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# Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic

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## Employment Support

It assists labour market participants who are looking for work or changing jobs while also filling job vacancies through its system of measures and institutions. This pertains to employment service providers that assist and support job seekers, job applicants and employees through active labour market measures, namely:

- job mediation,
- professional counselling services,
- job training and preparation, and
- contributions.

Employment services are provided by:

- state providers
  - Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family,
  - Local Labour Office, Social Affairs and Family,
- non-state providers
  - legal entities and natural persons carrying out job mediation for a fee must have a licence for such activities issued pursuant to the Trade Licensing Act,
  - temporary employment agencies employ persons on a temporary basis according to the needs of employers,
  - sheltered employment agencies provide employment services to the disabled, the long-term unemployed and their potential employers.

## Loss of Employment and Looking for Work – EU Residents

EU citizens and residents who want to work and who are looking for work may request to be registered in the Job Seekers Register at the Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family. It is the right, but not the obligation of every citizen to be registered as a job seeker.

[More information about registration and help](#)

## Employment of Foreigners

A third country national has the same rights to the use of employment services as any citizen of the Slovak Republic if:

- they have been granted a work permit and a temporary residence permit for employment purposes,
- they are holders of an EU Blue Card,
- they are an asylum seeker whose entry in the labour market is permitted by the Act No. 480/2002 on Asylum.

[More information about employment of foreigners](#)

## Assistance to Employers

The Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family implements active labour market measures targeted on the support of job creation and sustenance and the development of local and regional employment. Assistance is provided in the form of the following contributions.

### Contributions Provided to Employers

- Work preparation and training of employees
- Contribution to support the employment of disadvantaged job seekers
- Contribution to support job retention
- Contribution for commuting to work

### Contributions to Support the Employment of Persons with Disabilities

- Contribution for establishing a sheltered workshop or workplace
- Contribution for retaining the employment of a person with a disability
- Contribution for activities of an assistant at work
- Contribution to cover the operating costs of a sheltered workshop or workplace and transportation costs of employees

### Contributions Provided to Local Governments

- Contribution to support the development of local and regional employment
- Contribution for activation programmes in the form of minor services for the municipality or self-governing region

## Useful links

- [Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family](#)

