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Applications open for DYPA's Special seasonal allowance for 2026

Starting tomorrow, Thursday, September 10th, at 11:00, DYPA launches the application process for the Special seasonal allowance for 2026. The applicantion process through the Citizens Service Centres (CSS) will begin on September 23rd. The allowance amount ranges from € 719 to € 1.438.

Last year, around 80.000 beneficiaries received DYPA's Special seasonal allowance.

It is noted that the allowance is not granted to persons eligible for the Unemployment Benefit during the period the period from September 10, 2026, to November 30, 2026. Construction workers are exempted from this provision, they may receive both the Special seasonal allowance and the Unemployment Benefit.

Applications are submitted at:
https://www.gov.gr/ipiresies/ergasia-kai-asphalise/anergia/eidiko-epokhiko-boethema-dypa

Path: gov.gr → Employment and Insurance → Unemployment → DYPA's Special seasonal allowance

Potential beneficiaries are employees who are subject to compulsory insurance with e-EFKA and pursue one of the following professions: Construction workers, quarry workers, lime makers, ceramic tile makers, brick makers, potters, forestry workers, resin collectors, tobacco workers, musicians who are members of the relevant trade unions, footwear workers, shipyard workers, excavation, lifting, road construction and drilling machinery operators, actors, cinema and television technicians, cinema operators and assistant operators, cinema and theatre inspectors, cinema and theatre cashiers, tourism and food industry workers, emery workers, theatre and cinema ushers, dancers members of the relevant trade unions or similar professional associations, technicians employed in live audio-visual events who also belong to the relevant trade unions similar or professional associations.

Potential beneficiaries are also temporary agency workers employed in temporary basis by user undertakings active in the tourism and catering sectors, according to the KAD (Business Activity Code) in their respective individual social security

accounts, provided that they also meet the remaining conditions for the Special Seasonal Allowance.

The deadline to apply ends on Monday, November 30th, at 14:00. There is no reason for applicants to visit their local Employment Promotion Centres (Local DYPA Offices) KPA2 in person.

The decision will become available via DYPA's e-services. For detailed information about the terms, provisions, the amount and the necessary supporting documents, applicants may click at:

https://www.dypa.gov.gr/anergia-kai-paroxes-asfalishs-misthwtwn?tab=boithimata-epidomata&tab2=eidiko-epokhiko-voithima&tab3=

Special seasonal allowance for 2026 for each occupational specialty

OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY	Insurance days in 2025 From - To	AMOUNT (€)
Construction workers, quarry workers, lime makers	95-210 only in the sector	€1.064,12
Ceramic tile makers, brick makers, potters	50-210	€1.006,60
Forestry workers, resin collectors	50-210	€1.006,60
Tobacco workers	50-210	€1.006,60
Musicians who are members of the relevant trade union	50-210	€719,00
Shoe makers/ cobblers	50-210	€719,00
Shipyard workers	50-230	€1.006,60
Excavation, lifting, road construction and drilling machinery operators	70-210	€719,00
Actors	50-210	€719,00
Cinema and television technicians	50-210	€719,00
Cinema operators and assistant operators	50-210	€719,00
Cinema and theatre inspectors	50-210	€719,00
Cinema and theatre cahiers	50-210	€719,00
Tourism and food industry workers	75, from which up to 50 in the period from 1/10 till 31/12	€719,00
Emery workers	50-240	€1.438,00
Theatre and cinema ushers	50-210	€719,00
Dancers who are members of the relevant trade unions or similar professional associations	50-210	€719,00

Technicians employed in live audio-visual events who are members of the relevant trade unions or similar professional associations	50-210	€719,00