

JOB SEARCH ABROAD AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS



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YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR LETTERS DIGITALLY

We send all letters to your personal inbox online at Mit HK. At Mit HK, you find your letters under "Letters from HK".

It is your own responsibility to check for new letters – both physically and digitally. We have made it easier for you to keep an eye on your digital inbox.

You can sign up for a message service, where you get notified about new digital letters, but still check daily.

The municipality also sends you letters digitally. This happens in your [e-Boks](#) or at [borger.dk](#). Here, you also need to be aware that you read your letters every day. In special cases, you can be exempted from digital mail.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

We are ready to help and guide you through the rules. Contact us at 7010 6789 or our [contact page](#), if you have any questions.

THE EEA AGREEMENT

WHAT ARE EEA UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS?

The countries of the European Union have agreed to cooperate with a number of other European countries on social security.

The EEA agreement means, inter alia, that a number of common rules on unemployment insurance apply. In this booklet, you can read about job searching with EEA unemployment benefits in the EU.

Before you travel, we recommend that you find information about job searching in the EEA country you would like to travel to.

Amongst other things, there are special rules for membership if you work in another EEA country. You can read more in the booklet "Working abroad and membership" on hka.dk.

You can also find useful information at eures.dk.

Read more about the Danish rules, etc., at star.dk.

A little about the legislation

If you are unemployed, you can, under certain conditions, apply for work in another EEA country, and at the same time, receive Danish unemployment benefits paid directly from your Danish unemployment insurance fund. You need approval from us to receive unemployment benefits in the other EEA country.

Document PD U2 is evidence that you have the right to receive Danish unemployment benefits for a maximum of 3 months while you look for work in another EEA country and be at the labour market's disposal.

What you get paid

You get the same amount as in Denmark. The money is paid out by us when you complete an EEA payment card at My HK every month.

How long you can get EEA unemployment benefits for

You can receive EEA unemployment benefits for a maximum of 3 months while you are looking for work in the other EEA country. You will receive a letter from us about when your approved period for unemployment benefits begins and ends.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Before traveling, you must apply for the right to take your Danish unemployment benefits with you to the other EEA country where you want to look for work.

The application is called "Application for unemployment benefits while seeking employment in another EEA country" (PD U2). You can find the form at HK.DK under "Self-service" and "Find forms", click on menu item "EEA unemployment benefits".

You must complete and submit the application yourself. We must have your application no earlier than 4 weeks before and at least 2 weeks before departure. The application must be approved by us before the departure date. This is important.

Please read the application instructions carefully. You are responsible for ensuring that the application is completed correctly and that the necessary documentation is included so that we can approve your application without delay.

You should stay registered with the National Register of Persons (Folkeregistret) unless you want to emigrate. If you are no longer registered with the National Register of Persons, you must register in person at your local municipality as soon as you are back in Denmark.

THESE CONDITIONS MUST BE MET

You must fulfill some conditions to be eligible for unemployment benefits while searching for work in another EEA country.

- You must apply for and have approval for an "Application for unemployment benefits while seeking employment in another EEA country" before travelling.
- You must be a citizen of an EEA country, a Convention refugee or a stateless resident of an EEA country.
- You must be a member of an unemployment insurance fund.
- You must be entitled to unemployment benefits the day you travel from Denmark.
- You must have your place of residence and reside in Denmark on the date you stated as your departure date on the application.

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Requirement of 4 weeks unemployment before departure

As a general rule, you must have been unemployed for at least 4 weeks up to your departure.

- You must be registered as a job seeker at the municipality and be fully available to the labour market for a total of 4 weeks.
- You can only include periods when you have been unemployed and have been at the labour market's disposal. This means, inter alia, that you must be entitled to unemployment benefits, but not necessarily that you are paid unemployment benefits.
- If you are a graduate, you can register with the municipality and any waiting period can be included in the 4 weeks
- Periods of illness do not count. However, you have the option to apply for exemption for a short-term illness and a period in which your child is sick.
- You may not work during the 4-week period included in the 4-week rule.

EXEMPTION FROM THE 4-WEEK RULE

In certain situations, we can exempt you from the 4-week rule.

You can apply for exemption if you:

- Stop working to move with your spouse/partner who has either been permanently employed
- for at least 5 weeks, or must begin a long-term education (at least 18 months).
- Are a citizen of the EEA country you want to travel to. Then only 1 week of unemployment/ registration is required with the municipality prior to the departure date.
- Must attend a job interview in the other EEA country.
- Travel to the Faroe Islands. No time of unemployment is required prior to the departure date.

If you have previously received EEA unemployment benefit, you must have worked for at least 296 hours within 3 months (148 hours for part-time insured) to be able to use the scheme again.

Specifically for the Faroe Islands

If you travel to the Faroe Islands as unemployed, you must have applied for EEA unemployment

benefits from Denmark to take with you to the Faroe Islands before you can receive unemployment benefits in the Faroe Islands. The same rule also applies if you travel from the Faroe Islands to Denmark.

If you travel to the Faroe Islands as an unemployed graduate, you should be aware that if you stay in the Faroe Islands beyond the period with EEA unemployment benefits, you cannot receive Faroese unemployment benefits as a graduate. Contact www.als.fo for advice.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Register at the municipality in the other EEA country

You must register at the municipality in the other EEA country no later than 7 days after your departure day. If you register later, you will only be able to receive unemployment benefits from the day you register.

During your stay, you must be at the labour market's disposal, according to the rules that apply in the EEA country where you are looking for work.

Holidays

You may take holidays at your own expense for up to 7 days while receiving EEA unemployment benefits. However, you cannot receive EEA unemployment benefits when you are on holiday. It is also not possible to have holiday money paid out while living abroad.

If you find part-time work

If you are not eligible for unemployment insurance in the other country, you may receive supplementary EEA unemployment benefits. You must continue to be registered as unemployed and be looking for full-time work. You must enter your working hours on your EEA payment card.

If you become ill

If you fall ill during the period of entitlement to EEA unemployment benefits, we can pay unemployment benefits for the first 14 days.

If you are ill for more than the 14 days and have not returned to Denmark, you must contact the authority in the other EEA country and apply for continued payment of sickness benefits.

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You can also contact your Danish home municipality for further advice.

WHEN YOU RETURN

If you do not get a job, you must return to Denmark and register with the municipality no later than the last day of the approval period.

You cannot receive unemployment benefits during the period in which you receive EEA unemployment benefits in the other EEA country. Therefore, you must also not take holidays until you return. You are considered to be back at the time you register with the municipality.

When registering too late

If you register too late, you must meet a work requirement before you are entitled to unemployment benefits again. If you are full-time insured, you must work for at least 296 hours within 3 months.

For part-time insured person, the work requirement is 148 hours of work within 3 months to be entitled to unemployment benefits.

Possible extension of the deadline for returning

Your period of receiving unemployment benefits abroad cannot, as a general rule, be extended. In very special cases, we can extend the deadline for returning to Denmark. It can either be if you can document that you are going to a job interview in the other country or if you can document that you have been prevented from traveling due to illness.

If you need to apply for exemption, you must do so before the expiry of the EEA unemployment benefits. You cannot receive unemployment benefits during the period in which you have extended your deadline to return home.

If you return before the period ends

You can always choose to return home before the period ends. You will then be entitled to unemployment benefits in Denmark from the date you register again with the municipality if you continue to meet the conditions for entitlement to unemployment benefits in Denmark.

IF YOU FIND WORK IN ANOTHER EEA COUNTRY

If you get a job, you must make sure to enroll in the country's unemployment insurance before you cancel your Danish unemployment insurance.

If you have been working in another EEA country, read our "Working abroad and membership" booklet. It is important that you familiarise yourself with the EEA rules. In the booklet, you can read about how you can transfer working and insurance periods from another EEA country to your Danish unemployment insurance fund.

EEA COUNTRIES

The EU area includes the following countries in Europe and overseas:

Azores (P), Balearic Islands (Mallorca, Ibiza) (E), Belgium, Bulgaria, Ceuta (E), Cyprus – the southern part, Denmark (including the North Sea), Canary Islands (E), Estonia, Finland, France, Gibraltar (UK), Greece, Guadeloupe (F), French Guiana (F), Hebrides (UK), Netherlands, Ireland, Iceland, Isle of Wight (UK), Italy, Croatia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madeira (P), Malta, Martinique (F), Norway, Poland, Portugal, Réunion (F), Romania, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom, Sweden, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Austria and the Åland Islands (FIN).

WHO TO CONTACT



CONTACT THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT:

- Unemployment benefits, early retirement benefits, and holiday benefits.
- Job searching in other EEA countries while receiving unemployment benefits.

Call us at 7010 6789 or use our contact form at hka.dk

CONTACT THE MEMBER SERVICE CENTER IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT:

- Membership and staying abroad.
- Resignation when moving abroad.
- Joining after moving to Denmark.
- Transferring unemployment insurance history to and from abroad.
- Cross-border work.

Call us at 3330 2931 or use our contact form or centerformedlemsservice@hk.dk.



IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO US FACE TO FACE?

Call or write to us to schedule an appointment if you wish to meet in person at the local branch. This could be for a conversation or if you need assistance.