

Amounts of benefit and allowances from 1 January 2022

On 1 January 2022 entered into force Measure of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic No. 494/2021 Coll. on the Adjustment of the Amounts of Material Need Assistance, which adjusts the amounts of material need benefit and allowances granted pursuant to Act No. 417/2013 Coll. on Material Need Assistance and on Amendments and Supplements to Certain Acts (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") as follows:

Material need benefit pursuant to Section 10(2) of the Act is granted from 1 January 2022 in the following amounts:

- EUR 68.80 per month for an individual,
- EUR 130.90 per month for an individual with a child or up to four children,
- EUR 119.60 per month for a couple without children,
- EUR 179 per month for a couple with a child or up to four children,
- EUR 191.20 per month for an individual with more than four children,
- EUR 241.30 per month for a couple with more than four children.

From 1 January 2022, **the amounts of allowances for material need assistance** are as follows:

The protection allowance pursuant to Section 11(2) is granted in the following amounts:

- EUR 70.40 per month if the person is a member of a household pursuant to Section 7(2)(a) to (c), (f) to (h) of the Act - a natural person who, for objective reasons (in particular age, health), is unable to secure or increase his/her income by his/her own work: he/she has reached retirement age, is disabled due to a decrease in the ability to engage in gainful activity of more than 70%, is a single parent who personally, throughout the day and properly cares for a child up to 31 weeks of age, cares for a natural person with a severe disability who is dependent on care, participates in resocialisation programmes in a resocialisation centre in a residential form, within the framework of which he/she cannot secure income by his/her own work, is a beneficiary of an early old-age pension;
- EUR 38.70 per month if the person is a member of a household pursuant to Section 7(2)(e) and (j) of the Act, i.e. he/she is a natural person who is a pregnant woman from the beginning of the eighth week before the expected date of childbirth, as determined by a doctor, or a natural person who has an adverse health condition and is temporarily incapacitated due to illness or injury or in a quarantine measure for more than 30 days;
- EUR 15.10 per month if the person is a member of a household being a pregnant woman from the beginning of the fourth month of pregnancy or a parent of a child who personally, throughout the day and properly cares for a child up to one year of age.

The activation allowance pursuant to Section 12(2) of the Act is granted in the following amounts:

- EUR 140.80 per month if the person is a member of a household with an income from a dependent activity of at least the monthly minimum wage;
- EUR 70.40 per month if the person is a member of a household who is registered as a jobseeker and carries out activation activities pursuant to paragraph 3(b) to (d) of the Act;

The dependent child allowance pursuant to Section 13(2) of the Act is granted in the amount of EUR 19.30 per month.

The housing allowance pursuant to Section 14(2) is granted in the following amounts:

- EUR 59.40 per month for a household with one household member,
- EUR 94.80 per month for a household with several household members or if an apartment is rented by several tenants.