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Starting March 15th, DYPA benefits/ allowances will be granted via a prepaid card

The Greek Public Employment Service notifies beneficiaries of benefits and allowances that starting from March 15th onwards a new payment method is put into force. In particular, benefits and allowances will be paid through a prepaid card issued by the Payment Service Provider (PSP) to which each beneficiary keeps his/ her payment account (IBAN).

Each beneficiary of one or more benefits will get a single prepaid card which will be exclusively used for the payment of the total amount of his/ her social insurance benefits. The PSP where the beneficiary keeps his/ her account will issue and send this card to the beneficiary.

Beneficiaries have the opportunity to withdraw cash up to 50% of the amount of each benefit while the rest of the amount will be spent exclusively via the prepaid card. The card can be used exclusively within Greece and EU member states for any kind of purchase of goods or services, except for transactions related to weapons and gambling.

Persons with visual impairments of eighty percent (80%) or above who have the relevant, valid certificate from the competent Health Committee are excluded from the use of the prepaid card, they will continue to receive the benefits/ allowances in their bank account.

The application for the prepaid card is supported by the Integrated Information System which interoperates with DYPA's existing apps via the Interoperability Center of the General Secretariat for Information Systems & Digital Governance and the systems of the participating Payment Service Providers (PSP) via the Dias Interbanking Systems S.A. (DIAS S.A.): <https://prepaid.minscfa.gov.gr/>

Through the prepaid card the following benefits/ allowance will be granted:

1. Unemployment Benefit
2. Benefit for the Long Term Unemployed
3. Unemployment allowance to self-employed persons and liberal professionals
4. Special seasonal allowance
5. Work Benefit



6. Special Maternity Protection Allowance
7. Supplementary Maternity Allowance
8. Parental Leave
9. Special Allowance for Vulnerable Groups
10. Regular unemployment benefit for private nurses
11. Regular unemployment benefit for tour guides
12. Regular unemployment benefit for forest workers
13. Regular unemployment benefit for slaughter men
14. Special unemployment benefit for slaughter men upon closure of their place of work or termination of work
15. Special unemployment benefit for cargo handlers

The PSPs participating in this programme so far are the following:

1. National Bank of Greece
2. Alpha Bank
3. Attica Bank
4. Pireaus Bank
5. Eurobank
6. Cooperative Bank of Epirus
7. Cooperative Bank of Chania
8. Cooperative Bank of Thessaly

The information system retrieves the IBAN and the address provided in the applications for the above-mentioned benefits and allowances. Then an email is sent so that beneficiaries can log in the new system within 5 days to check the accuracy of their data and if they wish to, correct them. In case they do not act upon it, their applications submitted to the PSP to which the IBAN belongs bearing the data retrieved. The PSP checks the application and then issues and sends the prepaid card.

A personalised email is sent to provide information on the progress of the issuing application (submission, approval or rejection) to the beneficiaries. Beneficiaries can at any time login the new information system using their personal TaxisNet credentials and check the progress of their application click at the link: <https://prepaid.minscfa.gov.gr/>

Prepaid card holders will participate in a special public lottery programme based on the transactions they make for the purchase of goods or services, through which a total of 8,500 winners will be selected, each of whom will win €1,000. The more prepaid card holders use it for purchases (meaning over the minimum percentage of 50%), the more lottery tickets will gain to participate in the lottery.