least a quarter of the requisite figure (4))</p> <p>2. <u>Gratuanted pension</u> UKL 0.0304 per week for every UKL 7.50 (men) or UKL 9 (women) contributed (matched by the same amount from the employer)</p>
-	LIT 12 600 000	Industrial staff: none Non-industrial staff: LFR 918 528	-	-
<p>1. and 2. - Spouse aged under 66: IRL 15.65 per week - Spouse aged 66 or over: IRL 18.30 per week (5)</p>	See 'Family allowances'	-	(Varying amounts - see above)	<p>1. UKL 14.00 a week 2. None</p>
<p>IRL 6.40 a week for each of the first two children; IRL 5.30 a week for each further child aged under 18</p>	See 'Family allowances'	LFR 10 200 p.a. per child (6)	See 'Family benefits'	<p>1. Each child for whom child benefit is in payment: UKL 7.10 a week 2. -</p>

(1) An extra allowance of IRL 1.65 per week is granted to a pensioner aged 66 or over living alone.  
 (2) Conditions: 180 months, residence to obtain the whole of the fixed amount, otherwise a proportional amount is paid.  
 (3) In addition a 'holiday allowance' equal to HFL 103.74 per month for a married couple and HFL 72.62 per month for a single person is paid.  
 (4) From 6 April 1978 introduction of an additional earnings-related pension based on 1 1/4% of earnings between the upper and lower earnings limits, i.e. contribution limits.  
 (5) A pensioner who is so incapacitated as to require full-time care and attention may receive an increase in pension of IRL 11.75 per week in respect of a prescribed relative who is looking after the pensioner.  
 (6) Accumulation of supplements for children with family allowances.

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
ADJUSTMENT	- Automatic adjustment of pensions by 2% when the retail price index varies by more than 1.02% in relation to the preceding index - Rates of pensions are adapted in line with the evolution of the general standard of living by fixing an annual adjustment coefficient for increases or flat-rate adjustment via an allowance	1. Automatically adjusted twice a year following changes in prices. Rates are regularly adjusted following rises in wages 2. Only adjusted when sufficient funds	Twofold adjustment to economic situation: 1. by automatic incidence of general basic earnings (see above) when the amount of the pension to be paid is fixed 2. by adjustment of the pension according to a coefficient which is fixed once a year by law	As earnings, following collective bargaining	- Annual adjustments with effect from 1 January and 1 July by statutory instrument fixing the coefficient of increase
EARLY PENSION	1. Men and women: At the request of the person concerned, in which case reduction of 5% for each before normal retirement age (except for persons enjoying status of national recognition, prisoners of war and political prisoners). Earliest possible age: 60 for men and 55 for women, with special arrangements for the aged unemployed and those invalid for more than 1 year. 2. Men: At the age of 64 where there is proof that they have been in salaried employment for 45 years or in hard or dirty work	1. From 60 years of age in cases of bad health or other particular circumstances. Persons between 55 and 60 for social reasons or reasons linked to employment 2. None	1. Men and women: a) at the age of 63 (1) or 60 (in the case of war pensioners, occupational or other invalidity) after 35 years of insurance (2); b) at the age of 60 if unemployed for at least 1 year during the past 18 months (2) 2. Women: at the age of 60 if subject to compulsory insurance during at least half of the last 20 years (2)	1. With full pensions: - From 60 (55 for women) if arduous work - From 62 (57 for women) if 10 000 days of insurance or from 58 (men and women) for 10 500 days 2. With pension reduced by 6% per year (1/200th per month) from 60 (55 for women) in other cases	In the case of incapacity for work and deported persons or ex-service men, pension entitlement begins at 60 at the same rate as for 65 The same for manual workers (laborious work) who have 41 years insurance and for industrial staff who are mothers and who have raised at least 3 children and who have 30 years insurance or for women having 37.5 years insurance
DEFERMENT	A supplement is given for each additional year of work (max. 5), equal to 1/45 (men) or 1/40 (women) of 60% of earnings during the year (75% for households)	Supplement is obtained after deferment period of 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2 and 3 years immediately upon the 1st of the month following the 67th year and paid out with 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30%, respectively of the person's basic amount at the expiration of the deferment period	A supplement of 0.6% is added to the old-age pension per calendar month between 65 and 67	-	Pension or annuities: Possibility of deferring payment without any age limit. Rate 25% of pension supplemented by 1.25% per quarter of deferment beyond the age of 60
ACCUMULATION WITH EARNINGS	Forbidden, except for authorized work (work limited to 60 hours per month or 180 per quarter or giving rise to monthly earnings of BFR 8 351 or annually BFR 100 218. If person has charge of at least one child, these limits are higher	1. Permitted for basic amount when paid to persons over 67 years old (3) General pensions supplement is reduced by 30% for earnings in excess of DKR 9 300 p.a. for married persons each and DKR 6 400 for others Married person's allowance and wife's allowance are likewise means tested. 2. Permitted	Possible	Possible with monthly earnings limited to 35 times daily minimum earnings (DRA 476)	Possible
<p>(1) Up to the age of 65 earnings must not exceed DM 1 000 per month.  (2) Up to the age of 63 (62 in case of serious incapacity) earnings must not exceed DM 425 per month.  (3) Otherwise reduced by DKR 60 for every DKR 100 earned in excess of DKR 35 600 per year for a couple and in excess of DKR 20 300 for others, when earnings are due to work.</p>					

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
Pensions are normally increased once a year	Twice early (1 January and 1 July) automatic adjustment by decree. Reference indices: <u>Pensions above minimum:</u> a) Cost of living (fixed part) b) Difference between this and minimum wage level in industry at 1 January <u>Minimum pensions</u> Minimum wage level in industry (1)	1. Automatic adjustment of pensions whenever the index varies by 2.5% in relation to the preceding index 2. Adjustment of pensions to level of earnings (most recent adjustment at 1.4.1979 to the 1977 level of earnings)	There is ministerial provision for pensions to be adjusted in line with the trend in legal minimum wage on 1 January and 1 July	Adjustment by legislation at least annually in line with movements in the general level of earnings or prices, whichever is more beneficial
-	-	Industrial staff: - men at 60 - women at 60 Non-industrial staff: - men at 60 - women at 55 Conditions: all work ceased and a sufficient number of years of membership (industrial staff: 10 800 days; non-industrial staff: 180 months)	-	-
-	Possibility of obtaining pension supplements every 2 years where the pensioner continues to work and pay contributions (18.72 x value of basic contributions paid during the 2 years)	-	-	1. For periods after 6.4.1979 increase of UKL 0.143 for every UKL of pension for each 6 days of deferment during 5 years (2)
1. No accumulation 2. Accumulation permitted	- Total accumulation for minimum pension; - No accumulation for that part of pension above the minimum - The fixed part which represents adjustment for cost of living is non cummable with earnings (except for minimum pension)	Possible, if amount of pension is lower than social minimum earnings	Possible	1. Pension reduced by UKL 0.05 for every UKL 0.10 earned over UKL 52 per week Reduction of UKL 0.05 for every UKL 0.05 earned in excess of UKL 56 per week. Earnings rule does not apply to persons over 70 (65 women) 2. Accumulation permitted
<p>(1) Pensions below minimum; indexed to cost of living.                  (2) For periods up to 6.4.1979 increase of UKL 0.125 for every UKL of pension for each 6 days of deferment.</p>				



**SURVIVORS**

Table VIII - 1

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
LEGISLATION					
1. First law		1891			
2. Basic legislation	See Old-age Table	Law of 13 March 1959	See Invalidity and Old-age Tables	See Tables VI and VII 'Invalidity' and 'Old-age'	See Invalidity and Old-age Tables
FIELD OF APPLICATION	See Old-age Table	All resident nationals	See Invalidity and Old-age Tables	See Tables VI and VII 'Invalidity' and 'Old-age'	See Invalidity and Old-age Tables
CONDITIONS					
1. Deceased insured person	To be insured	-	60 months of insurance	See Table VI 'Invalidity' or Table VII 'Old-age' according to the case	600 hours during 6 months or 200 hours during quarter preceding death
2. Surviving spouse	Widow married to the deceased for - at least 1 year (unless there is a child of the marriage or a dependant child or death is due to an accident after the date of marriage); - aged at least 45 or bringing up a child or being an invalid herself; - having ceased all work with the exception of work that has been authorized	- Widow aged at least 55 (having been widowed after 45); - widowed after 45 having, at the death of her husband, 2 dependant children under 18 (for as long as one or both children are still dependent); - widow aged at least 55 who receives special allowances and who has or has had dependent children; - widow or single woman aged 50 or over in cases of bad health or in other special circumstances In all cases minimum length of marriage must be 5 years and the widow must have had one year of residence after the age of 15	Widow, married to the deceased at the time of his death, or divorced before 1/7/77 and financially dependent upon the deceased (1) Widower financially dependent upon deceased insured spouse	Widow (widower without means) whose marriage lasted at least 6 months (2 years if widow of pensioner)	a) For widow's (widower's) pension commuted to old-age pension: widow (or dependant widower) aged 55 or person entitled to a pension or a recipient of a pension (marriage having lasted for at least 2 years) b) For widow's (widower's) pensions: widow (dependant widower) aged less than 55, disabled, of an insured person who died before his (her) 60th birthday

(1) If divorce occurs after 30.6.77 acquired rights are divided up between spouses for old age and invalidity insurance.

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Table VIII - 1

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
1935  Laws of 1935 - 1980	See Invalidity and Old-age Tables	See Invalidity and Old-age Tables	General insurance scheme for widows and orphans	1925  Act of 1975 and regulations thereunder
With few exceptions, all persons aged 16 years and over employed under a contract of service or apprenticeship	See Invalidity and Old-age Tables	See Invalidity and Old-age Tables	See Old-age Table	See 'Old-age' Table VII - 1
<p><u>Pension at maximum rate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 156 contributions paid</li> <li>- an annual average of 39 weekly contributions paid or credited in the 3 or 5 contribution years before the date of death or of attainment of age 66 or</li> <li>- an average of 48 weekly contributions paid or credited since beginning insurance payments.</li> </ul> <p><u>Reduced pension</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- if the annual average of contributions since beginning insurance payments is more than 24 but equal to or less than 48. These conditions may be fulfilled either on the husband's or the wife's own insurance</li> </ul>	<p>Ordinary pension: 5 years of insurance and at least 260 weekly contributions or 60 monthly contributions. Or 15 years of insurance and contributions.</p> <p>Special pension: If death connected with occupation and is not compensated as employment accident; 1 year insurance and contributions</p>	<p>Industrial staff: 270 days of insurance Non-industrial staff: 12 months of membership. No qualifying period where an injury connected with occupation has caused death</p>	<p>To be insured at the time of death</p>	<p><u>Widow's pension and widowed mother's allowance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) At least 50 weekly flat-rate contributions of any class paid at any time before 6 April 1975, or contributions paid in any tax year since 6 April 1975 amounting to at least 50 times the minimum weekly contribution for that year</li> <li>b) For full benefit, requisite number of reckonable years with contributions paid amounting to at least 50 times the minimum weekly contribution for that year. The number of years varies according to the length of working life.</li> </ul> <p><u>Widow's allowance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 25 flat-rate contributions paid at any time before 6 April 1975 or</li> <li>- contributions paid in any tax year since 6 April 1975 amounting to at least 25 times the minimum weekly contribution for that year</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Widow</li> <li>- Dependent invalid widower whose spouse was receiving, immediately before her death, an old age or retirement pension which included an allowance for him as an adult dependant</li> </ul>	<p>Widow or widower (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Widow (or dependent widower) married to the deceased for at least 1 year, unless there is a child of the marriage or death is caused by an accident.</li> <li>- Assimilated to the widow: mother, mother-in-law, sister, daughter, daughter-in-law and adopted daughter if a minor at the time of adoption, subject to certain conditions</li> </ul>	<p>Widow with dependent children or disabled, unmarried or aged at least 40 at the time of her husband's death. At 65 the survivor's pension is replaced by an old-age pension</p>	<p><u>For full widow's pension:</u> must be aged 50 or over at her husband's death or when widowed mother's allowance ceased. Reduced pension payable if aged between 40 and 50</p> <p><u>To qualify for a widow's allowance:</u> must be aged under 60 at the death of spouse (if husband not entitled to retirement pension, may be aged over 60)</p>

(1) In case of divorce, a widow receiving maintenance can obtain (wholly or partly) the survivors pension at the discretion of a judge.

## SURVIVORS

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
<b>BENEFITS</b> 1. Surviving spouse	80% of the actual or hypothetical retirement pension of the insured person calculated at household rate. No widower's pension	- Basic amount: DKR 24 444 p.a. (1) - General pension supplement: see Old-age pensions, Table VII	6/10 of pension for occupational invalidity with reference to actual period of membership - for widows under 45 6/10 of general invalidity pension with reference if necessary to a nominal period of membership longer (2) than the actual period - for widow (widower) over 45, or disabled or with dependent children	70% of old-age pension	a) 1/2 of pension or annuity received by the deceased Minimum: FF 7 900 p.a. 10% supplement where the person concerned had at least 3 dependent children brought up by him for 9 years before their 16th birthday b) 1/2 of the holder's old-age pension
Widow's remarriage	Pension is discontinued; grant of 2 years' pension	Pension is discontinued	Pension is discontinued; grant of 5 years' pension	Pension is discontinued	Invalid widow's pension is discontinued, but not reversion pension
2. Orphans - children having lost one parent	No orphans' pension; see special family allowances scheme	See 'Family benefits'	1/10 of general invalidity pension (see Table VI) plus children's supplement as for general old-age or invalidity scheme (3) Age limit: 18 years (25 for study or occupational training) (4)	20% of old-age pension for each child under 18 (except if invalid)	No orphans' pension; see family allowances scheme

(1) The basic amount is reduced by 60% of earnings in excess of DKR 21 400 p.a. if earnings are due to work. (Certain other incomes affect the amount of pension).

(2) Where the deceased insured person is not 55 or over, the actual membership period is increased by the period between death and age of 55, subject to certain conditions.

(3) No restriction on combination with family allowances.

(4) No accumulation with any study earnings or similar beyond a certain level.

## SURVIVORS

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>- IRL 22.50 per week (widow aged 80 or over; IRL 24.05)</p> <p>- Prescribed relative allowance payable to an incapacitated widow aged 66 or over requiring full-time care and attention from a prescribed relative. Rate IRL 11.75 per week</p> <p>- Allowance paid to a widow aged 66 or over living alone Amount: IRL 1.65 per week</p>	<p>60% of the insured person's invalidity or old-age pension in accordance with the minimum and maximum levels laid down for the insured person's pension</p>	<p>Total of fixed amount and 66.66% of supplement (1) plus further supplement of LFR 7 012 p.a. for each dependent child</p> <p>If insured person dies before 55, 66.66% of special supplements (1) provided that the widow</p> <p>- is older than 45</p> <p>- has at least 50% work incapacity</p> <p>- has brought up child (or is bringing up)</p>	<p>Widow only: HFL 12 115.80 p.a.</p> <p>Widow with dependent children under 18 (2): HFL 17 397 p.a.</p>	<p><u>Widow's pension:</u> Paid when the right to widow's allowance expires (if the claimant is not entitled to widowed mother's allowance) or at the end of entitlement to widowed mother's allowance, provided in both cases that certain conditions as to age are fulfilled (see above). A full pension is granted to widows aged 50 or over, rate: UKL 23.30 per week. If the widow is aged 40-50 the pension is reduced by 7% of the full rate for each year under 50</p> <p><u>Widow's allowance:</u> Payable for 26 weeks following the death of the spouse. Amount: UKL 32.60 per week</p> <p><u>Widowed mother's allowance:</u> Payable, from the end of the 26 weeks, to pregnant widows or those with one or more dependent children or having a child under 19 living with her. Amount: UKL 23.30 per week paid as long as the widow has the children in her charge</p>
<p>Pension is discontinued</p>	<p>Pension is discontinued; grant of 2 years' pension</p>	<p>Pension is discontinued; grant of 60 months' payments if remarried before 50 (36 months' payments over 50), not including special supplements</p>	<p>Pension is discontinued; grant of 1 year's pension</p>	<p>Pension is discontinued</p>
<p>The amount of widow's or widower's pension is increased by IRL 7.50 for each dependent child under 18 (21 if in full-time education)</p>	<p>- In conjunction with surviving spouse's pension: 20% per child; but for 3 or more children 40% divided by the number of children (3)</p> <p>- If the surviving spouse does not have a pension: 40% for each orphan. For 3 or more children, 100% of the pension divided by the number of children</p>	<p>1/3 of fixed amount + 20% of supplement plus further supplement of LFR 3 506 p.a. (4)</p> <p>If insured person dies before 55, 20% of special supplements (1)</p>	<p>Same pension as for orphans having lost both parents, if on the death of the father, the mother is not child's guardian Amount: see below (4)</p>	<p>1. The amount of the widow's allowance and widowed mother's allowance is increased by UKL 7.10 per week for each qualifying child for whom child benefit is payable</p> <p>2. <u>Child's special allowance:</u> Paid to a woman whose marriage has been dissolved or annulled if on the death of her former husband she has a child towards whose support he was contributing or was liable to contribute. Not payable if the woman has remarried Amount: UKL 7.10 per week for each child (4) (no benefit in case of remarriage)</p>
<p>(1) See 'Invalidity' Table. (2) As well, a 'holiday allowance' equal to HFL 72.62 per month is paid for a widow without children and HFL 103.74 with children. (3) No entitlement to family allowances unless the spouse works. (4) No restriction on combination with family allowances.</p>				

## SURVIVORS

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
- children having lost both parents	No orphans' pension; see special family allowances scheme	See 'Family benefits'	1/5 of the general invalidity pension (see Table VI) 1/10 of the general basic salary on which the insured person's pension is calculated (1) Age limit: 18 years (25 for study or occupational training) (2)	60% of old-age pension but maximum of 80% if several orphans	No orphans' pension; see family allowances scheme
3. Other beneficiaries	-	-	-	Dependent parents or grandchildren: 20% of pension	-
Maximum for all those entitled to benefits	-	-	100% of the insured person's full general invalidity pension (see Table VI) without increases for children	100% of old-age pension	-
4. Other benefits	Adjustment allowance for widows with no pension rights: - one year survivor's pension See also allowances for funeral expenses under Table IV	- Widow's allowance can be paid out under the Social Assistance Act of 1974 (in case of need) - Special aid under the Social Assistance Act in cases of study or vocational training necessary to enable integration into a working life - Death grant: Adults over 16: DKR 2 050 Children 9 - 15: DKR 1 745 Children 1 - 8: DKR 1 230 Children 0 - 1: DKR 820 Automatically adjusted following rises in prices	- The insured person's full pension is paid to the widow (or widower) for the 3 months following the insured person's death. See also allowances for funeral expenses under Table IV. - The divorced spouse (after 30.6.1977) not remarried has a right, on the death of the ex-spouse and during the upbringing of their children, to a pension based on his and her own insurance. Conditions: 60 months of insurance before the death, impossible to work because of children (apart from light work)	Contribution of insurance organization to general expenses (see Sickness, Table IV)	Under Death Insurance, grant of a capital sum on death equal to 90 times the basic daily earnings to the survivors of insured persons who have been gainfully employed or in a situation assimilated thereto (unemployment, sickness or maternity allowance, temporary incapacity) for 200 hours during the 3 months prior to death or 120 hours during the last month; order of priority: spouse, children, parents, etc.) Minimum: 1% of annual earnings, subject to ceiling Maximum: 3 times the monthly earnings, subject to ceiling

(1) No restriction on combination with family allowances.  
(2) No accumulation with any study earnings or similar beyond a certain level.

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>An orphan's allowance is paid if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the orphan is under 18 (21 if in full-time education);</li> <li>- 26 contribution weeks of insurable employment, for which contributions have been paid or registered in respect of a parent or step-parent.</li> </ul> <p>Amount: IRL 16.15 per week</p>	<p>40% per child. 3 children and more: 100% divided by the number of children</p>	<p>Double the pension for fatherless or motherless children (1)</p>	<p>Children (1) aged:  under 10: HFL 3 876.96 p.a.  10 - 16: HFL 5 815.58 p.a.  16 - 27: HFL 7 754.04 p.a.  (student or child at home)  From 16 to 17 years only for invalids  HFL 7 754.04 p.a. (2)</p>	<p><u>Guardian's allowance</u> is a payment of UKL 7.10 per week to a person who takes into his family an orphan child; one of the child's parents must have satisfied a residence condition (1)</p>
-	<p>For parents, brothers or sisters 15% of the insured person's pension if there are no other survivors</p>	<p>Persons treated as widows. Children treated as orphans</p>	<p>A divorced wife under certain conditions</p>	-
-	<p>100% of the insured person's pension</p>	<p>100% of the insured person's pension</p>	-	-
<p>- Benefits and pensions which include an increase for an adult dependant are payable for 6 weeks after the death of the insured person.</p> <p>- A death grant is paid on the death of an insured person, the spouse of an insured person, the widow or widower of an insured person, or a child under 18 if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 contribution weeks of insurable employment registered between 1 October 1970 and the date of death for which the appropriate contributions have been paid and</li> <li>• 48 contribution weeks registered (paid or credited) in the last contribution year or an average of 48 contribution weeks since date of entry into insurance on 1 October 1970 (whichever date is the most recent)</li> </ul> <p>Amounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child under 5: IRL 15</li> <li>- Child 5 - 18: IRL 45</li> <li>- Adults: IRL 75</li> </ul> <p>A reduced grant is payable where the average is less than 48 but more than 26 contribution weeks</p>	<p>Allowance to survivors if the insured person was not yet entitled to a pension:  45 times the total contributions paid  Minimum: LIT 43 200  Maximum: LIT 129 600  Order of priority: spouse, children, parents  See also funeral grants under Sickness insurance</p>	<p>The insured person's full pension is paid for 3 months to survivors who have lived with him in the same household</p> <p>Funeral allowance if death occurs before pensionable age:  Industrial staff:  1/15 of last actual annual earnings, minimum: LFR 15 938.  Non-industrial staff:  If person with no rights to survivors' pension and provided the conditions concerning the qualifying period are fulfilled, 50% of the highest annual earnings on which contributions had to be paid</p> <p>See also funeral allowance under Sickness insurance (Table IV)</p>	<p>- The insured person's full pension is paid to the widow for the 5 months following death</p> <p>- Temporary benefit (6-19 months) to widows with no pension rights:  HFL 12 115.80 p.a. (3)</p>	<p>- A widow's earnings-related allowance is payable for 26 weeks on top of widow's allowance if the deceased had paid during the relevant tax year contributions on earnings over 50 times the lower earnings limit for contributions.</p> <p>The rate is 1/3 of average weekly earnings of the deceased between UKL 17.50 and UKL 30 plus 15% of earnings between UKL 30 and UKL 120.</p> <p>- Death grant is a lump sum paid on the death of an insured person or of the wife, husband or child of an insured person. It may also be payable on the insurance of a close relative in respect of a person handicapped since age 19 and unable to work and contribute to insurance</p> <p><u>To qualify:</u>  <u>Either</u> at least 25 contributions of any class must have been paid or credited between 5.7.1948 and 6.4.1975 <u>or</u> contributions must have been paid in any one tax year from 6.4.1978 amounting to at least 25 times the minimum contribution for that year. The standard grant is normally UKL 30 for an adult and a smaller sum for a child</p>
<p>(1) No restriction on combination with family allowances.  (2) As well, a 'holiday allowance' is paid.  (3) By virtue of the sickness and incapacity for work insurances, a death grant is allowed (see Tables IV and VI).</p>				



**EMPLOYMENT INJURIES  
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Table IX - 1

## EMPLOYMENT INJURIES AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
<b>LEGISLATION</b>					
1. First law - Employment injuries - Occupational diseases	24 December 1903 24 July 1927	1898	6 July 1884 12 May 1925	No particular insurance exists, the risk being covered under sickness, invalidity, survivors by specific regulations	9 April 1898 25 October 1919
2. Basic legislation - Employment injuries - Occupational diseases	Law of 10 April 1971 Coordination by Royal Decree of 3 June 1970	Law of 8 March 1978	Social Insurance Code (RVO) of 19 July 1911, version of 30 April 1963, with numerous amendments General Section, Social Code (11 December 1975) Prescriptions (23 December 1976)		Social Security Code (Code SS) Book IV, Decree of 31 December 1946, amended
<b>RISKS COVERED</b>					
1. <u>Industrial injuries</u> Definition employment injuries	Injuries occurring during and as a result of the execution of the work contract	Injury arising during work or as a result of the conditions in which the work is carried out	Injuries occurring in the enterprise and/or in connection with an occupation dependent on the enterprise on the basis of a contract of employment, hire or apprenticeship, or any other insured activity	Accident occurring because of and during employment	Any injury occurring as a result of or in connection with work, regardless of its cause
injuries while travelling between home and place of work	Covered (1)	Not covered	Covered (1)	Covered	Covered (1)
2. <u>Occupational diseases</u> (a) prescribed diseases	List of occupational diseases (Royal Decrees of 28 March 1969, 28 May 1969, 10 July 1973 and 26 June 1979)	List of prescribed diseases	List of 55 occupational diseases and noxious agents (8 December 1976)	List of occupational diseases	70 tables of occupational diseases, noxious agents or groups (Tables annexed to Decree of 31 December 1946, amended) (2) (3)
<p>(1) Such injuries are those occurring on the journey to or from work along the normal and habitual route between the place of work and the worker's residence. Legal precedents or even legal provisions extend this definition to cases other than the travelling defined above (to eating-place, doctor's surgery, pay-office, etc.); these extensions vary from country to country.</p> <p>(2) Every doctor must give notice of a disease which is not included in the Tables but which he considers as having an occupational origin; this is for preventive purposes and to expand the Tables.</p> <p>(3) Employers using processes liable to cause occupational diseases must give notice thereof.</p>					

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>1897</p> <p>Laws of 1952 - 1980 (of which the Law of 1966 relates to occupational injuries)</p>	<p>17 March 1898 13 May 1929</p> <p>Royal Decree of 17 August 1935, most recently amended by Decree of 30 June 1965</p>	<p>5 April 1902 17 December 1925</p> <p>Law of 17 December 1925 (Books II and IV of the Social Insurance Code) with numerous amendments</p>	<p>There is no specific insurance against employment injuries and occupational diseases; under the Law of 18 February 1966 these risks are covered by sickness insurance (cash benefits and benefits in kind), insurance against incapacity for work (invalidity) and survivors' insurance</p>	<p>1897</p> <p>Acts of 1975 and the Regulations thereunder</p>
<p>Injury arising out of and in the course of employment</p> <p>Not covered, except in specified cases</p>	<p>Employment injury produced by a violent cause in connection with work</p> <p>Injuries occurring during the journey between the place of work and the home do not usually occasion compensation; exceptions: unavoidable use of a very long or bad and dangerous route, the transport of heavy tools, harbour vessels, the enterprise's own means of transport, etc.</p>	<p>Employment injury occurring as a result of or in connection with work</p> <p>Covered (1)</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>Personal injury by accident arising out of and in the course of insurable employment</p> <p>As a general rule, not covered</p>
<p>List of prescribed diseases set out in Social Welfare (Prescribed Diseases) (Occupational Injuries) Regulations, 1967-1977. Special conditions for byssinosis and pneumoconiosis</p>	<p>List of 49 occupational diseases (see Decree of December 1975) Also special law for silicosis and asbestosis of 12 April 1943</p>	<p>Table of 35 occupational diseases and noxious agents (see Grand-ducal Decree of 26 May 1965)</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>Schedule of 50 prescribed industrial diseases. Social security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulation 1975 (Statutory Instrument 1975 No 1537 as amended). Special law for pneumoconiosis and byssinosis</p>
<p>(1) Such injuries are those occurring on the journey to or from work along the normal and habitual route between the place of work and the worker's residence. Legal precedents or even legal provisions extend this definition to cases other than the travelling defined above (to eating-place, doctor's surgery, pay-office, etc.); these extensions vary from country to country.</p>				

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
(b) Conditions					
- enterprises, work	Given in the list of types of concern in which the victim of an occupational disease is assumed to have been exposed to the risk of such a disease	None	Given in the list of occupational disease; restrictions imposed for some diseases	-	Given in tables; restricted in the case of a certain number of diseases
- periods of exposure to risk	None	None, circumstances taken into consideration	None, circumstances taken into consideration	-	No fixed period except for pneumoconiosis: 5 years (in principle) (1) diseases engendered by streptomycin: 1 month; deafness: 2 years (reduced to 30 days in some cases)
- periods of liability (periods between discontinuance of exposure to risks and appearance of disease)	No statutory periods	None	None, circumstances taken into consideration	-	Absolute periods given in the tables (between 3 days and 20 years) 5 years for pneumoconiosis
- time-limit for declaration (after appearance of first symptoms)	May be fixed by decree	1 year; special circumstances excepted	2 years (time-limit for retro-active payments)	-	2 years (time-limit)
(c) Mixed system (2)	Employment activities	Yes	Yes	-	Only for pneumoconiosis
FIELD OF APPLICATION	Employment injuries: workers covered by social security system, apprentices and other persons. Occupational diseases: as above and also trainees, even unpaid, pupils and students exposed to risk because of their instruction	Employed and certain self-employed persons in fishing and shipping industries	Employed persons, some self-employed, schoolchildren, students, kindergarten children, persons undergoing rehabilitation and others	Employees and assimilated	Persons working in any capacity in any place for one or more employers
<p>(1) The conditions concerning the liability and exposure periods may be waived as regards silicosis and asbestosis subject to the opinion of a panel of 3 doctors.</p> <p>(2) Mixed system: Juxtaposition of the list system (presumption that diseases are occupational in origin where these diseases can be found in a limitative list if, should the condition arise, certain conditions are met) and of the proof system for cases which cannot benefit from presumption (Commission's Recommendations of 23 July 1962 and 20 July 1966).</p>					

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>Insurable employment since 1 May 1967 in a specified occupation</p> <p>No prescribed periods, but must have been in specified occupation at some time since 1 May 1967 (Byssinosis: 10 years)</p> <p>No limit</p> <p>None</p>	<p>Strictly limited to the work given in the list</p> <p>None, circumstances taken into consideration</p> <p>Absolute periods given in the list (with a minimum of 2 months) (1)</p> <p>3 years (time-limit)</p>	<p>Given in the list, mostly in general terms</p> <p>No prescribed periods</p> <p>No statutory periods</p>	<p>See Table IX - 1 above</p>	<p>Occupation involving exposure to specified substances</p> <p>None, but must have been in specified occupation at some time since 5 July 1948</p> <p>No limit, but disease must be shown to be due to nature of person's work in insurable employment from 5 July 1948</p> <p>None</p>
<p>For diseases which are not included in the list; they are treated as employment injuries for compensation, provided that it has been proved that the disease is of occupational origin</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Yes</p>		<p>Diseases which are not included in the list are not covered except when they satisfy the employment injuries definition</p>
<p>Employed persons</p>	<p>Workers providing their services for hire to third parties in order to carry out manual (thus excluding most non-industrial staff)</p>	<p>Manual workers, assistants, mates, apprentices and domestic servants, office staff, operational staff, foremen and technical staff. Kindergarten children, schoolchildren and university students</p>	<p>See Table IX - 1 above</p>	<p>Employed earners</p>
<p>(1) No periods fixed for silicosis and asbestosis.</p>				

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
<b>BENEFITS</b>					
<b>1. Temporary incapacity</b>					
<b>(a) Benefits in kind</b>					
- free choice of doctor or hospital	Free choice unless the enterprise has a recognized, comprehensive medical department	See Table III 'Health care'	In principle: no free choice. The patient must as soon as possible visit the specialist appointed by the trade cooperative association (Durchgangsarzt). Any subsequent medical treatment is carried out by approved specialists (1)	See Table III 'Health care'	Free choice
- payment of costs; fees	If free choice allowed, refund subject to an official scale If organized department: free care	- Medical treatment (see Table III 'Health care') (2) - Costs of prostheses, artificial limbs, orthopaedic equipment, wheel chairs are completely covered by the injury insurance	For the first 18 days the patient's sickness fund, subsequently the trade cooperative association; if no sickness fund exists, the association from the start	Full payment by the competent institution	Direct payment by the primary social security fund; for agricultural workers, the agricultural friendly societies
- contribution by person involved	None	See Table III 'Health care'	None	None	None, except in certain cases, where treatment by a doctor outside the commune, a more expensive hospital, etc. is chosen by the patient
- duration	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
<b>(b) Cash benefits</b>					
- waiting period	None	See Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits'	None	None	None
- duration	Until cure or permanent condition	See Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits'	Until cure or permanent condition. Maximum: 78 weeks, then permanent annuities	See Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits'	Until cure or permanent condition or relapse
- basic earnings used for calculation	Average daily earnings obtained by dividing the real annual earnings during the year prior to the injury by 365; maximum BFR 543 420	-	Basic earnings used for sickness insurance (but up to a ceiling)	See Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits'	Actual earnings during the pay period (1 month, 1/2 month, 1 week) prior to cessation of work divided by the number of working days in that period
- amount	90% of average daily earnings No reduction for hospitalization For temporary incapacity, partial allowances proportionate to residue capacity	See Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits'	See Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits'	See Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits'	50% of basic earnings for 28 days; thereafter 66 2/3% No reduction for hospitalization
(1) A doctor who has discovered an occupational disease must notify without delay the employment medical inspector or competent health service at the work place.					
(2) Costs of medical care which are not covered by the National Health Security Scheme may be claimed from Employment Injuries Insurance.					

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>See Table III 'Health care'</p> <p>Costs of medical care which are not payable under the General Health Scheme may be claimed from Employment Injuries Fund, if considered necessary and reasonable</p> <p>None</p> <p>Unlimited</p>	<p>The insured person must use the services of the doctors indicated by INAIL and obey their instructions, also regarding operations; otherwise he may lose his right to compensation</p> <p>Hospitalization is administered by the Regions</p> <p>INAIL</p> <p>None, when the patient shares a hospital room</p> <p>Unlimited</p>	<p>Free choice</p> <p>By the insurance association</p> <p>None</p> <p>Unlimited</p>	<p>See Table IX - 1 above</p>	<p>See Table III 'Health care'</p> <p>See Table III 'Health care'</p> <p>See Table III 'Health care'</p> <p>Unlimited</p>
<p><u>Injury benefit:</u> 3 days. None, if incapacity lasts 12 days (Sundays excl.)</p> <p><u>Pay-related benefit:</u> 12 days</p> <p>Maximum of 26 weeks</p> <p>-</p> <p><u>Injury benefit:</u> IRL 28.20 per week IRL 22.30 (for certain married women and persons under 18)</p> <p><u>Pay-related benefit:</u> payable provided there is an underlying title to sickness benefit (see Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits')</p>	<p>3 days (1)</p> <p>Until cure or permanent condition</p> <p>Average daily earnings received during the 15 working days prior to cessation of work</p> <p>60% of basic daily earnings for 90 days; thereafter 75%</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Until cure or permanent condition but annuity after 13 weeks</p> <p>Actual earnings during a specified period (maximum: ceiling for earnings on which contributions are paid)</p> <p>Gross salary which the employee would have earned if he had continued to work</p>	<p>See Table IX - 1 above</p> <p>See Table IX - 1 above</p>	<p><u>Injury benefit:</u> 3 days</p> <p><u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> 12 days</p> <p>Maximum of 156 days (excluding Sundays)</p> <p>-</p> <p><u>Injury benefit:</u> men and women (over 18 years) UKL 21.25 per week minors (under 18) UKL 18.50 per week</p> <p>Allowances for dependents same as with 'Sickness-cash benefits' - see Table IV</p> <p><u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> payable only where claimant would have been entitled to flat-rate sickness benefit (see Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits')</p>
<p>(1) From the day following the injury. In practice the employer pays compensation for that period (100% for the day of the injury and 60% for the following three days).</p>				

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
2. Permanent incapacity					
(a) Fixing level of incapacity (= t)	Agreement between the insuring body concerned and person involved; approval by court compulsory when there is disagreement fixation by the employment tribunal	National Social Security Office	Ascertained in each case by medical examination as required by trade cooperative association	The competent institution after an opinion from the medical committee	Board of administration or select committee of the primary sickness fund on the advice of the consultant doctor
Review of t	Review possible: a) employment injuries: during 3 years from the date of the agreement between the parties or the final decision b) occupational diseases: at any time	Review possible at any time during the 5 years after the annuity is fixed if greater changes in circumstances. The National Social Security Office can however, before this period has passed, extend the 5 years limit once if there are special circumstances	During first 2 years after injury, review is possible at any time; after permanent annuity is fixed, at intervals of at least 1 year. The increase or decrease of t must be at least 10%	On request by the person concerned every 6 months	Review possible at any time during the first 2 years after t is fixed. Thereafter normally at intervals of at least one year
Minimum t giving entitlement to compensation	-	15%	20%	33.33%	-
(b) Basic earnings employed for calculating annuity (= E) Possible reduction of E (= E reduced)	Earnings in the year prior to cessation of work. Maximum E = BFR 543 420 For minors E is at least BFR 108 684	Total earnings in year before injury	Actual earnings in the 12 months prior to cessation of work. In any case 60% (persons aged over 18) or 40% (up to 18) of the reference amount (1980: DM 26 400) (1) Maximum E = DM 36 000, or more if laid down in statute or by decree	See Table VI 'Invalidity'	Actual earnings in the 12 months prior to cessation of work. Minimum E = FF 45 209.91 Maximum E = FF 361 679.28 Only 1/3 of the actual earnings in excess of twice the minimum is counted up to the maximum (= E reduced). If t is less than 10%, no minimum E
(c) - amount or formula	E x t	<u>Total incapacity:</u> pension equal to 75% of annual earnings of recipient up to an amount of DKR 142 000 which amount is readjusted following general wage rises <u>Partial incapacity:</u> pension proportional to the degree of invalidity	E x t x 66.7%	See Table VI 'Invalidity'. At least 60% of the reference earnings for the insurance category	E reduced x t reduced Reduced level = incapacity level reduced by half for the portion under 50% and increased by half for the portion over 50%
- examples	100% of E when t = 100% 75% of E when t = 75% 50% of E when t = 50% 25% of E when t = 25%	-	66.7% of E when t = 100% 50.0% of E when t = 75% 33.3% of E when t = 50% 16.7% of E when t = 25%	-	100% ) when t = 100% 62.5% ) of E when t = 75% 25% ) reduced when t = 50% 12.5% ) when t = 25%
(1) For children, the following proportions apply: 1/4 (children under 6) or 1/3 (children 6-14) of average gross earnings in the year before the accident.					

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>Medical referees</p> <p>At end of any provisional assessment period or on application if circumstances alter</p> <p>1%</p>	<p>t fixed for injuries on the basis of a table for assessing permanent incapacity; for occupational diseases on the basis of opinion of INAIL consultant doctor</p> <p>Review possible during the 4 years after the annuity is fixed at intervals of at least one year; thereafter at intervals of at least 3 years. No further review after 10 years (no limit for silicosis and asbestosis)</p> <p>11%</p> <p>No minimum for silicosis or asbestosis combined with tuberculosis</p>	<p>Assessment by annuities joint committee based on the medical examination of the social security organization</p> <p>Review possible only during the 3 years following the fixing of the annuity unless deterioration of more than 10%</p>		<p>Medical Boards and Medical Appeal Tribunals</p> <p>At end of any provisional assessment period, or on application when it is considered that circumstances have changed</p> <p>1%</p>
<p>-</p>	<p>Average earnings in the year prior to cessation of work Minimum E = LIT 4 319 000 Maximum E = LIT 8 020 000 Reduction of basic earnings according to a table of basic percentages corresponding to incapacity levels: between 11 and 64%, percentage = 50-98% between 65 and 100%, percentage = 100%</p>	<p>Actual earnings in the year prior to cessation of work or, if more favourable, the customary daily earnings in the last post multiplied by the average number of days of work completed in the enterprise (for non-industrial staff 12 x salary - with ceiling - at time of injury). Minimum legal earnings for persons of same age and sex plus 20% for a skilled worker (minimum basic earnings)</p>		<p>-</p>
<p>- The rate of disablement benefit depends on the degree of disablement (physical or mental)</p> <p>- Degree 19% or less: gratuity paid (amount of which depends on level of incapacity and its probable duration)</p> <p>- 20 to 100%: weekly pension the level of which depends on the degree of disablement (attaining a max. level of IRL 29.40 or, for a person under 18 without a dependant, or a married woman dependent on her husband, IRL 23.25)</p>	<p>E reduced x t</p> <p>100.0% of E when t = 100% 75.0% of E when t = 75% 35.0% of E when t = 50% 13.2% of E when t = 25%</p>	<p>E x t x 80%</p> <p>80% of E when t = 100% 60% of E when t = 75% 40% of E when t = 50% 20% of E when t = 25%</p>	<p>See Table IX - 1 above</p>	<p>- The rate of benefit depends on the degree of disablement</p> <p>- Up to 19% lump sum gratuity Amount depending on degree and probable duration of disablement</p> <p>- 20 to 100% pension, amount depending on degree of disablement</p> <p>UKL 38.00 per week when t = 100% UKL 19.00 per week when t = 50% UKL 7.60 per week when t = 20%</p>

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
(d) Supplements - for care by another person	Maximum rate: 150%	-	Vary according to individual case from DM 326 to DM 1 300 per month	See Table VI 'Invalidity'	40% of the annuity with a minimum of FF 32 767.20 per year
- for dependents	See Family allowances	-	If t = 50%, at least 10% of annuity for each child; at least equal to the family allowances or the increase under old-age insurance. Age limits: see Table VI (1)	See Table VI 'Invalidity'	See Family allowances
(e) Redemption	For an employment accident compulsory if t is less than 10% at the review periods. Optional, at the request of the party concerned, for maximum of 1/3 annuity, compulsory approval by a judge	- If the level of invalidity is fixed conclusively at below 50%, the pension will be compulsorily redeemed by the payment of a lump sum - At the age of 67 the pension is redeemed by the payment of a lump sum equal to 2 years pension	Redemption is possible with the insured person's consent if t is less than 30%. Above 30% redemption is possible under certain conditions	-	- Immediate compulsory redemption if t is less than 10% and if the annuity is less than 1/80 of minimum earnings; - optional full or partial redemption under certain conditions - not before 5 years after ascertainment of permanent condition
(f) Accumulation: - new earnings - other pensions	Full accumulation with new earnings  Combination with invalidity and old-age pensions possible subject to limitation on the latter in certain cases	Full accumulation  Invalidity pension is reduced if compensation is based on an invalidity of more than 20%. Old-age pension can be accumulated	Full accumulation possible with new earnings  If combined with old-age or invalidity pension the latter is reduced when the total pensions exceed 80% of the annual earnings taken into account for the employment injury pension or 80% of individual basic earnings used to calculate old-age/invalidity pension	See Table VI 'Invalidity'  See Table VI 'Invalidity'	Full accumulation possible with new earnings  Combination with an invalidity pension restricted to 80% of actual earnings at time of injury if that pension is granted as a result of the injury. No limits for old-age pension
(1) No accumulation with training or similar allowances which exceed a certain sum.					

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM								
<p>Constant attendance allowance if beneficiary receives 100% disablement pension and requires constant attendance: IRL 5.90 per week (part-time attend.) IRL 11.75 per week (full-time attend.) The rate of this allowance can, in exceptional cases, be raised to IRL 17.65 or IRL 23.50</p> <p>Supplements are payable to recipient of injury benefit or to a recipient of disablement benefit who is also receiving either sickness or unemployment benefit (see Table IX - 6):</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>per week</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dependent adult</td> <td style="text-align: right;">IRL 13.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Each of the 1st 2 children</td> <td style="text-align: right;">IRL 5.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Each further child</td> <td style="text-align: right;">IRL 4.90</td> </tr> </table>		<u>per week</u>	Dependent adult	IRL 13.25	Each of the 1st 2 children	IRL 5.95	Each further child	IRL 4.90	<p>LIT 35 000 per month</p> <p>For spouse and each dependent child: 5% supplement, and combination with any family allowances</p>	<p>Up to E x 100%</p> <p>10% supplement for each dependent child if t = at least 50%; maximum: 100% of E. Age-limit as for family allowances</p>		<p>- Constant attendance allowance for a person with 100% disablement assessment who needs someone to attend him regularly Rates: minimum UKL 7.60 per week normal maximum UKL 15.20 per week (exceptionally higher rates possible) (1)</p> <p>- Exceptionally severe disablement allowances: UKL 15.20 per week if there is entitlement to constant attendance allowance above the normal maximum rate of UKL 15.20 and the need for attendance at such rate is likely to be permanent</p> <p>Same supplements as for invalidity pension (see Table VI) if beneficiary is entitled to unemployment supplement (see above)</p>
	<u>per week</u>											
Dependent adult	IRL 13.25											
Each of the 1st 2 children	IRL 5.95											
Each further child	IRL 4.90											
<p>If the level of disablement is under 20%, payment of one lump sum gratuity</p>	<p>Special provisions permit redemption of certain annuities. Compulsory redemption if 10 years after settlement of the annuity t is between 11% and 16%</p>	<p>Redemption if t is less than 40% under special conditions Compulsory redemption if t is less than 10%</p>	<p>See Table IX - 1</p>	<p>If the level of disablement is not more than 19%, payment is normally a lump sum gratuity</p>								
<p>Full accumulation</p> <p>Full accumulation</p>	<p>Full accumulation possible with new earnings</p> <p>Invalidity and old-age pensions may be combined with employment injury or occupational diseases pensions. The sum of the combined pensions may not exceed the last earnings where the invalidity pension is paid for the same reason as the injury annuity</p>	<p>Accumulation possible with new earnings</p> <p>In certain cases reduction of invalidity pension only</p>		<p>Full accumulation</p> <p>Full accumulation</p>								
<p>(1) People who cannot work because they have to stay at home to care for a severely disabled relative receiving constant attendance allowance at the normal maximum rate or more can be paid invalid care allowance at the rate of UKL 10.50 a week.</p>												

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
3. <u>Other benefits</u>	-	<u>Handicap allowance</u> Allowance for permanent handicap in daily life (for 100% handicap, allowance is DKR 17 000	-	-	-

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>Several supplements are available in cases of disablement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Sickness benefit</u> in cases of incapacity for work (see Table IV)</li> <li>- <u>Unemployability supplement</u> if sickness benefit not payable. The rates are the same as for sickness benefit</li> <li>- <u>Hospital treatment allowance</u> payable to persons receiving pensions whose degree of disablement is under 100%. The purpose is to give a pension at the rate given to a person 100% disabled during the stay in hospital</li> </ul>	-	-		<p>Disablement benefit can be increased in various ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Special hardship allowance</u>, payable to claimants unable to follow their pre-accident regular occupation or to do suitable alternative work of similar standard. Rate: difference between earnings in the regular occupation and the suitable alternative occupation. Maximum: UKL 15.20 per week (The allowance together with the disablement benefit cannot exceed the amount of the 100% disablement pension).</li> <li>- <u>Unemployability supplement</u> payable to disablement pensioners incapable of work and likely to remain so permanently. Rate: see Table 'Invalidity' (Invalidity pension, invalidity allowance, supplements for dependants). Family allowances payable in addition. (No accumulation possible with special hardship allowance or any other social benefit).</li> <li>- <u>Hospital treatment allowance</u> Increases disablement benefit to 100% rate while beneficiary in receiving hospital-in-patient treatment for the relevant injury or disease</li> </ul>

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
DEATH - Surviving spouse (1)	Widow or widower: E x 30%	<u>Pension:</u> 30% of annual salary of deceased (calculated on the basis of a maximum amount of DKR 142 000 during a period of 10 years maximum (same rules for widows and widowers) It is a condition that the survivor was supported by the deceased or that the survivor's economic situation has otherwise deteriorated because of this decease. A person who was cohabiting with the deceased at the time of the accident and for at least 5 years at the time of death has the same rights as a spouse	Widow aged under 45: E x 30% Widow aged over 45 or with over 50% incapacity level or with one child receiving orphan's pension: E x 40%. Widowers receive the same amount insofar as the wife was the main breadwinner in the marriage	See Table VIII 'Survivors' but no time-interval in marriage	Widow aged under 60: E reduced x 30%. Widow aged over 60 or with at least 50% incapacity level: E reduced x 50% Widower: see widow
- Orphans (children having lost one parent)	Each child: E x 15% with maximum: E x 45%	Pension of 10% of annual earnings of deceased (up to 18 years old)	Each child to age of 18, or 25 if undergoing vocational training: E x 20% (2)	See Table VIII 'Survivors'	1 child: E reduced x 15% 2 children: E reduced x 30% 3 children: E reduced x 40%, etc.
- Orphans (children having lost both parents)	Each orphan: E x 20%	Pension of 20% of annual earnings of deceased (up to 18 years old)	E x 30% (2)	See Table VIII 'Survivors'	Each orphan: E reduced x 20% Accumulation with family allowances
- Dependent parents and other relatives	Father and mother E x 20% each, or E x 15% for surviving spouse without children. Also grand-children, brothers and sisters and grandparents	If total benefits to spouse and children amount to less than E x 70%, an annuity can be granted under special circumstances to other dependants such as parents, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, etc. It is a condition that the deceased took care of the upkeep of the dependant	E x 20% (E x 30% for a couple). For parents and grandparents, with priority to the parents	See Table VIII 'Survivors'	E reduced x 10% for each parent and grandparent. Maximum for total parents and grandparents: E reduced x 30%

(1) As a general rule widows neither divorced nor separated as guilty parties. In the event of remarriage, the pension is replaced by payments equal to several years' pension.

(2) No accumulation with training or similar earnings above a certain amount.

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>1) Weekly pension paid to widow: IRL 28.55</p> <p>2) Gratuity of IRL 1 489 to widower who was dependent on deceased spouse. If he is incapable of supporting himself by reason of illness, the gratuity is replaced by a pension of IRL 28.55 per week (IRL 30.20 if over 66 and living alone)</p>	<p>Widow or widower: 50% of the annuity (1)</p> <p>Widower aged 65 or over or unfit for work: as above</p>	<p>Widow E x 40%</p> <p>With at least 50% incapacity level E x 50%</p> <p>Invalid widower: E x 50%</p>	<p>See Table IX - 1 above</p>	<p><u>Widow's pension:</u> during the first 26 weeks: UKL 32.60 per week</p> <p><u>Widow's supplementary allowance:</u> for same period if underlying title to National Insurance Widow's Allowance. Rate: One third of the husband's relevant average weekly earnings between UKL 17.50 and UKL 30 plus 15% of earnings between UKL 30 and UKL 120</p> <p><u>After 26 weeks:</u> UKL 23.85 per week if widow is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- entitled to an allowance for a child or</li> <li>- has a young person under age 19 living with her or</li> <li>- over 40 when the above conditions were no longer satisfied or</li> <li>- over 50 when her husband died or</li> <li>- pregnant by her late husband or</li> <li>- permanently incapable of self support</li> </ul> <p>Otherwise UKL 6.99 per week</p> <p><u>Widower's pension:</u> UKL 23.85 per week if at the time of death of his life the claimant was permanently unable to support himself and his maintenance was more than half supplied by the deceased</p>
<p>Each dependent child under 18: (under 21 if in full-time education) IRL 7.50 per week</p>	<p>20% of the annuity for each child</p>	<p>Children (to age of 18 or 25 if continuing studies or vocational training and with no limit for handicapped children): E x 20%</p> <p>Accumulation with family allowances</p>		<p>Each child: UKL 7.10 per week. Child benefit payable in addition</p>
<p>Orphans allowance IRL 17.10 per child per week</p>	<p>40% of the annuity for each orphan</p>	<p>As above</p>		<p>As above</p>
<p>Dependent parents maintained by an</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- unmarried worker: IRL 28.55 per week for one parent IRL 12.70 per week for other parent;</li> <li>- married worker: IRL 12.70 per week for each parent</li> </ul>	<p>20% of annuity for each parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother or sister if no other beneficiary exists</p>	<p>For all dependants of the victim: E x 30%.</p> <p>The sum of E x 20% for certain other persons who fulfill other conditions</p>	<p>See Table IX - 1 above</p>	<p>Parents and certain other relations if deceased has contributed towards their support and if other conditions are satisfied</p>

(1) In the case of divorce, a widower receiving maintenance can obtain, wholly or partly, the survivor's pension at the discretion of the judge.

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
- Maximum for all beneficiaries	E x 75% with order of priority	E x 75%	E x 80%, excluding, where applicable, parents and grandparents	See Table VIII 'Survivors'	E reduced x 85%
- Capital sum on death	30 x average daily earnings	Lump sum of DKR 22 500 for surviving spouse	1/12 of the annual earnings (minimum DM 400). Cost of transporting the body to the place of interment is covered	Funeral allowance (see Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits')	Refund of funeral expenses limited to a maximum sum
ADJUSTMENT	a) Adjustment for annuities which for specified categories of invalidity rates do not reach a specific sum. The adjustment is equal to the difference between the annuity and the said sum. These sums are fixed by royal decree and are pegged and adjusted annually b) In other cases: adjusted annually with indexation	Annual adjustment according to change in average wage level	Annual adjustment by decree according to changes in wage levels	See Table VII 'Old-age'	Annual adjustments on 1 January and 1 July by decree fixing the coefficient of increase
RETURN TO ACTIVE LIFE Rehabilitation, re-training	There is the possibility of new employment and measures of social and professional readaptation, if necessary. The 'Fond national de reclassement social des handicapés' deals with the rehabilitation and retraining of handicapped workers with at least a 30% incapacity level (mental: 20%). The Fund may set up or help to set up rehabilitation centres (1) Rehabilitation may also be paid for by the Occupational Diseases Fund	Rehabilitation: see Table VI 'Invalidity' Retraining in special retraining centres authorized by the National Social Security Office. Costs paid by insurance companies if retraining is in continuation of treatment of casualty	Functional rehabilitation as part of medical care on the initiative and at the expense of the trade cooperative associations Retraining: where necessary, adaptation to a new occupation with vocational guidance; financial assistance for the insured person and his family for the retraining period	See Table VI 'Invalidity'	Functional rehabilitation subject to medical opinion at the expense of the primary fund Vocational retraining in special vocational retraining centres (2) or establishments; cost is responsibility of the primary fund, allowances or annuities being continued or, in some cases, increased
Preferential employment of handicapped persons	Enterprises employing a staff of more than 20 must take on a number of handicapped persons registered with the fund. During the rehabilitation period, allowances and supplementary earnings are paid them by the Fund (1)	Public authorities have to give preference to handicapped persons who cannot get employment in private enterprises, but who are considered capable of executing the work in question	Obligation to employ seriously disabled persons in all enterprises as a 6% quota of the staff or to pay DM 100 per month compulsory compensation for each reserved job that is unfilled	For certain categories (e.g. the blind)	Preferential employment of handicapped persons on staff up to a certain percentage which is fixed by ministerial decree for each activity or group of activities (1)
Change of employment - condition	In cases of occupational disease risk, on the advice of the occupational doctor and with the agreement of the employee (who can be assisted by a doctor of his choice)	In the event of risk of aggravation or relapse of an occupational disease, the National Social Security Office can induce the insured person to change occupation	In the event of risk of occupational diseases, aggravation or relapse, in particular dermatosis and silicosis, the trade cooperative association must induce the insured person to change occupation	-	Silicosis and asbestosis

(1) Such measures have been in operation for many years for disabled servicemen and other groups of handicapped workers.

(2) Retraining centres compulsory for enterprises employing over 5 000 workers.

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
None	E x 100%	E x 80%		None
Funeral grant up to IRL 175	Lump sum of LIT 140 000 - 260 000 plus supplementary allowances for children, parents and grandparents	1/15 of the annual earnings		Death grant (see Table VIII 'Survivors')
Benefits are normally increased once a year	Automatic regular adjustments linked to changes in industrial earnings during the preceding three years	Adjustment by regulation (at least every 5 years) according to changes in wage level (at present wage level of 1977). The sums adjusted by this means are pegged to the cost-of-living index. No monthly payment can be made on a basis below the minimum reference levels (see basic earnings above) for the first month in which it is payable		All long-term benefits are adjusted by legislation in line with the general level of earnings or prices, whichever is more beneficial. Short-term benefits are adjusted in line with movements in the general level of prices
Contributions towards costs of rehabilitation services may be made from Occupational Injuries Fund	Functional rehabilitation in specialized health establishments and vocational retraining Convalescence in recognized hospitals or homes is financed by regions	The insurance association may prescribe compulsory medical treatment to improve the working capacity of the recipient of an annuity. The agency for the placing and vocational retraining of handicapped workers gives its opinion upon the advisability of measures	See Table IX - 1 above	Employment Rehabilitation Centres Disablement Resettlement Officers and Vocational Training facilities throughout the country, all financed by the Government
	Persons disabled by industrial injuries are placed and employed in enterprises with a staff of 50 and over (one such person for each 50 workers). 40% minimum level of incapacity for such guaranteed employment	Certain jobs suitable for their abilities are reserved for persons affected by employment injuries at a fair reasonable wage		Obligation for employers of over 20 people to employ 3% of registered disabled people. Car park and passenger electrical lift attendants must be disabled people
	Silicosis and asbestosis	In the event of risk of occupational disease, aggravation or relapse, an allowance may be granted to the worker to facilitate his reemployment		As under 'Rehabilitation' above

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
- compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Temporary cessation: temporary incapacity allowance during the period</li> <li>- Permanent cessation: full permanent incapacity allowances for 90 days</li> </ul>		<p>Occupational diseases: For a maximum of 5 years, transitional annuity (2/3 of E) or a lump sum of one year's full annuity</p> <p>Employment injuries: Transitional allowance equal to sickness benefit (see Table IV 'Sickness-cash benefits')</p>	-	<p>After examination by a specialist a standard rate compensation payable in 25 or less monthly instalments and equal to a maximum of 300 times the average daily earnings of workers in the same category when the insured person was employed during exposure to the risk or, where applicable, for each year of exposure 60 times the earnings taken as reference, payable in a proportionally smaller number of monthly instalments.</p> <p>Conditions: not to be entitled to an annuity for pneumoconiosis; to leave the post in 6 months; to change employment.</p> <p>If entitlement to an annuity or allowance subsequently occurs, the change of employment allowance is deducted therefrom for the corresponding period</p>

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Table IX - 9

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
	<p>Temporary annuity for disabled persons whose incapacity does not exceed 80%. The annuity is paid for 1 year and is equal to 2/3 of the difference between earlier average daily earnings and the daily earnings received in the new job if the latter are lower</p>	<p>A temporary annuity to compensate for loss of earnings may be granted</p>	<p>See Table IX - 1 above</p>	<p>As in permanent incapacity</p>



**FAMILY BENEFITS**

Table X - 1

## FAMILY BENEFITS

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
<b>LEGISLATION</b>					
1. First law	4 August 1930	Law of 31 March 1950	13 November 1954	1958	11 March 1932
2. Basic legislation	Coordinated laws (royal decree of 19 December 1939)	Law of 3 June 1967	Law of 31 January 1975, amended General Section of the Social Code of 11 December 1975	Decreets of 28 January 1961 and afterwards	Social Security Code, Book V Decrees of 10 December 1946, amended. Law of 3 January 1975, 12 July 1977, 17 July 1980
<b>FAMILY ALLOWANCES</b>					
<b>Conditions (1)</b>					
- First child giving entitlement	1st	1st (2)	1st	1st	1st and 2nd (3)
<b>Age limit</b>					
- normal	16 years	16 years	18 (4) years	17 years	17 years
- vocational training	21 years	-	27 (5) years	-	20 years
- further education	25 years	-	27 years	-	20 years
- girls remaining at home	25 years	-	27 years	-	20 years
- serious infirmity	No limit	-	No limit	No limit	20 years
<b>Monthly amounts</b>					
in national currencies	1st child BFR 1 585 2nd child BFR 2 515 3rd child BFR 3 444 4th child BFR 3 512 5th child and subsequent children BFR 3 538	Each child: DKR 167 (2) (All child allowances are exempted from taxation)	1st child DM 50 2nd child DM 100 3rd child and subsequent children DM 200	1st child DRA 364 2nd child DRA 1 040 3rd child and subsequent children DRA 1 300	1st child: See 'Family complement' 2nd child FF 251.44 3rd child FF 459.17 4th child FF 409.97 5th child and subsequent children FF 388.10
in European Units of account (EUA) amounts rounded up)	1st child EUA 39.35 2nd child EUA 62.50 3rd child EUA 85.55 4th child EUA 87.25 5th child and subsequent children EUA 87.90	Each child: EUA 21.40	1st child EUA 19.85 2nd child EUA 39.70 3rd child and subsequent children EUA 79.40	1st child EUA 5.90 2nd child EUA 16.85 3rd child and subsequent children EUA 21.10	2nd child EUA 43.50 3rd child EUA 78.65 4th child EUA 70.20 5th child and subsequent children EUA 66.50
Exchange rate: 1 EUA =	(BFR 40.2554)	(DKR 7.80914)	(DM 2.51788)	(DRA 61.6623)	(FF 5.83794)
<p>1) In the countries of the European Communities the following give entitlement to family allowances: legitimate and legitimized children, stepchildren, recognized natural children, adopted children and children given a home. Normally, dependent children although the definition of this varies between countries. In Belgium and Italy legislation also provides for other cases: brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces; in Germany dependent brothers, sisters and grandchildren.</p> <p>2) The allowance is reduced by an amount corresponding to 6% of that part of family income exceeding DKR 144 000 per year.</p> <p>3) Family complement: 1st child if under 3 years old.</p> <p>4) Prolongation to 2) possible for those not in work or occupational training, and not receiving unemployment allowance.</p> <p>5) No accumulation with income from study allowance or similar if over a certain amount.</p>					

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Table X - 1

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
Law of 1944 Law of 1944 (as amended)	17 June 1937 Consolidated law. Decree of 30 May 1955. Law of 17 October 1961	20 October 1947 Law of 29 April 1964, amended Law of 20 June 1977, amended	23 December 1939 26 April 1962	Act of 15 June 1945 Act of 5 August 1965 and 7 August 1975 regulations thereunder
1st	1st	1st	1st	1st
16 years 18 years 19 years - 18 years	18 years 21 years 26 years - No limit	18 years 25 years 25 years - No limit	16 years 27 years 27 years 27 (1) years 18 years	16 years 19 years 19 years - -
1st child IRL 4.50 2nd child and each further child IRL 7.00 In cases of triplets and quadruplets the allowance for each child is doubled	LIT 19 760 for each child (2)	1st child LFR 1 275 2nd child LFR 1 912 3rd child and subsequent children LFR 3 825	1st child HFL 86.33 (3) 2nd child HFL 142.67 3rd child HFL 144.- 4th and 5th child HFL 174.- 6th and 7th child HFL 191.67 8th and following children HFL 211.33	Each child: UKL 17.33
1st child EIA 6.70 2nd and each further child EIA 10.40  (IRL 0.671072)	Each child: EIA 16.45  (LIT 1 201.13)	1st child EIA 31.65 2nd child EIA 47.50 3rd child and subsequent children EIA 95.00  (LFR 40.2554)	1st child EIA 31.30 2nd child EIA 51.70 3rd child EIA 52.20 4th and 5th child EIA 63.10 6th and 7th child EIA 69.50 8th and following children EIA 76.60  (HFL 2.75825)	Each child: EIA 28.65  (UKL 0.605202)

- (1) Boys and girls.  
 (2) From 1.10.1980 (previously LIT 14 820).  
 (3) First child born after 1.1.1979: HFL 43.33.

Table X - 2

## FAMILY BENEFITS

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
Supplements which vary with age	Supplements for children: from 6 - 10 BFR 297 from 10 - 14 BFR 523 over 14 BFR 847	Youth allowance can be given to 16-17 year olds for their support and education. Maximum DKR 8 300 yearly provided that the family income does not exceed DKR 70 000			Supplements from the 2nd child: over 10 FF 98.39 over 15 FF 174.92
OTHER BENEFITS Allowances for other dependent persons					
Family complement ('Complément familial')				3rd child: DRA 500 4th child: DRA 750 and subsequent children up to 15th birthday	Subject to means test: FF 455 for families with 1 child aged under 3 years or at least 3 children
Allowance for single parent		DKR 251 per month for each child plus one extra allowance of DKR 192 per month irrespective of the number of children (1)		Increased by 100% for the 1st and 2nd child and by 50% for subsequent children. Only for those widows whose husband was in armed forces or disabled	Guarantee of minimum family income for single persons with at least 1 child. Monthly amount: FF 1 639.87 + FF 546.62 per child. The allowance equals the difference between this amount and the beneficiary's income
Allowances payable at the beginning of the school year					Allowances for children from 6-16 Annual rate: FF 218.65
Prenatal allowance					Monthly sum of FF 240.51 paid as follows: 2 months' payments after the first prenatal examination, 4 months' payments after the 2nd prenatal examination and 3 months' payments after the 3rd prenatal examination

(1) The allowance is reduced by an amount corresponding to 6% of that part of family income exceeding DKR 144 000 per year.

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
		Supplements for children: From 6 years: LFR 127 From 12 years: LFR 414	The following are counted as: 2 children, from their 18th birthday (1): - those studying or in occupational training living at home - those looking after the home 3 children, from their 18th birthday (1): - those studying or in occupational training <u>not</u> living at home but wholly or almost wholly dependent on the insured person	
	a) A spouse who receives no income of his/her own over LIT 231 750 per month: Same amount as for 1 child b) Dependent parents and grandparents: LIT 2 340 per month subject to age limits (except invalids), namely 60 for men and 55 for women, and limits of income, namely a maximum of LIT 231 750 where only one parent and LIT 405 600 where there are two			
Single mother with 1 child and income not over IRL 6.00 per week Amount: IRL 27.90. Each subsequent child: IRL 6.90. (Reduced amount if income over IRL 6.00)				1st child: UKL 10.83 per month
		LFR 11 156 on condition that the mother can prove that she has had the medical examinations prescribed and that her legal domicile was in the Grand Duchy during the year before the birth		
(1) For children born before 1.1.1963 the age limit remains 16 instead of 18.				

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## FAMILY BENEFITS

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
Birth grants	BFR 20 239 for first birth BFR 13 959 for second birth BFR 7 509 for subsequent births May be obtained in advance two months before the probable date of birth			See Table V 'Maternity'	Allowance payable in 3 instalments: 1. At birth : FF 1 421.23 2. At 9 months : FF 710.61 3. At 24 months: FF 710.61 Increased by FF 5 000 from 3rd child
Accommodation allowances and removal grants			A housing allowance is paid to a lodger or owner in own dwelling if housing costs are too onerous		a) Accommodation: Beneficiaries: those receiving one of the various forms of family allowances: elderly, handicapped, young workers, young households; the allowance is given for rents over a minimum, which varies according to the income of the person concerned and the number of children. It can be increased for beneficiaries with low incomes b) Removal grants: paid to persons who after removal receive the accommodation allowance These two forms of benefits are paid by the family allowance funds
Special allowances for handicapped children	Supplementary allowance of BFR 5 761 per month for each handicapped child under 25				Special allowance for persons with a 50% or more handicap, up to 20 years: FF 349.84 per month Addition for children with at least 80% incapacity who are not taken into care by the special education services: - constant attendance by another person FF 524.76 per month - discretionary daily help: FF 262.38 per month
Family holiday allowances	Allowance equal to the family allowances granted for April and paid in May				
SPECIAL CASES Unemployed persons	Unemployed persons are entitled to family allowances	Normal allowances	The unemployed are entitled to family allowances	Normal allowances if 50 days work in preceding year	Unemployed persons registered with an unemployment fund are entitled to family allowances under certain conditions

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>IRL 300 in cases of triplets, IRL 400 in cases of quadruplets, quintuplets etc.</p>		<p>LFR 11 156 on condition that one of the parents had legal domicile in the Grand Duchy during the year before the birth and that the mother had the prescribed post-natal examination. LFR 11 156 as a post-natal allowance on condition that the child had the prescribed medical examinations (1)</p>		<p>See Table V 'Maternity'</p>
<p>IRL 35 per month if under 16 and living at home</p>		<p>Supplementary allowance of LFR 1 275 for each child under 18 with an at least 50% insufficiency or permanent reduction of physical or mental ability by comparison with that of a child of the same age. Maintenance without an age limit if the child is unable to care for itself</p>		
<p>Family allowances are paid concurrently with unemployment benefit, including increases for dependent children</p>	<p>Unemployed persons are entitled to family allowances</p>	<p>Unemployed persons are entitled to family allowances like other residents</p>	<p>Unemployed persons are entitled to family allowances either under the general scheme or under special arrangements (in the event of unemployment assistance)</p>	<p>Family allowances are paid concurrently with all other national insurance benefits and all industrial injury benefits and the increases for dependent children therewith</p>
<p>(1) A maternity allowance is paid to women domiciled in Luxembourg. (See Table V 'Maternity')</p>				

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## FAMILY BENEFITS

	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
Pensioners	Entitled to family allowances Allowances for children of invalidity pensioners: 1st and 2nd child BFR 2 630 3rd child BFR 3 444 4th child BFR 3 512 5th and following children BFR 3 538 (+ supplement according to age)	Special allowances of DKR 419 per month for each child when one or both parents are pensioners. Ordinary allowances are replaced by DKR 251 per month for each child when both parents are pensioners (1)	Persons receiving invalidity or old-age benefit from statutory insurance schemes or disablement benefit from employment injury insurance are granted special supplements (see also other Tables) which replace family allowances (2)	Entitled to pension increases (see relevant tables)	Entitled to family allowances (under certain conditions as regards invalidity or employment injury pensioners)
Orphans (including motherless or father- less children)	Orphans' allowances: BFR 4 919 for each child (plus supplement according to age)	Special allowances of DKR 419 per month for each child are added and for total orphans special allow- ances amount to DKR 696 (1)	Normal allowances	See Table VIII 'Survivors'	Allowances for orphans and cer- tain children dependent on one parent: FF 327.97 a month for an orphan; FF 245.98 a month for a child where one parent is deceased or where only the maternal parent- hood is established

(1) The allowances are reduced by an amount corresponding to 6% of that part of family income exceeding DKR 144 000 per year.  
(2) From the 3rd child, increases for children for invalidity/old-age (Tables VI and VII) are made up to the level of family allowances.

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
Pensioners are entitled to family allowances	Entitled to family allowances	Entitled to family allowances	Entitled to family allowances	Entitled to family allowances
Family allowances are paid concurrently with orphans' benefits (see Tables VIII and IX)		If the person entitled to the allowance dies it is continued and may be combined with orphans' pensions	Fatherless or motherless children: normal allowances (but see Table VIII) Orphans under the general insurance scheme for widows and orphans (1) See Table VIII	Normal allowances
(1) Also holiday allowances paid.				



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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
EXISTING SCHEMES	Insurance	Insurance (optional)	a) Insurance b) Assistance	Insurance	Insurance comprising notably (1): - Basic allowance (= normal allowance) - Special allowance (in case of sack for economic reasons)
LEGISLATION					
1. First law	Law of 28 December 1944	Law of 4 April 1907	a) and b) 16 July 1927	1954	Law of 11 October 1940 Agreement of 31 December 1958
2. Basic legislation	Decree of 20 December 1963 (amended)	Law of 24 March 1970	Law of 25 June 1969 modified several times General Section, Social Code of 11 December 1975 and 23 December 1976	Decree-law of 1954	Law of 16 January 1979
FIELD OF APPLICATION	All employees covered by social security Young persons who are unemployed following their training	Wage earners and self employed persons of 16 - 65 years of age may be admitted as members to an unemployment fund	a) All employees (industrial and non-industrial staff and workers undergoing vocational training including young handicapped persons). Persons receiving transitional allowances after undergoing rehabilitation measures b) All employees	Employees who are insured against sickness with a social security institution	All employees
TOTAL (Involuntary) UNEMPLOYMENT					
Main conditions	- Be without work and without earnings - be fit for work and registered for employment	- Be capable of work - be available for work - have signed on at the employment office	a) and b): have registered at the employment exchange as unemployed and to have applied for benefit	- Be fit for work - unemployed involuntarily - be registered at employment exchange - be at the disposal of the exchange	Have registered at the employment exchange

(1) Flat-rate grants also exist when period of normal allowance runs out and for various categories (young persons, women) as well as means-tested benefits. (See 'Early retirement', later this Chapter).

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
a) Insurance b) Assistance	a) Insurance b) Exceptional allowances	Insurance	a) Interim allowance b) Insurance c) Assistance	Insurance
Law of 1911  Social Welfare Laws 1952 - 1980	Decree law of 19 October 1919  a) and b) Decree-law of 4 October 1935 (several amendments)	Law of 6 August 1921  Law of 30 June 1976 (amended)	a) and b) Law of 9 September 1949 (amended) c) Law of 10 December 1964 on unemployment assistance	Act of 1911  Act of 1975 and regulations thereunder
With few exceptions, all persons aged 16 years and over employed under a contract of service or apprenticeship	a) All employees b) Workers in certain categories and areas who do not fulfil the conditions required for a)	- Employed persons - Young persons, who are unemployed following their training - Self-employed persons who have given up their trade and are in search of paid employment	a) and b) All employees c) Employees who do not or no longer fulfil the conditions required in order to receive unemployment insurance allowances	Flat-rate benefits; all employed persons. (1) Earnings-related supplement; all employees under minimum pension age (65 for men, 60 for women) entitled to flat-rate unemployment benefit
a) and b) - be capable of work - be available for and seeking work - have signed on at the employment office	a) and b): have registered at the employment exchange	- Be involuntarily unemployed - be fit to work - have registered for employment	Have registered at the employment exchange	- Be capable of work - be available for work with an employer - have signed on at the employment office - not be unemployed due to voluntary leaving, misconduct or strike action

(1) Except married women who chose before April 1977 not to be insured.

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE												
Qualifying period	Period varies according to the age of the insured person: 75 working days during the last 10 months and 600 working days during the last 36 months	- Have completed a minimum period of employment and insurance of 26 weeks during the 3 preceding years - 6 months of insurance with fund	a) At least 6 months' employment under insurance cover during the last 3 years b) During the last year at least 10 weeks' employment under insurance cover or to have received unemployment allowance (for at least one day)	- At least 125 days if work during the 14 months preceding job loss - For first time claimants: at least 30 days of work per year during the 3 previous years	Basic allowance: Worked for 91 days or 520 hours (182 days or 1 040 hours resp. for special allowance)												
Maximum age	65 for men 60 for women	67	a) 65 b) 65	65	60												
Resources	-	-	a) - b) State of need	-	-												
Waiting period	None	-	None	6 days	None												
<b>BENEFITS</b>																	
Days for which allowance is granted	Working days	6 days a week	a) and b): 6 days a week	25 days per month	Every day												
Duration of payment	No limit (except for certain cases where unemployment is protracted or recurs with unusual frequency, handicapped workers in a protected workshop and workers with voluntary reduced hours)	Not more than 2 and a half years For the insured entitled to an old-age or invalidity pension, or aged 67+ limited to 78 days in any period of 12 months	a) Proportionate to periods of employment during last 3 years <table style="display: inline-table; border: none;"> <tr> <td><u>Employment</u></td> <td><u>Allowance</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 months</td> <td>78 days</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9 months</td> <td>120 days</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 months</td> <td>156 days</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18 months</td> <td>234 days</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24 months</td> <td>312 days</td> </tr> </table> b) No limit	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	5 months	78 days	9 months	120 days	12 months	156 days	18 months	234 days	24 months	312 days	5 months for at least 180 days of work 3 months for at least 150 days of work 2 months for at least 125 days of work	Basic allowance: 3 years maximum Special allowance: 1 year
<u>Employment</u>	<u>Allowance</u>																
5 months	78 days																
9 months	120 days																
12 months	156 days																
18 months	234 days																
24 months	312 days																
Earnings taken as reference	Average gross earnings	Calculation usually based on average earnings of preceding 4 weeks or 1 month	a) and b) Net earnings for the last 20 days	Earnings at the time of job loss	Earnings on which contributions have been paid for last 3 months												
Salary ceiling	BFR 34 075 per month	-	a) and b) DM 4 200 per month	See below	FF 20 040 per month												

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUKEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>a) <u>Flat-rate benefit</u> - 26 contribution weeks of insurable employment for which the appropriate contributions have been paid - 48 contribution weeks registered (paid or credited) during the contribution year (1) preceding the benefit year (1). If less than 48 but more than 26 weeks registered (paid or credited), a reduced benefit is payable. <u>Pay-related benefit</u> Have right to flat-rate benefit and have had reckonable earnings over IRL 14 per week in the relevant tax year</p> <p>b) -</p>	<p>a) At least 2 years of insurance and 52 weeks' contributions during the last 2 years b) At least 5 weeks or 1 month before 1949 or during the last 2 years</p>	<p>At least 26 weeks of employment during the last year</p>	<p>a) At least 130 days of paid employment in the same occupational sector during the last 12 months (2) b) and c): 65 days of paid employment during the last 12 months or for the last 6 weeks (2)</p>	<p><u>Flat-rate benefits</u> a) Either at least 26 weekly contributions paid before 6 April 1975 or contributions paid in any tax year since 6 April 1975 amounting to at least 25 times the minimum contribution for that year b) For full benefit, contributions paid or credited in the relevant contribution year amounting to at least 50 times the minimum contribution for that year <u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> Entitlement to flat-rate benefit and have paid contributions on earnings over 50 times the lower earnings limit for contributions</p>
a) and b): 66	-	64	65	Men: 65, women 60
b) Inadequate resources	-	-	a) and b) None c) Reduction of allowances in the event of supplementary income	
<u>Flat-rate benefit:</u> 3 days <u>Pay-related benefit:</u> 12 days	a) 7 days b) 1 day	None	None	<u>Flat-rate benefit:</u> 3 days <u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> 12 days
6 days a week	a) and b): Every day	Every day	5 days a week	6 days a week
<p>a) <u>Insurance</u> <u>Flat-rate benefit</u> - Limited to 390 days - Limited to 312 days if claimant is a married woman dependent on her husband on 156 days if claimant is under 18 (3). <u>Pay-related benefit</u> Limited to 381 days</p> <p>b) <u>Assistance</u> Unlimited</p>	<p>a) 180 days a year (extended to 360 days in the building sector under transitional arrangements) b) 90 days, with possibility of extension until 180 days</p>	<p>- 365 calendar days per 2-year period - 182 calendar days for persons particularly 'difficult' to place</p>	<p>a) Interim allowance: 40 days a year, thereafter unemployment allowance (4) b) 130 days a year c) 2 years; extension to 65 years for unemployed persons over 60</p>	<p><u>Flat-rate benefit</u> Limited to 312 days excluding Sundays in any period of interruption of employment. A claimant requalifies for a further period of 312 days when he has worked for an employer for 16 hours in 13 weeks. These weeks need not be consecutive. <u>Earnings-related supplement</u> Limited to 156 days (excluding Sundays)</p>
<u>Pay-related benefit</u> Gross taxable earnings in a previous income tax year	-	Gross earnings during the 3 months which precede unemployment	Daily earnings lost	<u>Earnings-related supplement:</u> Earnings during the relevant tax year
<u>Pay-related benefit</u> IRL 140 per week	-	-	a), b) and c) HFL 237.03 per day (5-day week)	<u>Earnings-related supplement</u> URL 120 per week

(1) From January 1981, the benefit year will begin on the 1st Monday of January and the contribution year will be the last tax year preceding this date.  
 (2) 5-day week.  
 (3) If applicant is 65, the allowance will be paid until 66 (pension age) if 156 weekly contributions have been paid.  
 (4) Netherlands: Workers receiving the interim allowance are considered to be still linked to the occupational sector. The trade cooperative associations are authorized to grant this allowance for a longer period. Thereafter workers may receive unemployment benefit for 90 days in the same year.

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
Rate	60% of earnings for one year, then reduced to 40% unless household head: Maximum BFR 918 per day Minimum Head of household BFR 624 Others BFR 490 (6-day week)	90% of reference earnings Maximum rates are fixed for a half year at a time by the separate funds (at not more than DKR 1 566 per week)	a) 6% of net earnings (benefits on a fixed scale) b) 58% of net earnings (benefits on a fixed scale)	For manual workers: 40% of daily wage For employees: 50% of daily wage Minimum: Two-thirds daily minimum wage (DRA 317.40) Maximum: DRA 365	<u>Basic allowance:</u> FF 23.50 per day + 42% of reckonable earnings <u>Special allowance:</u> FF 23.50 per day + 1% of reckonable earnings as follows: 65% during 1st quarter 60% during 2nd quarter 55% during 3rd quarter 50% during 4th quarter (1)
Family supplements (2)	-	None	See Table X 'Family benefits'	10% increase for each dependant Maximum for benefit incl. increases: 70% of daily wage	-
BENEFITS FOR OLDER UNEMPLOYED AND EARLY RETIREMENT Measure	1) Early retirement with obligation on employer to maintain job. (Measure to end 31.12.1980, unless prolonged) 2) Special early retirement for older workers. (There exists as well a scheme applicable to those dismissed)	Early retirement scheme	Retirement of workers at age 60	-	Guaranteed minimum allowance if dismissed or left voluntarily (if the latter, guarantee limited to 31 March 1981)

1) The amount of other benefits (see Table IX - 1, footnote 1) varies from FF 23.50 to FF 46 per day.

2) In addition to family allowances.

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
<p>a) <u>Flat-rate benefit</u>                      IRL 20.45 per week                      IRL 18.00 per week (for a person under 18 without a dependant or a married woman dependent on her husband)  <u>Pay-related benefit</u>                      First 147 days 40%                      next 78 days at 30%                      followed by 78 days at 25%                      and 78 days at 20%                      of reckonable weekly earnings between IRL 14 and IRL 140                      The combined flat-rate and pay-related benefits may not exceed 85% of reckonable weekly earnings</p> <p>b) <u>Unemployment assistance</u>                      Urban areas: IRL 17 maximum                      Other areas: IRL 16.45 maximum per week                      The amount payable equals the difference between these amounts and the beneficiaries weekly income from other sources</p>	<p>a) and b) Standard rates:                      LIT 800 per day                      Where unemployment is due to redundancy because of cessation of the enterprise or of reduction in staff a special unemployment allowance equal to two-thirds of the last daily earnings is paid for 180 days (contribution condition reduced to 13 weeks)</p>	<p>- 80% of reference earnings, but the indemnity cannot exceed 2 1/2 times or twice the minimum social salary if unemployment lasts for more than 182 calendar days during a 12-month period                      - For the period of complementary indemnity, the ceiling is fixed at 1 1/2 times the social minimum wage</p>	<p>a) and b) 80% of reference earnings                      c) 75% of reference earnings                      Minimum for heads of household and single persons of 35 years and over:                      a) and b) 80% of HFL 115.51                      c) 75% of HFL 123.29</p>	<p><u>Flat-rate benefit</u>                      UKL 18.50 per week  <u>Earnings-related supplement</u>                      One third of reckonable weekly earnings between UKL 17.50 and UKL 30 plus 15% of average weekly earnings between UKL 30 and UKL 120                      Limited to the amount needed to bring total weekly benefit (including flat-rate benefit, increases for dependants and earnings-related supplement) up to 85% of reckonable weekly earnings</p>
<p>a) 1 dependent adult IRL 13.25                      each of the first two dependent children IRL 5.95                      each further child IRL 4.90 per week</p> <p>b) 1 dependent adult                      urban areas IRL 12.25 max.                      other IRL 11.95 max.                      1 adult + 1 child                      urban areas IRL 17.55 max.                      other IRL 17.25 max. per week</p>	<p align="center">-</p>	<p align="center">-</p>	<p align="center">-</p>	<p>1 dependent adult UKL 11.45                      Each child for whom child benefit is payable UKL 1.70 per week</p>
<p align="center">-</p>	<p align="center">-</p>	<p>Waiting allowance for early retirement (1) applicable to employees in iron and steel industry in 1980, 1981 and 1982 (possible extension to other employees)</p>	<p>1) Prolongation of benefit duration                      2) Possibly, early retirement pension as part of agreements secured by collective bargaining</p>	<p>Job release scheme</p>
<p>(1) The indemnity is paid by employers and partially reimbursed by the unemployment fund.</p>				

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
CONDITIONS	1) - Men aged 60, women 55 - entitled to unemployment benefit - request notice - leave employment 2) - Men aged 60, women 55 - fully unemployed and receiving benefit for more than 1 year - request anticipated pension	- Aged between 60 and 67 - member of unemployment fund for at least 10 years within the last 15 - fulfilling the conditions for unemployment benefit - resident - not receiving old-age pension - works for not more than 200 hours a year	Unemployed for at least 1 year during the last 18 months	-	- Aged at least 60 - have worked for at least 1 year in the last 5 and have belonged to social security organization for last 10 - not be entitled before 65 to old-age pension (anticipated) at full rate - have not asked for cash liquidation of retirement pension rights
RATES	1) To unemployment benefit is added a complementary indemnity (1) equal to half the difference between the net earnings (upper limit) and the unemployment benefit 2) Choice between: - anticipated pension without reduction - extra BFR 1 000 on unemployment benefit, indexed until normal retirement age	- Same amount as unemployment benefit (same upper limit of DKR 1 566 per week) - After 2 and a half years, incl. periods of unemployment benefit, not more than 80% of upper limit - After further 2 years, not more than 60% of upper limit	See Table VII 'Old-age'	-	70% of reckonable earnings until 65 and 3 months
PARTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT Definition of partial unemployment	Days or half days during which the execution of the work contract is suspended	No special definition	Insurance only: unavoidable short-time working initially affecting at least 1/3 and thereafter at least 10% of staff (2)	-	a) Assistance: temporary closure or short-time working (under 40 hours per week) affecting at least 20% of the staff b) Insurance: payment of supplementary hours allowance
CONDITIONS	See Total unemployment	See Total unemployment	See Total unemployment and over 10% reduction of normal working time	-	See Total unemployment
COMPENSATION	See Total unemployment	Proportional rate as for total unemployment	Per hour of unemployment, rate as for total unemployment (official scale)	-	a) Hourly allowance FF 5.26 b) Hourly allowance FF 12.70

(1) The indemnity is paid by the State.

(2) In the building sector, in the event of unemployment due to weather conditions (1 November - 31 March).

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IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
-	-	- Have fulfilled in the 3 years up to 1.1.1983 the conditions for old-age or anticipated retirement pension - leave employment	1) As for full unemployment and aged at least 60 2) Vary according to employment sector	- Men aged 64 (disabled 60), women aged 59 - have been working at least 30 hours per week - resigned with agreement of employer and relevant Trade Union - will be replaced by registered unemployed person (disabled; by unemployed disabled person if possible)
-	-	% of previous gross earnings, as follows: 85% during 1st 12 months 80% during 2nd 12 months 75% during 3rd 12 months Benefit taxed and insurance contributions payable	1) As for full unemployment (assistance) until 65 2) Vary according to employment sector	Single: UKL 36.00 per week (tax free) Married: UKL 45.50 per week (tax free) (Not payable with unemployment benefit or earnings-related supplement) Family allowances payable in addition. Disabled men: Single: UKL 43.00 per week (taxed) Married: UKL 33.00 per week (taxed)
-	Additions to salary where the enterprise reduces or ceases activities: - because of reasons of its own or temporarily (ordinary additions) - because of the sectoral or local economic situation, restructuration or reconversion of the enterprise (extraordinary additions)	Short-time working or two or more days of unemployment in a normal working week	Short-time working (under 48 hours per week) or alternating periods of employment with the approval of the authorities	Any day of unemployment on which a person would normally work
-	Request made by the employer. Authorization by INPS or by Decree	Employees normally employed by the enterprise at the time of partial unemployment	See Total unemployment (interim allowance)	See Total unemployment
-	80% of the total remuneration for unworked hours between 0 and 40 hours a week for 3 months (Ordinary additions) or 5 months (extraordinary additions); this duration can be extended (maximum LIT 500 000 per month)	80% of the gross hourly earnings although the benefit cannot exceed the 2-and-a-half times ceiling for the minimum hourly social salary. The first 8 hours of each month are not indemnified	See Total unemployment	See Total unemployment

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	BELGIUM	DENMARK	FR OF GERMANY	GREECE	FRANCE
ACCUMULATION	<p>- Benefit from a full early pension: no unemployment benefit</p> <p>- Benefit from a partial early pension: benefit is reduced where the accumulation exceeds 140% of the total of unemployment benefit</p>	<p>Pensions: accumulation permitted but duration of benefits is limited</p> <p>Sickness cash benefits: no accumulation</p> <p>Income from other gainful activity: the general rule excludes accumulation. In a number of special cases, however, accumulation is possible</p>	<p>Pensions: no accumulation</p> <p>Sickness allowance: no accumulation</p> <p>Income:</p> <p>Entitlement to assistance presupposes state of need</p>	-	<p>a) Assistance: with allowances to old workers and invalidity pensions: no accumulation of earnings</p> <p>b) Supplementary insurance: with allowance provided as unemployment assistance</p>

IRELAND	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	UNITED KINGDOM
Normally not payable with other social insurance benefits	a) - No accumulation of unemployment allowances with exceptional allowances - No accumulation with sickness allowance - No accumulation with pensions over guaranteed minimum b) No accumulation with pensions above guaranteed minimum	-	a) and b) Any compensation paid by the employers is deducted c) Part of supplementary income is deducted from the allowance	Not normally payable with other social insurance benefits







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