

Declaration by Estonia pursuant to Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the coordination of social security systems for the reference year ending on 31 December 2020

I. DECLARATIONS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1(L) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004 & THE DATE FROM WHICH THE REGULATION WILL APPLY

None

II. LEGISLATION AND SCHEMES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3 OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004 & THE DATE FROM WHICH THE REGULATION WILL APPLY

1. Sickness benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

Health insurance services:

Health Insurance Act, entered into force 1 October 2002 – from 1 May 2010

Amendment: Amending Act extending the category of insured persons to include workers staying legally in Estonia where the grounds for their stay are temporary, adopted 23 March 2015, entered into force 2 April 2015.

(ii) Benefits in cash:

Benefits for temporary incapacity for work:

- 1) Sickness benefit
- 2) Care benefit
- 3) Maternity benefit
- 4) Adoption benefit

Health Insurance Act, entered into force 1 October 2002 – from 1 May 2010

Amendment: Amending Act extending the category of insured persons to include workers staying legally in Estonia where the grounds for their stay are temporary, adopted 23 March 2015, entered into force 2 April 2015.

Benefits for disabled persons:

- 1) disabled child allowance;
- 2) disability allowance for a person of working age;
- 3) disability allowance for a person of retirement age;

Social Benefits for Disabled Persons Act, adopted 27 January 1999, as amended, entered into force 1 January 2000 – from 1 May 2010

Amendment:

the Social Benefits for Disabled Persons Act was amended as part of the work ability reform by the Work Ability Allowance Act, which was adopted on 25 November 2015 and entered into force in two stages, on 1 January 2016 and 1 July 2016.

2. Maternity and equivalent paternity benefits

(i) Benefits in kind:

None

(ii) Benefits in cash

Maternity benefit

Health Insurance Act, entered into force 1 October 2002 – from 1 May 2010

Amendment: Amending Act extending the category of insured persons, adopted 18 February 2015, entered into force 2 April 2015.

Additional parental benefit for fathers

Family Benefits Act, entered into force 1 January 2017 – from 1 January 2017

Amendment: Amendment to the Act, on the basis of which fathers began to be paid additional parental benefit for fathers for 30 days instead of the paternity leave allowance, entered into force 1 July 2020.

3. Invalidity benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Benefits in cash

Work ability allowance

Work Ability Allowance Act, entered into force 1 July 2016 – from 1 July 2016

Pension for incapacity for work

State Pension Insurance Act, entered into force 1 January 2002 – from 1 May 2010

Amendment:

In connection with the work ability reform and the transition to the work ability allowance, pensions for incapacity for work will be paid until 31 December 2021. Persons who have been awarded an indefinite pension for incapacity for work (until pensionable age) will be paid their pension for incapacity for work until the end of the period set, entered into force 1 January 2017

Pension for incapacity for work for persons who served in the military
Military Service Act, entered into force 1 April 2013 – from 1 April 2013

Work ability allowance for prosecutors
Prosecutor's Office Act, entered into force 20 May 1998, in part 1 January 2001 – from 1 May 2010

Amendment:

In connection with the work ability reform, pensions for incapacity for work are no longer awarded, and certain groups of persons are awarded a work ability allowance (to replace non-work-related pensions for incapacity for work), entered into force 1 July 2016.

4. Old-age benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Benefits in cash:

- 1) old-age pension
- 2) early old-age pension
- 3) deferred old-age pension

State Pension Insurance Act, entered into force 1 January 2002 – from 1 May 2010

Seniority-based increase in the state pension for a civil servant
Civil Service Act, entered into force 1 April 2013 – from 1 April 2013

Seniority-based increase in the state old-age pension for a rescue worker
Rescue Service Act, entered into force 31 March 2008 – from 1 May 2010

Judge's old-age pension
Courts Act, entered into force 29 July 2002 – from 1 May 2010
Amendment: Amendment to the Act, under which only judges appointed to office before 1 July 2016 are entitled to a judge's old-age pension, entered into force 1 July 2016

Prosecutor's old-age pension
Prosecutor's Office Act, entered into force 20 May 1998 – from 1 May 2010

- 1) occupational pension of the Chancellor of Justice
 - 2) pension of the Deputy Chancellor of Justice/Advisor
- Chancellor of Justice Act, entered into force 1 June 1999 – from 1 May 2010.

Amendment:

Amendment to the Act, under which only a Chancellor of Justice appointed to office before the entry into force of this amendment is entitled to an occupational pension, as is a Deputy

Chancellor of Justice/Advisor who has at that point completed half of the qualifying period for the pension, entered into force 1 January 2013.

- 1) occupational pension of the Auditor General
- 2) occupational pension of a Director of Audit at the National Audit Office
- 3) pension of a National Audit Office official

National Audit Office Act, entered into force 4 April 2002 – from 1 May 2010.

Amendment:

Amendment to the Act, under which only an Auditor General appointed to office before the entry into force of this amendment is entitled to an occupational pension, as is a Director of Audit who has at that point completed half of the qualifying period for the pension, entered into force 1 January 2013.

Old-age pension of a member of parliament

Members of the XII composition of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Estonia and of the VII, VIII and IX composition of the Riigikogu Pension Act, entered into force 1 July 1992 – from 1 May 2010.

Amendment:

Amendment to the Act, under which only members of the IX and earlier compositions of the Riigikogu are entitled to a parliament pension, entered into force 22 March 2003.

5. Survivor's benefits

- (i) Benefits in kind

None

- (ii) Benefits in cash:

Survivor's pension:

State Pension Insurance Act, entered into force 1 January 2002 – from 1 May 2010

Survivor's pension:

Military Service Act, entered into force 1 April 2013 – from 1 April 2013

Pension of family members of the President:

President of the Republic Official Perquisites Act, entered into force 1 October 1996 – from 1 May 2010

Survivor's pension for family members of members of parliament:

Members of the XII composition of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Estonia and of the VII, VIII and IX composition of the Riigikogu Pension Act, entered into force 1 July 1992 – from 1 May 2010.

Amendment:

Amendment to the Act, under which only members of the IX and earlier compositions of the Riigikogu are entitled to a survivor's pension for family members of members of parliament, entered into force 22 March 2003.

6. Benefits in respect of accidents at work and occupational diseases

(i) Benefits in kind

Health insurance services:

Health Insurance Act, entered into force 1 October 2002 – from 1 May 2010

Amendment: Amending Act extending the category of insured persons, adopted 23/03/2015, entered into force 2 April 2015.

(ii) Benefits in cash

Benefit for temporary incapacity for work

Health Insurance Act, entered into force 1 October 2002 – from 1 May 2010

Amendment: Amending Act extending the category of insured persons, adopted 23/03/2015, entered into force 2 April 2015.

Pension for incapacity for work

State Pension Insurance Act, entered into force 1 January 2002 – from 1 May 2010

Amendment:

Amendment to the Act, under which the pension for incapacity for work will be paid until 31 December 2021 in connection with the transition to the work ability allowance. Persons who have been awarded an indefinite pension for incapacity for work (until pensionable age) will be paid their pension for incapacity for work until the end of the period set, entered into force 1 January 2017

Work ability allowance

Work Ability Allowance Act, entered into force 1 July 2016 – from 1 July 2016

Benefit in the event of injury caused by an accident at work or an occupational disease

Occupational Health and Safety Act, entered into force 26 June 1999 – from 1 May 2010

7. Death grants

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Benefits in cash

None

Amendment: Act repealed as of 1 January 2018

8. Unemployment benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Benefits in cash

Unemployment insurance benefit

Unemployment Insurance Act, entered into force 1 January 2002 – from 1 May 2010

9. Pre-retirement benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Benefits in cash

Old-age pension under favourable conditions

Old-Age Pensions under Favourable Conditions Act, entered into force 1 July 1992 – from 1 May 2010

Superannuated pension

Superannuated Pensions Act, entered into force 1 July 1992 – from 1 May 2010

State support for winners of the Olympic Games:

Sport Act, entered into force 1 January 2006 – from 1 May 2010

Military pension

Military Service Act, entered into force 1 April 2013 – from 1 April 2013

Superannuated pension

Police and Border Guard Act, entered into force 1 January 2010 – from 1 May 2010

Judge's superannuated pension

Courts Act, entered into force 29 July 2002 – from 1 May 2010

Amendment:

Amendment to the Act, under which only judges appointed to office before 1 July 2016 are entitled to a judge's superannuated pension, entered into force 1 July 2016

Presidential pension:

President of the Republic Official Perquisites Act, entered into force 1 October 1996 – from 1 May 2010

10. Family benefits

- (i) Benefits in kind

None

- (ii) Benefits in cash:

Family allowances:

- 1) dependent child allowance;
- 2) childcare allowance;
- 3) single parent's child allowance;
- 4) parental benefit;
- 5) allowance for families with many children.

Family Benefits Act, entered into force 1 January 2017 – from 1 January 2017

Amendment: the allowance for families with many children was added for families with three or more children, entered into force 1 July 2017

11. Special non-contributory cash benefits

Special non-contributory cash benefits intended to provide a minimum level of subsistence pursuant to Article 70(2)(a)(i) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004

- (i) Benefits in kind

None

- (ii) Benefits in cash

Unemployment allowance

Labour Market Services and Benefits Act, entered into force 1 January 2006

Special non-contributory cash benefits intended to provide specific protection for the disabled, closely linked to the said person's social environment, pursuant to Article 70(2)(a)(ii) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004.

- (i) Benefits in kind

None

- (ii) Benefits in cash

None

III. CONVENTIONS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 8(2) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004 & THE DATE FROM WHICH THE REGULATION WILL APPLY

None

IV. MINIMUM BENEFITS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 58 OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004 & THE DATE FROM WHICH THE REGULATION WILL APPLY

National pension

State Pension Insurance Act, entered into force 1 January 2002

V. POSSIBILITY FOR ANY CATEGORY OF SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS TO BE COVERED BY AN UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS SYSTEM (ARTICLE 65A(1) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004) & LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE WHERE APPLICABLE

Estonian legislation does not provide for an unemployment benefits scheme for any category of self-employed person.