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## GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT MEASURES APPLICABLE FOR STARTUPS

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MEASURES	DESCRIPTION	INSTITUTION(S)
<b>Benefit from improved public grants</b>		
	Financial aid for young innovative companies	Aid scheme meant to support the growth of startups by providing up to €800,000 to co-finance at least 70% (before the crisis it was up to 50%) of all costs borne by a startup for the duration of its project Ministry of the Economy 
<b>Maintain employment</b>		
	Provision of short-term employment benefit due to force majeure	To prevent lay-offs, the Government takes over 80% of salaries through an accelerated procedure that enables the payment of advances. Reimbursement is possible up to 250% of the social minimum wage (€5.354,98) Ministry of the Economy National Employment Agency (ADEM) 
	Specific measures for third-country nationals currently in Luxembourg	The residence and working permits of third-country nationals which expired as from March 1, 2020 remain valid for the duration of the state of crisis Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs 
<b>Address cash flow problems</b>		
	Capital grant advances	Grant financial aid up to €500,000 in the form of a repayable advance to cover operating costs Ministry of the Economy 
	Moratorium of loan repayments granted by certain banks	Postponement of the repayment of loans to better cope with cash flow difficulties Ministry of Finance Several banks 
	Advance refund of VAT	Early repayment of VAT credit balances below €10,000 Registration Duties, Estates and VAT Authority (AED) 
	Payment of an advance on extraordinary family leave	The Government advances part of the salary reimbursement that employers must continue to pay to parents on extraordinary family leave Joint Social Security Centre (CCSS) Employers' Mutual Insurance Scheme National Health Fund (CNS) 
<b>Defer tax-related payments and social security contributions to meet liquidity needs</b>		
	Administrative tolerance in social security contributions	Administrative flexibility in case of late payment of social security contributions Self-employed persons who face a reduction in professional income may at any time reduce the contribution base Joint Social Security Centre (CCSS) 
	Cancellation of quaterly tax advances	Cancellation of tax advances for the first 2 quarters of 2020. This concerns income tax (of companies) and municipal business tax Inland Revenue (ACD) 
	Postponement of tax deadlines	Interest-free deferral of 4 months of income tax, municipal business tax and wealth tax Inland Revenue (ACD) 
	Deferral of tax return filings	Extension of the the deadline for the submission of declarations for legal and natural persons to 30 June 2020 Inland Revenue (ACD) 
	Administrative tolerance with regard to VAT returns of tax return filings	No administrative penalty for exceeding a deadline for filing VAT returns Registration Duties, Estates and VAT Authority (AED) 
<b>Facilitate access to bank financing</b>		
	Provision of "SME guarantees" in cooperation with banks active in corporate financing	SMEs to receive guarantees to extend credit lines via the applicant companies' banks Clients' banks together with the Société Nationale de Crédit et d'Investissement (SNCI) 
	State-guaranteed scheme for new bank credits for SMEs and large companies for up to 6 years	Providing new bank credit lines that the State guarantees up to 85% for a total amount of €2.5 billion Ministry of Finance Ministry of the Economy 
	Financing over 5 years in favor of the mutual societies of the professional chambers	Expanding the guarantees provided to SMEs with a total leverage of more than €200 million Société Nationale de Crédit et d'Investissement (SNCI) 
	"Special Anti-Crisis Financing" via companies' banks and SNCI	Covering financing needs via indirect loans of €12,500 to €16,6 million Clients' banks together with the Société Nationale de Crédit et d'Investissement (SNCI) 
<b>Receive legal protection</b>		
	Suspension of the obligation to make a declaration of insolvency leading to bankruptcy	Exemption for companies from having to make a declaration of bankruptcy when they do not have sufficient liquid assets Ministry of Justice 
	Suspension of the forced execution of evictions ordered for residential and commercial leases	Protecting tenants during the crisis if they are unable to pay rent or are in arrears Ministry of Justice 