

Guide of Business Support Measures

COVID - 19

ALGARVE TOURISM BOARD

Support Lines – Turismo de Portugal Updated August 13th 2020

As a support measure to companies in the tourism sector, Turismo de Portugal has made available a series of credit lines, as follows:

Credit line of 60 M€ aimed at micro companies in the tourism sector to face immediate needs:

This measure, aimed at micro companies, follows the below mentioned criteria:

The total amount of this line goes up to 60 M€ and the financial support corresponds to a monthly amount of €750 per work post in the company in February 29th 2020, multiplied for a period of three months up to a maximum amount of 20.000€– NOTE: managing partner are only eligible for this measure if their position has a monthly salary and declared at the payment sheet that is handed in to Social Security Services.

This financing is refundable without interest fees and is reimbursed in a period of three years with a grace period of 12 months. The instalments are paid in an equal amount every three months.

Applications are formalized through the form made available at the Turismo de Portugal webpage, which also has available a support guide with instructions to fill in the form.

Link to the Turismo de Portugal website:

http://business.turismodeportugal.pt/pt/Investir/Financiamento/Programas_incentivos/Paginas/linha-apoio-tesouraria-microempresas-turismo-covid-19.aspx

Business Support Credit Line COVID-19: Micro & Small Companies

Global Amount: 1.000 M€

Who can access:

Companies (micro & small) and Single Person Companies with PME certification and Single Person Companies without organized Accounting which have:

- _ Positive net balance in their last approved balance;
- _ Negative net balance which has been regularized in an intermediate balance sheet approved up to the date of the request;
- _ Regardless of the net balance, companies which have started their activity in a period of less than 24 months on the date of application and Single Person Companies without organized Accounting.

Eligibility:

- _ Not having any Fiscal debts or to Social Security up to the date of the financing request;
- _ Not having any kind of unpaid debts to Banks or to the Mutual Guarantee Fund up to the date of the request;
- _ Not being considered a company in financial difficulties up to the 31st of December 2019, having the escalation of current financial difficulties as a result of the COVID 19;
- _ Commitment to maintain permanent working posts up to the 31st of December 2020;
- _ Not having any kind of financing operation approved or ongoing with the Mutual Guarantee Fund related to COVID 19 credit lines. In case of approved operations, but not yet signed, it will be necessary to cancel or request the early settlement of the operation;
- _ Having a profit drop of at least 40%;

Conditions:

- _ Maximum amount per company: €50.000 (Microcompanies); €250.000 (Small Companies)
- _ Guarantee: up to 90% of the amount in debt;
- _ Counterguarantee: 100%
- _ Operation time: até 6 anos
- _ Interest Rates: Fixed or variable interest rate plus spread between 1% and 1,5%
- _ Grace period: up to 18 meses

Credit Line of 600 M€ aimed at Small and Medium Companies of the restaurant sector and similar activities

(Suspended)

Credit Line of 900 M€ aimed at tourism companies (including Tourist accommodation units and local accommodation)

(Suspended)

The access to these credit lines is available through direct contact with banks

For more information about these credit lines, (including FAQ sheets), please refer to the Business webpage of Turismo de Portugal:

<http://business.turismodeportugal.pt/pt/Gerir/covid-19/Paginas/medidas-de-apoio-economia.aspx>

Certification of “Clean & Safe” Establishments for Tourism Companies

The **Turismo de Portugal** is recognising companies of the Tourism sector which are in line with the recommendations of the **Direção-Geral de Saúde** to avoid contamination with SARS-CoV-2 (new Corona Virus) in their facilities.

Tourist Complexes, Tourist Entertainment Companies, and Travel Agencies who wish to be awarded with the “Clean & Safe Establishment” certificate will need to fulfil a set of norms listed in the **Declaração de Compromisso**, which will be available in the Turismo de Portugal digital platforms for registration of Tourist Companies: Registo Nacional de Empresas Turísticas (RNET), Registo Nacional de Animação Turística (RNAT) or Registo Nacional Agências de Viagens e Turismo (RNAVT).

Only after submission of the **Declaração de Compromisso** in the above-mentioned platforms from the companies’ side will they have the possibility to display the Certificate, either in their facilities or digital platforms for promotion and/or sales.

The awarded Certificate will be associated to their RNET, RNAAT or RNAVT registration number.

This award has been extended for the **LOCAL ACCOMODATION, RESTAURANT AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES, SERVICE AREAS FOR CAMPERVANS AND RENT-A-CARS, GOLF COURSES AND GUIDES AND INTERPRETERS** sectors. The award of this certificate to these activities is made through:

Local Accomodation – [Balcão Empreendedor](#)

Restaurant and Similar Activities – [Balcão Empreendedor](#)

Service Areas for Campervans - [Federação de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal](#)

Rent-a-cars - [Associação dos Industriais de Aluguer de Automóveis sem Condutor](#) (ARAC)

Golf Courses - [CNIG](#)

Guides and Interpreters - cleanandsafe@snatti.com ou cleanandsafe@agicportugal.com

Thermae - Associação de Termas de Portugal: geral@termasdeportugal.pt

The Turismo de Portugal, in coordination with the competent authorities, will perform random audits to the certified establishments.

This Measure, in articulation with the **Confederação do Turismo de Portugal** (CTP) and with the contribution of other associations from the sector, intends to make the establishments aware of the minimum procedures to follow and encourage the regrowth of the tourism sector both on a national and international level, reinforcing the trust in Portugal and its tourist resources by its visitors.

For further information please refer to the following link:

<https://business.turismodeportugal.pt/pt/Gerir/selo-clean-safe/Paginas/default.aspx>

SUPPORT AND PROTECTION MEASURES AIMED AT EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

Extraordinary Support Measures

Taking into consideration the current pandemic situation of the COVID-19 virus, the Government has been adopting a wide series of support measures for employers and employees, in which the **extraordinary, temporary and transitory support measures are framed, aiming at the maintenance of working posts and the mitigation of corporate crisis (simplified layoff)**, first published in [Portaria n.º 71-A/2020, de 15 de março](#), rectified by [Declaração de Retificação n.º 11-C/2020, de 16 de março](#), altered by [Portaria n.º 76-B/2020, de 18 de março](#) and decreed by [Decreto Lei nº10-G/2020 de 26 de Março](#)

On a **Social Security** level, the following extraordinary measures were taken:

- Extraordinary support for maintaining of employment contract in terms of situations of business crisis, with or without training (Simplified Layoff);
- Extraordinary Support to Managing Partners of single person companies (the specific form to hand in for this measure is available at the Social Security webpage);
- Temporary exemption from the payment of social security contributions by the employer;
- Support to Progressive Activity Retake for Companies in Economic Crisis with reduction of normal working period;

Adendum to the Extraordinary Support Measures under the Economic and Social Stabilization Program (P.E.E.S.):

On the 6th June 2020 the [Resolução de Conselho de Ministros nº 41/2020](#), was published, in which the implementation of new support measures for the economic recovery was approved. These measures are to be made available in several stages.

In this first stage, it was decreed the possibility to extend the simplified layoff measure until the 31st of July for companies that have reached the three-month extension limit on the 30th of June, the possibility to access the simplified layoff measure for companies which had not yet requested this measure until the 30th September or the extension for an undetermined period for companies which were closed by government or administrative resolution. It was also decreed an extraordinary financial support, both for workers (Complemento de Estabilização) and companies (Incentivo Extraordinário para Apoio à Normalização). These measures were decreed on the 19th of June through [Dec. Lei nº 27-B/2020](#). [Decreto-Lei 46-A/2020](#) was also published, which establishes the Support to Progressive Activity Retake for Companies in Economic Crisis with reduction of normal working period.

For further information on these measures, please refer to the following links:

<http://www.seg-social.pt/covid-19>

http://www.seg-social.pt/noticias/-/asset_publisher/9N8j/content/apoio-extraordinario-a-retoma-progressi-1

<http://business.turismodeportugal.pt/pt/Gerir/covid-19/Paginas/medidas-trabalho-emprego.aspx> (specific information about simplified Layoff)

http://www.seg-social.pt/documents/10152/16954868/Manual+Passo+a+Passo+Layoff+-+Seg.+Social+Direta_17062020.pdf/a9f176f4-af1f-4dd8-9c47-dfd746484993 (Step by step Layoff Guide – Registration request on Seg. Social Direta – Includes Progressive Retake Support)

<http://www.seg-social.pt/formularios> (Simplified Layoff form and Simplified Layoff Extension Form download- reserch the word “Layoff”)

<https://www.dgert.gov.pt/covid-19-perguntas-e-respostas-para-trabalhadores-e-empregadores-faq/medidas-excepcionais-e-temporarias-de-resposta-a-epidemia-covid-19> (FAQ about simplified layoff)

<https://www.occ.pt/pt/noticias/os-caminhos-da-retoma-legislacao-e-informacoes-uteis/> (Certified Accountants Association webpage with a brief and objective explanation about COVID19 laws).

Measures adopted by the IEFP:

As for measures adopted by the IEFP (employment bureau), the regulation of the available measures, which of direct responsibility of the IEFP and the opening of applications is available at the websites www.iefp.pt and portal.iefponline:

1 – **Extraordinary Financial Incentive to support normalization of companies' activities**, which have the following goals:

- Support the maintenance of working posts and minimize corporate situations of crisis;
- To act preventively over unemployment, aiming to assure viability and maintenance of working posts of companies affected by the Covid-19;

This measure is aimed at employers of private nature, including employing entities of the social sector, which benefit from one of the following measures included [Decreto-Lei n.º 10-G/2020, de 26 de março](#), it is part of the [Resolução de Conselho de Ministros nº 41/2020](#) and regulated by [Portaria 170-A/2020](#):

- Extraordinary support to the maintenance of working contracts in a situation of corporate crisis, with or without training, in case of temporary reduction of the normal working period or suspension of contract;
- Extraordinary training plan;

For further information about how this measure will be applied, please refer to the following file: <https://www.occ.pt/fotos/editor2/decreto27b1.pdf> made available by the Certified Accountants Association.

2 – **Extraordinary support to the maintenance of working contracts in company crisis scenario – Professional Training Programs**, which have the following goals:

- Mitigate situations of corporate crisis, assuring viability of companies or commercial establishments;
- Support working contracts maintenance in a situation of corporate crisis;
- Support the qualification reinforcement of their workers.

This measure is aimed to employing entities of private nature and those of the social sector which are included in the Extraordinary Support Measures to the Maintenance of Working Contracts in a situation of corporate crisis (simplified layoff), stated in n.º 1 of Article 4 of the [Decreto-Lei n.º 10-G/2020, de 26 de março](#), which intend to develop a Training Program for their workers. In other words:

- Employers of legal-private nature, including entities of the social sector and beneficiaries of the Extraordinary Support Measure to the Maintenance of Working Posts in a corporate crisis scenario;

- Workers of entities mentioned in the previous point which have been integrated in list of workers to be included in the Measure, according to the communication sent by the entity to ISS, IP.

For a detailed description of these measures (benefits, who can apply, necessary conditions and how to apply) please refer to the following webpage: <https://www.iefp.pt/covid19>

You can also check the FAQ section at the IEFP site and for more information, visit the section [COVID-19 no portal do IEFP](#).

<http://business.turismodeportugal.pt/pt/Gerir/covid-19/Paginas/medidas-trabalho-emprego.aspx>
<https://covid19estamoson.gov.pt/medidas-de-apoio-emprego-empresas/>

Permanently updated information at:

<https://covid19estamoson.gov.pt/>

<https://dre.pt/legislacao-covid-19-por-data-de-publicacao> (updated legislation)

Useful links:

<https://covid19estamoson.gov.pt/>

<http://business.turismodeportugal.pt/pt/Paginas/homepage.aspx>

<https://dre.pt/> (COVID-19 legislation)

<http://www.seg-social.pt/inicio>

Information permanently updated at:
<https://covid19estamoson.gov.pt/>

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