



Coronavirus stimulus relief packages Germany

The **Federal German Government** and all **Regional German Governments** at the level of the "Länder" have taken various measures, the most important of them are:

- **First Option:** Flexibility of the short time working allowance if you need to shut down whole or part of your operation.
This option is available to staff who are registered for social security insurance in Germany. The employer has the right to apply for short time working allowance for his staff. The result is that the staff stays employed and the employee receives 60% of his or her net income and 67% if the employee has children. The employer must pay the employee first, but the employer will be refunded by the unemployment agency. The goal is to keep the employees in the company and employed. The employer is entitled to pay voluntary additions to the net income. Many employers do this.
- **Second Option:** Tax liquidity support for companies in the form of deferments, adjustment of advance payments and waiver of enforcement measures for taxes.
- **Third Option:** Programs for liquidity support in the form of direct subsidies for small businesses up to 10 employees, loans and guarantees.
- **Forth Option:** Legal reliefs like deferment for rents and leases and abolition of the duty for insolvency application if the lack of cash is due to Coronavirus issues that occurred after March 11, 2020.

Expat related information

If you employ cross-border commuters from the Saar-Lor-Lux region (triangle France, Germany, Luxemburg), they need a certificate from their employer to cross the border.

- a) You will find the link for France at
<https://www.saarland.ihk.de/ihk-saar-land/Integrale?SID=DFB93C4868AD2872C5EF0ABE31E1B93E&MODULE=Frontend.Media&ACTION=ViewMediaObject&Media.PK=8165&Media.Object.ObjectType=full>
- b) for Luxembourg at
<https://www.saarland.ihk.de/ihk-saar-land/Integrale?SID=BB74CC9C97C6DF851552D5D20B261E78&MODULE=Frontend.Media&ACTION=ViewMediaObject&Media.PK=8166&Media.Object.ObjectType=full>

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