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THE NORWEGIAN SOCIAL INSURANCE SCHEME

The main general social insurance schemes in Norway are the National Insurance Scheme, the Child Benefit Scheme and the Scheme for Cash Benefit for Families with Small Children.

Benefits from the National Insurance Scheme are granted according to an act of 28 February 1997.

Child benefits are granted according to an act of 8 March 2002.

Cash benefit for families with small children is granted according to an act of 26 June 1998.

1 PERSONAL SCOPE OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEME

As a general rule, all persons who are either resident or working as employees in Norway or on permanent or movable installations on the Norwegian Continental Shelf, are compulsorily insured under the National Insurance Scheme. The same applies to persons living in Svalbard (Spitsbergen), Jan Mayen, and the Antarctic and Sub-Antarctic dependencies (Bouvet Island, Peter I Island and Queen Maud Land), provided that they are employed by a Norwegian employer or were insured under the National Insurance Act prior to their stay in these areas. Compulsorily insured are also certain categories of Norwegian citizens working abroad.

Citizens from EEA countries working on Norwegian ships, except hotel and restaurant staff on cruise ships registered in the Norwegian International Ship's Register, are compulsorily insured. Foreign (not EEA) citizens not resident in Norway or any other Nordic country, who are employed on ships in foreign trade, registered in the regular Norwegian Ship's Register, are compulsorily insured only with regard to entitlement to occupational injury benefits and funeral grants. Persons of the same category, but