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	ALBANIA	ARMENIA	AUSTRALIA	AZERBAIJAN
Applicable statutory basis	Law no.7703, date 11.05.1993.	I Labour Code, I Civil Code. / Law "On social protection in case of employment and unemployment of the population", 24 October, 2005	Social Security Act 1991, and I Social Security (Administration) Act 1999.	Employment Law 15.08.2001 Regulation of Cabinet of Ministers #173 of 30 October 2001 on 'Establishment of the minimum Unemployment Benefit' Regulation of Cabinet of Ministers #12 of 22 January 2002 on 'Calculation and payment of Unemployment Benefit' Regulation of Cabinet of Ministers #13 of 22 January 2002 on 'Calculation and payment of scholarship for persons who pass vocational training, retraining and improvement of specialties'. Regulation of Cabinet of Ministers #14 of 22 January 2002 on 'Registration of the Unemployed' Regulation of Cabinet of Ministers #84 of 2 May 2002 on 'Organization of paid public works Labour Code 01.07.1999 supplemented by extensive guidelines

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	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	CANADA	CROATIA	GEORGIA
Applicable statutory basis	Federation of BiH - Law on Mediation for Employment and Social Security of Unemployed Persons of Federation BiH (Official Gazette FBiH 41/01), amended in 2005 (Official Gazette of FBiH 22/05), Republika Srpska - Law on Employment of Republika Srpska (Official Gazette of RS 38/00 and 85/03), amended in 2005 (Official Gazette of RS 42/05), Brcko District - Law on Employment and Rights during Unemployment of the Brcko District B&H (Official Gazette of Brcko District of BiH 33/04)	The Employment Insurance Act (1996) and the Employment Insurance Regulations.	Act on Employment Mediation and Unemployment Rights 2002, amended in 2003.	Labour Code of Georgia 25.05.2006.

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Applicable statutory basis	Law No. 102-XV of 13 March 2003 on the employment and social protection of job-seekers.	Social Security Act 1964.	Russian Federation Labour Code; Russian Federation Civil Code; Russian Federation Law "On Employment of Population in the Russian Federation" dated 19.04.1991No. 1032-1 (amended in 2003, 2004); "On Changes in the Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation and Loss of Validity of Some Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation in Connection with Adoption of the Federal Laws", "On Changes in the Federal Law about the Basic Principles of the Legislative and Executive State Power Bodies of the Russian Federation Constituents" and "About the Basic Principles of the Local Self-Governance Organisation in the Russian Federation". Federal Law dated 22.08. 2004 No 122- FZ; Government of the Russian Federation Act dated 17.01.2006 N 12 "About fixation of the minimum and maximum amount of unemployment benefits in 2006".	Labour Code, 2001. Law on Employment and Unemployment Insurance, 2003. Revised: 2004

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	THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	TURKEY	UKRAINE
Applicable statutory basis	Law on Employment and Insurance in case of unemployment 37/97 (amended in 25/2000, 101/2000, 50/2001, 25/2003, 37/2004, 4/2005, 50/06)	Only Applicable for Workers: The Law No: 4447 (entered in force on 08.09.1999)	Law of Ukraine "On compulsory state social unemployment insurance" #1533-III dated March 2, 2000

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Basic principles	Social insurance system linked to the payment of contributions. The National Employment Service is responsible for the payment of unemployment benefit, the active employment programme, training, retraining programme and labour mediation	No preconditions to be entitled for benefit /status of unemployed/	Universal entitlement based on residence.	A social insurance scheme financed by contributions of employers and employees that provides an earnings-related benefit.

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Basic principles	Federation of BiH , Republika Srpska and Brcko District - A social insurance scheme financed by contributions of employers and employees that provides an earnings-related benefit, payment of contributions for health insurance and pension.	Social insurance system.	All employed people are compulsory insured for the risk of unemployment benefit which is based on principle of solidarity and provides an earnings related benefit.	No Social insurance system, this is subject of civil relation and is regulated under the labour contract.

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Basic principles	<p>Social insurance type benefit the amount of which is based on the national average gross wage for the previous year.</p>	<p>Benefits relating to unemployment are funded from general revenues and are based on the philosophy of social assistance (based on need).</p>	<p>Two types of benefit are available. One is an earnings-related social assistance type benefit. The other is a flat rate social assistance type benefit.</p>	<p>Social insurance system based on contributions by employees and employers, and self-employed persons. Earnings-related benefit.</p>

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Basic principles	Compulsory social insurance scheme financed by employer's contributions which provides earnings related benefits.	Tripartite system with contributions based on gross insurable earnings (those subject to contributions): Employee:1% Employer: 2% State :1% The benefit is income related in that as the gross insurable earnings rise so do the benefits depending on higher contribution amounts. Maximum total contribution (employer, employee and state): 138,04 YTL per person per month (01/01/2006-31/12/2006).	The compulsory nature of unemployment insurance for all persons working under an agreement (contract) of employment or on other grounds provided by labour legislation, and also the voluntary nature of such insurance for persons who are self-employed (members of creative ensembles, creative workers who are not members of creative ensembles) and also citizens who are subjects of entrepreneurial activities. Differentiation of the amounts of payment of unemployment benefit depending on the period for which the person has been insured and the duration of unemployment.

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Field of application	Employees	Job seekers.	All residents.	All employees and self-employed persons.

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Field of application	Federation BiH - Employees Republika Srpska and District Brcko: - Employees (voluntary insurance available to all other people)	Employees.	Employees.	None

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Field of application	Employees.	All residents.	Employed Russian citizens, foreign citizens and persons without citizenship, who are: working under a contract of employment, engaged in entrepreneurial activities, working under civil-law contracts, serving in the forces, internal affairs or penal system, following a course of full-time study in an educational institution, or founders of (participants in) commercial organisations.	employees, self-employed persons, and temporarily employed persons.

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Field of application	Employees (all persons who have concluded an employment contract) The following can also be insured in case of unemployment: posted workers, citizens of the Republic of Macedonia working in another state who on their return are not entitled to unemployment insurance under a foreign scheme, and spouses of posted workers, who have been employed before going abroad	Public and Private sector Workers.	Those engaged under a contract of employment, including part-time workers and whose performing alternative (non-military) national service.

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Total unemployment				
1. Conditions - Main conditions	At least 12 months of insurance; involuntarily unemployed registered as unemployed at the Employment Office; willing to undergo training and retraining. Not entitled to any other social insurance benefits, except the partial disability pension.	Able-bodied, I seeking employment, I aged between 16 years and pensionable age, I registered with the public employment service and formally recognised as an unemployed person.	Youth allowance (YA): Paid to the following, provided they are registered with the Social Security Office: I full-time student aged 16 to 24 years, or temporarily incapacitated for study: - 16 and 17 year olds must be in full-time study (unless exempted from this requirement – in cases where full-time study is not considered a viable option the young person may be required to enter into an activity agreement that obliges them to undertake a range of approved activities (an approved activity generally includes some appropriate part-time education or training); - payment continued after 25 years of age if recipient already entitled and remaining on the same course; I unemployed persons aged under 21 years: - looking for work or combining part-time study with job seeking activities; - undertaking an approved activity, or - temporarily incapacitated for work; I independent 15 year olds above the compulsory school age (e.g. homeless). Newstart Allowance (NSA) I aged 21 or more but under Social Security Pension age, I unemployed and registered with a social security office, I willing to undertake and actively seeking suitable paid work (or temporarily incapacitated or exempt); and/or, I willing to enter into and comply with an Activity Agreement (activities undertaken to improve employment prospects and tailored to individual circumstances), if required. I NSA recipients incapacitated for work remain on NSA, subject to medical certificates. Partial capacity to work (YA and NSA) A person with a physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment has a partial capacity to work if the impairment prevents the person from working at least 30 hours per week at the relevant minimum wage or above, independently of a programme of support, within the next two years.	employable age, registered with the state employment services, actively seeking work, willing to work, and aged between 15 years and pensionable age
2. Conditions - Qualifying period	12 months insurance	No qualifying period.	No qualifying period.	26 calendar weeks of employment over the 12 months preceding unemployment

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Total unemployment 1. Conditions - Main conditions	<p>Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District - Unemployed due to the lack of jobs or need for certain qualifications - actively seeking employment; - registered with the Employment Service; - does not perform any independent professional and economic activity; is not a full-time student or a pensioner,</p>	<p>Loss of employment: involuntary through no fault of the employee concerned, constructive dismissal, or dismissed for reasons that do not constitute misconduct by the employee, interruption of employment earnings (without work and without pay for at least 7 consecutive calendar days), minimum hours of insurable work, and capable of and available for work.</p>	<p>Unemployment benefit Claimants must be: involuntarily unemployed, i.e. those who did not lose a job by their own will or fault,, capable of work, active job seekers and available for employment, aged 15 – 65 years, and registered with the Employment Service.</p>	<p>No special provisions</p>
2. Conditions - Qualifying period	<p>Federation of BiH Paid contributions without any interruption during minimum 8 months or with interruptions over a period of 8 months in the last 18 months before unemployment took place. Republika Srpska and District Brcko Paid contributions for unemployment continually over a minimum period of 8 months in the last 12 months or of minimum of 12 in months with interruptions in the last 18 months before unemployment.</p>	<p>Depending on the rate of unemployment in the region in which s/he resides, a claimant will require 420 to 700 hours of insurable employment in the 52 calendar weeks immediately preceding the commencement of the claim (qualifying period); however, a person who has less than 490 hours of labour force attachment in the 52 weeks preceding the qualifying period (a "new-entrant" or "re-entrant" to the labour force) requires 910 hours to ensure sufficient attachment to the labour market; or persons who have received at least 1 week of maternity or parental benefits in the previous 208 weeks are not considered new entrants or re-entrants.</p>	<p>Unemployment benefit 9 months of employment before involuntary unemployment during the last 24 months. No qualifying periods for unemployed mothers caring for children under the age of one year.</p>	<p>No special provisions</p>

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1. Conditions - Main conditions

aged between 16 years and statutory pensionable age, fit for work, no employment or statutory income, seeking employment and available to start work, not a day student, and registration with the local employment office for the area of residence.

To receive an Unemployment Benefit, a client must: I not be in full-time employment, I be available for and seeking full time work, and I have taken reasonable steps to find, and be willing and able to undertake, suitable employment.

total unemployment, registered at an employment office, full capacity for work, and ready to accept work as proposed by the employment office (suitable for the qualifications of the applicant).

aged 15 to 65 years, completed minimum period of insurance' capable of work, registered with national employment bureau, and actively seeking work.

2. Conditions - Qualifying period

Applicants must have been in paid employment for at least 12 of the 24 months prior to registering with the employment office.

To receive an Unemployment Benefit, a client must: I be aged 18 years or older or I be aged 16 years or older, married or in a civil union and have one or more dependent children, and I have continuously lived in New Zealand for two years or more.

Earnings-related social assistance: 26 weeks full-time employment in last 12 months (or 26 weeks equivalent for part-time employment). Flat rate social assistance: No qualifying periods.

12 months of continuous insurance (including self-employment) or at least 12 months of insurance with interruptions in last 18 months

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Total unemployment 1. Conditions - Main conditions	<p>A person is entitled to benefit if they are: able-bodied and willing to work not employed, not entitled to any pension, aged between 15 years and pensionable age, someone who has submitted an application for benefit within 30 days from the day of dismissal from employment registered with the Employment Agency has been seeking for an employment in the past 30 working days and is available on the labour exchange market to start work in the next 15 days in case of a job offer someone who has not refused an appropriate job offer someone who has not terminated his/her employment contract by his/her will (i.e. not voluntarily unemployed). A person is not considered to be unemployed if she/he is in an employment relation, is the beneficiary of a pension, performs a craft activity, owns or runs a trade company, enterprise or any other legal entity, performs agricultural, farming or other activity, performs an activity contrary to the Labour Relation Law, does not attend training, retraining and qualification to which s/he was referred by Employment Service Agency ('ESA'), or refuses a job that was offered by an employer through the ESA's mediation service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> involuntarily unemployed, minimum period of membership of the unemployment insurance scheme fully capable of work, registered with the Turkish Employment Institution, actively seeking work. 	<p>Registration with the State Employment Service as a job-seeker</p>
2. Conditions - Qualifying period	<p>Minimum 9 consecutive months in employment /insurance or 12 months with interruption during the last 18 months of employment/insurance .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least 600 days of unemployment insurance contributions in total, and permanent work during the last 120 days prior to redundancy. 	<p>No less than 26 calendar weeks of full or part-time employment (during which time contributions must have been paid) in the 12 months preceding unemployment.</p>

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3. Conditions - Means test	None	None.	Youth Allowance and Newstart Allowance Income less than A\$62 per fortnight does not affect benefits. Income is reduced by 50 cents for every dollar of income between A\$62 and A\$250 per fortnight. Every dollar over A\$250 per fortnight reduces payment by 60 cents in the dollar. For students, fortnightly income between \$236 and \$316 reduces payment by 50 cents in the dollar. Income above \$316 reduces payment by 60 cents in the dollar.	None
4. Conditions - Waiting period	None	7 calendar days counting from the day of submission of all necessary documents	Payments: Youth Allowance and Newstart Allowance Generally 7 days from date of registration. Income Maintenance Period (IMP): lump sum payments made by previous employer in lieu of paid leave (such as recreation or holiday pay) are taken to be income from date received for the period covered by the leave. For example, if a person received 4 weeks pay in lieu of holiday they have to wait 4 weeks before entitlement to any social security payments. Liquid Assets Waiting Period (LAWP): liquid assets exceeding \$2500 (for a single person) or \$5,000 (couples) may result in a waiting period of between 1 and 13 weeks. Seasonal Work Preclusion Period: seasonal work in previous 6 months paid at higher than average wages can result in an additional waiting period. The waiting period is calculated according to a formula based on how much longer it takes a person on average wages to earn what a seasonal worker makes in a season. Move to an Area of Lower Employment Prospects (MALEP): a 26 week non-payment period may be applied to a person who moves to an area of lower employment prospects without sufficient reason.	No more than 11 days
5. Benefits - Determining factors	Flat-rate benefit, unrelated to previous earnings and determined by the Council of Ministers.	Qualifying period of 1 year insurance record.	Residence and means test.	previous earnings, and dependant children under 18
6. Benefits - Earnings taken as a reference and ceiling	Not applicable, flat-rate benefit unrelated to previous earnings.	Flat rate benefit	Flat rate payment, does not depend on previous earnings.	Average monthly gross earnings ('AME') received during the 12 months before the termination of employment

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3. Conditions - Means test	Federation BiH, Republika Srpska and District Brcko - None	None.	Unemployment benefit None	No special provisions
4. Conditions - Waiting period	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and District Brcko 30 days after the claim being registered.	2 consecutive weeks beginning with the first week of the Employment Insurance claim in which benefits would otherwise be payable. Severance pay and vacation pay paid on separation will delay the first week payable on a claim/payment of benefit.	Unemployment benefit None	No special provisions
5. Benefits - Determining factors	Federation of BiH Republika Srpska and District Brcko - involuntarily unemployed - duration of paying contributions - average monthly salary in Canton / Republika Srpska in past 3 months, - Registered in Employment Service	previous earnings	Unemployment Benefit Previous earnings.	No special provisions
6. Benefits - Earnings taken as a reference and ceiling	Federation BiH: - Flat rate benefits not linked to individual earnings. Republika Srpska and District Brcko - Average net salary earned by the unemployed person in the preceding three months (no ceilings);	Average weekly insurable earnings: the total insurable earnings in the last 26 continuous weeks ending with the last day worked during the qualifying period are divided by the larger of: the number of weeks worked or a divisor determined by legislation (based on the unemployment rate in the region where the claimant resides). Maximum weekly insurable earnings: C\$769 per week; Maximum weekly benefit: C\$ 423 per week based on a weekly maximum of C\$769. (C\$40,000÷52 X 55%).	Unemployment Benefit Average monthly net earnings over the previous three months: No ceiling. Maximum and minimum benefit prescribed.	No special provisions

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3. Conditions - Means test	None	A client must have no income or an income of less than the amount that would fully abate the benefit.	None	None.
4. Conditions - Waiting period	Benefit is payable from the 8th working day following registration with the employment office, except for persons who have resigned, for whom it is payable not less than 3 months after the date of resignation.	The stand-down period is calculated on an individual basis. It depends on previous income; marital status; and number of children. The maximum stand-down a person can face is ten weeks. There is also a stand-down period of 13 weeks if a person voluntarily leaves employment, or is dismissed for misconduct.	10 day waiting period which is roughly equal to the severance money paid to those made involuntarily unemployed by structural and economic developments, during this period strenuous efforts are made to find the claimant new employment.	None.
5. Benefits - Determining factors	length of service, and national average wage in the previous year.	Fixed rate benefit reduced to reflect family income.	Earnings-related social assistance: previous earnings, and duration of unemployment Flat rate social assistance: Flat rate benefit	previous earnings or contribution bases, and national minimum wage.
6. Benefits - Earnings taken as a reference and ceiling	The benefit is based on the national average gross wage in the previous year.	Benefit unrelated to previous earnings.	Earnings-related social assistance: Average gross earnings over the last three months of employment. Upper ceiling: not to exceed regional minimum subsistence level. Flat rate social assistance: Benefits unrelated to previous earnings.	Average wage earned in the six month period before granted unemployment status. Resulting benefit cannot be lower than minimum wage nor higher than average wage in the Republic.

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	THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	TURKEY	UKRAINE
3. Conditions - Means test	None.	None.	
4. Conditions - Waiting period	None	One month.	Unemployment benefit is paid from the eighth day after the insured person's registration with the State Employment Service according to established procedure. Unemployment benefit for persons who resigned from their last place of work by their own wishes and without valid reasons is paid on the 91st calendar day.
5. Benefits - Determining factors	previous earnings length of insurance period and employment record	Earnings prior to redundancy.	service period insurance period average wage duration of unemployment
6. Benefits - Earnings taken as a reference and ceiling	Average monthly net salary paid to the worker over the last 24 months of employment.	The daily amount of unemployment insurance benefit is calculated on the basis of the last four months' earnings.	All forms of payments from which insurance contributions have been calculated are taken into account in the average earnings (income) used to calculate unemployment benefit.

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7. Benefits - Rate of benefits	Flat-rate benefit equal to 4 360 leks per month.	60% of the minimum salary (9000 drams).	Maximum rates are subject to partial withdrawal if income exceeds limit see "Earnings ceiling" above. Youth Allowance (per fortnight) as at 1 January 2007 Single no children, under 18, at home \$190.50 Single no children, under 18, away from home \$348.10 Single no children, 18 and over, away from home \$348.10 Single no children, 18 and over, at home \$229.10 Single with children \$456.00 Partnered, no children \$348.10 Partnered with children \$382.20 Payment may be reduced if the person fails to meet the requirements associated with the payment. For example – ceases to attend full-time study or approved training Newstart Allowance as at 1 January 2007 Single 21 or over, no children \$420.90 Single 21 or over, with children \$455.30 Single, aged 60 or over, after nine months \$455.30 Partnered (each) \$379.80	70 % last 2 years AME if they lost work as a result of reducing of working place . In other case 100 000 AZM
8. Benefits - Family supplements	Recipients with dependent children up to 15 years of age receive a family supplement of 5% of the normal benefit for each dependent child, subject to a maximum of 20%. If one of the parents is employed or entitled to a full pension, such supplement should be reduced by 50%.	None	See Family Benefits.	A supplement of 10% is added for each dependant up to the age of 18 years but up to no more than 50% of benefit in total
9. Benefits - Other supplements	Subsidies for groceries, electricity, dependant persons (financed by State Budget).	None.	None.	None

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7. Benefits - Rate of benefits	<p>Federation BiH Benefits are not linked to earnings, and present of 40 % of the average monthly net salary in Federation over the previous 3 months</p> <p>Republika Srpska Rate of benefit depends upon insurance record and is paid as percentage of individual's average earnings: - less than 10 years insurance 20%: - more than 10 years insurance 35%: - cash benefits can be no lower than 20% of average salary in RS nor higher than average salary in RS.</p> <p>Brcko District: Rate of benefit depends upon insurance record and is paid as percentage of individual's average earnings: - less than 10 years insurance- 35% - more than 10 years insurance- 40% - cash benefits can be no lower than 20% of average salary in Brcko District nor higher than average salary in Brcko District.</p>	<p>The basic weekly benefit rate is 55% of the claimant's average weekly insurable earnings (see "Earnings taken as reference" above). Benefits are paid fortnightly.</p>	<p>Unemployment Benefit Benefit paid in 100% of previous earnings but limited by the amount of maximum and minimum benefit: Maximum benefit: 1,000.00 HRK per month, Minimum benefit: 976,60 HRK per month.</p>	None
8. Benefits - Family supplements	<p>Federation of BiH Republika Srpska and Brcko District None</p>	<p>The rate of benefit for a claimant whose family income is less than C\$ 25,921 per year and who has one or more dependent children is increased to up to 80% of insurable earnings by a family supplement, subject to the maximum weekly benefit of C\$423.</p>	<p>Unemployment benefit None</p>	
9. Benefits - Other supplements	<p>Federation of BiH Republika Srpska and Brcko District None</p>	None.	<p>Lump-sum payment when the employment stopped due to restructuring of the company or enterprise or due to unforeseen personal circumstances. Lump-sum assistance and travel and moving allowance for finding a job if employment service could not provide job in place of permanent residence</p>	None

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7. Benefits - Rate of benefits

Length % of national of service average wage | under 5 years 50% | 5-10 years 55% | 10 years or more 60% The amount of benefit is reduced by 15% at three-monthly intervals but may not fall below the minimum wage (18 lei per month).

The rate of Unemployment Benefit is dependent on age, marital status and number of children, as follows : | single person of 18-19 living at home: \$ 115.94 net per week, | single person of 18-19 living on their own: \$ 144.92 net per week, | single person 20-24: \$ 144.92 net per week, | single person 25 and over: \$ 173.92 net per week, | married or civil union couple with or without children: \$ 289.84 net per week, | sole parent: \$ 249.10 net per week, | . These figures are decreased in accordance with an income received by the recipient (see "Accumulation with earnings from work" below However, this does not apply to a married or civil union client whose partner is: | granted a benefit in their own right, | not entitled to receive a benefit because of voluntary unemployment or misconduct, or | on strike. In these cases 35c is taken from the benefit for each dollar of income earned over \$80.00 (gross) per week.

Earnings-related social assistance: For the first 12 months of unemployment: Paid as a percentage of average wages, benefit decreases over time: first 3 months: 75% next 4 months: 60% next 5 months: 45% But no less then 30% the local minimum subsistence level. For the second period of 12 months of unemployment: 30% of the local minimum subsistence Level. Minimum level of unemployment benefits is fixed at 720 roubles per month and the maximum level at 2880 roubles per month, this is applied to both periods of unemployment Flat rate social assistance: During first 6 months of unemployment: 30% of the local (regional) minimum subsistence level, then 20% of the regional minimum subsistence level for the next 6 months but no less then 100 roubles per month.

60% of the above mentioned bases paid for the first 3 months. This is reduced to 50% for the remaining duration of the benefit. If the beneficiary is attending an additional educational or tuition course, the amount of the benefit received is increased by 10%. The benefit is paid monthly.

8. Benefits - Family supplements

Additional unemployment allowance for persons with dependent children aged under 16 years: 1 or 2 children: 10% supplement, 3 or more children: 20% supplement (not for each child).

Family Support (see Table IX: Family Benefits).

Increased benefit for dependent relatives under the age of 18 years (24 years for students) who: are maintained by the unemployed person, have no independent sources of income, receive no grants, pensions or unemployment benefits, and are not maintained by the state e.g. students in vocational technical training schools or children residing in a state run home. The benefit is increased by 10% of the subsistence minimum (determined regionally) per dependant up to a maximum of 30%. If both parents are unemployed they are both entitled to supplements for the same dependant.

See Table IX "Family benefits".

9. Benefits - Other supplements

None.

People who receive the Unemployment Benefit may also be eligible for the Accommodation Supplement; Disability Allowance; Special Needs Grant; Advance payment of benefit and Special Benefit.

10% of the regional minimum subsistence level but no less then 50 roubles per month for victims of radiation, 10% of the regional minimum subsistence level but no less then 100 roubles per month for persons living in radiation contaminated zones.

See Table XI "Guaranteeing Sufficient Resources".

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7. Benefits - Rate of benefits	<p>Paid as a percentage of reference earnings: 50% of reference earnings for workers who have the right to benefit for up to 12 months, and 40% of reference earnings for workers who are entitled to benefit for longer than 12 months. The amount of the benefit cannot be higher than 80% of the national average monthly net earnings in the past month (11 083,20 Denars). By rule the benefit is paid monthly for the duration determined in the law. However the unemployed person (beneficiary) may ask the Employment Agency to pay the benefit (total amount or the remaining unpaid part) as a lump sum if this can help him/her to get a permanent job/employment, for example to cover part of the expenses of the employer (for example, expenses related to payment of social contributions, taxes. The lump sum may also assist an unemployed person setting up their own business. For example the unemployed person (beneficiary) is entitled to unemployment benefit for a period of 12 months and has been receiving it for 3 months. He/she may decide to begin a self-employment activity and may want to use the unpaid part of the benefit as a start-up capital. This person may ask the Employment Agency to pay the benefit as a lump sum. The purpose of this provision is to encourage reintegration of the unemployed persons into the labour market.</p>	<p>The daily amount of unemployment insurance benefit is 50% of the average of the last 4 months' earnings.</p>	<p>The amount of unemployment benefit is set as a percentage of the average earnings (income), determined in accordance with the procedure for calculating average earnings (income) for calculating payments under universally obligatory State social insurance, and according to the insurance period: up to 2 years 50% from 2 to 6 years 55% from 6 to 10 years 60% over 10 years 70%. Unemployment benefit is paid according to the duration of unemployment as a percentage of the amount set: for the first 90 calendar days 100% for the next 90 calendar days 80% subsequently 70%. Maximum benefit: the average earnings in the relevant branch (same as that in which recipient was previously employed) of the national economy over the preceding month. Minimum benefit: the minimum subsistence level set by law.</p>
8. Benefits - Family supplements	None	None	None
9. Benefits - Other supplements	None	None	None

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10. Benefits - Duration of payment	<p>paid for 12 months if unemployment is continuous, payable over 2 years if unemployment is interrupted by periods of work, provided that the number of calendar days for which benefit is paid does not exceed 365. paid for up to 18 months for those on unremunerated (re)training schemes</p>	<p>6 months plus one extra month for each 3 years of service record (for a total maximum duration of 12 months).</p>	<p>Youth Allowance and Newstart Allowance: Until suitable employment is obtained or entitlement to Social Security Pension. People with partial capacity to work can continue to receive payment if they are working to capacity and meet the other eligibility criteria.</p>	<p>26 calendar weeks within any twelve-month period</p>
11. Sanctions	<p>The persons benefiting from illegal activities or having not informed the authorities of a change in their circumstances shall pay all sums back improperly received.</p>	<p>Benefits are suspended for 2 months if the person declines an acceptable job offer. Benefits are also suspended for as long as a person refuses to attend temporary work or vocational training. Benefits are not paid if the unemployed person declines a job offer for the second time, fails on 2 occasions to collect a job placement offer according to an appointment made by the state employment service unless absence was caused by sickness, fails on three occasions during six months to arrive to collect a job placement offer by the state employment service declines an acceptable offer of a job placement or vocational training on 3 occasions (unless taking care of child under 3 years of age) declines a job offer in accordance with an occupation obtained during vocational training conducted by state employment service; or submits incorrect data that leads to him/her gaining unemployed status .</p>	<p>Recipients of unemployment benefits are required to advise the payment agency (Centrelink) about changed circumstances and/or receipt of income. Failure to comply, for example by giving false information, can lead to a range of administrative penalties such as cancellation, suspension and/or a reduction in payments. Furthermore, recovery of any overpayment may be sought. Recipients can ask Centrelink to review any penalties imposed. Further review avenues exist through administrative appeal tribunals and through court proceedings. In cases which involve fraud, potential also exists for criminal penalties, including jail sentence and orders for reparation.</p>	<p>Benefit is suspended for the duration of 3 months if an individual: rejects two acceptable jobs, or avoids monthly registration at the employment service without any valid reason. Benefit is terminated if an individual: declares false information, is employed without informing employment services, or refuses to attend vocational training.</p>

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	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	CANADA	CROATIA	GEORGIA
10. Benefits - Duration of payment	<p>Federation BiH Duration varies according to insurance record - 3 months for insurance period from 8 months to 5 years - 6 months for insurance period of 5-10 yrs - 9 months for 10-15 years - 12 months for 15-25 years - 15 months for 25-30 years - 18 months for 30-35 years - 24 months for 35 years plus Republika Srpska and District Brcko: - 3 months for insurance record up to 5 years, - 6 months for insurance record of 5 to 15 years, - 9 months for insurance record of 15 to 25 years, - 12 months for insurance record over 25 years.</p>	<p>14 to 45 weeks depending on the number of hours of insurable employment during the qualifying period and the regional rate of unemployment in the area in which the claimant resided when the claim commenced. The benefits may be collected over a 52-calendar week period.</p>	<p>Unemployment benefit Subject to previous period of employment completed (indicated in months and years), with duration of benefit (indicated as calendar days excluding Sundays). 9 months to 2 years: 78 days more than 3 years: 130 days more than 4 years: 156 days more than 5 years: 182 days more than 6 years: 208 days more than 7 years: 234 days more than 8 years: 260 days more than 9 years: 286 days more than 10 years: 338 days more than 15 years: 364 days more than 20 years: 390 days Recipients who have completed 35 years (men) or 30 years (women) of employment remain entitled until engagement in new employment or entitlement to pension. Duration of benefit is extended for women during pregnancy and until their child reaches one year of age. The benefit is also extended for maximum of three months due to illness or if incapacity for work.</p>	None
11. Sanctions	<p>Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District Benefit is suspended, reimbursement required, no criminal penalties.</p>	<p>Administrative penalties can be imposed to claimants and employers for false declarations made knowingly. Amounts for claimants can be up to 300% the benefit rate per false declaration. In addition to the administrative penalty, a claimant will be issued a notice because he committed an infraction or an offence. A claimant who has had a violation will need more insured hours to qualify for benefits during the subsequent claims. These higher entrance requirements will be based on the value of violation and the number of offences and will be in effect for five years or for the next two claims, whichever occurs first. Employers who engage in fraud, such as falsifying or selling a Record of Employment (ROE) are also liable for a penalty of up to C\$12,000 or the total of the claimant penalties, in collusion cases. Corporate directors, officers or agents may be penalised for fraud if they make false statements while acting for an employer. They can also be held liable to pay employer financial penalties if the employer cannot pay the penalty.</p>	<p>Unemployment benefit Administrative measures: suspension of the benefit and obligation to refund but no criminal penalties.</p>	None

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10. Benefits - Duration of payment

5 years of affiliation: 6 months 5-10 years of affiliation: 9 months 10 or more years of affiliation: 12 months.

The Unemployment Benefit is paid as long as the claimant continues to meet the criteria.

Earnings-related social assistance: Benefits are divided into three kinds according to duration of payments: paid for 6 months in total over a period of 12 calendar months; 6 months entitlement followed by six months without entitlement, thus 12 months payable over an 18 month period. This system is available for those: seeking work for the first time, having no profession; seeking work after prolonged period of unemployment (more than one year); dismissed for disciplinary reasons; dismissed from an educational organisation to which they had been sent by employment services. paid for 12 consecutive months followed by a period of 6 months without entitlement payable to all those dismissed on any ground within 12 months before commencement of unemployment benefit having worked no less than 26 weeks during this period. Flat rate social assistance: Paid for 12 consecutive months.

Between 3 to 24 months scale dependant on age and contribution period: 3 months, if insured up to 5 years 6 months, if insured from 5 to 15 years 9 months, if insured from 15 to 20 years 12 months, if insured for longer than 20 years 24 months, if insured for longer than 20 years and aged 61 years (men) or 56 years (women) 24 months if insured for longer than 38 years (men) or 33 years (women) and aged at least 51 years 24 months if insured for longer than 25 years and aged more than 55 years

11. Sanctions

If unemployment benefit has been obtained illegally through the submission of false documentation, or if a claimant takes a job without informing the employment office, the legislation provides that sums paid out shall be reclaimed automatically.

A claimant who fails to meet his/her "work test" obligations will face the following sanctions: 1 for the first two failures: benefit is suspended until such time as s/he re-complies; 1 after the third failure: benefit is cancelled and the claimant is not entitled to receive any benefit for 13 weeks from the date of cancellation. A person can receive a provisional benefit if they agree to undertake a suitable activity during the 13 week cancellation period, if they fail to complete this activity the provisional benefit is established as a debt against the person.

Social Insurance and Social Assistance Suspension of benefits, revocation of rights.

Suspension of benefit, no criminal penalties.

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	THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	TURKEY	UKRAINE
10. Benefits - Duration of payment	<p>Duration of benefits depends on the time the insured person has been employed and has been paying insurance contributions. Duration of unemployment benefit is as follows : 1 month duration: 9 consecutive months of employment or insurance or 12 months with interruptions during the last 18 months; 2 months duration: 18 months to 2.5 years of employment or insurance; 3 months duration: 2,5 to 5 years of employment or insurance 4 months duration: 5 to 7.5 years of employment or insurance; 5 months duration: 7,5 to 10 years of employment or insurance; 6 months duration: 10 to 12.5 years of employment or insurance; 7 months duration: 12.5 to 15 years of employment or insurance; 8 months duration: 15 to 17,5 years of employment or insurance; 9 months duration: 17,5 to 20 years of employment or insurance; 10 months duration: 20 to 22.5 years of employment or insurance; 11 months duration: 22.5 to 25 years of employment or insurance; 12 months payment: more than 25 years of employment or insurance; Unlimited duration, i.e. until a new status occurs (pension, employment, etc). for persons who have been more than 15 years in employment and who are at the most 5 years short to qualify for an old age pension. Duration of benefit is extended for women during pregnancy and for persons on training for the time of its duration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 180 days for those with 600 days of unemployment insurance contributions, • 240 days for those with 900 days of unemployment insurance contributions, • 300 days for those with 1080 days of unemployment insurance contributions 	<p>The total duration of payment of unemployment benefit may not exceed 360 calendar days during a two year period. For persons of pre-pension age (during the 2 years before they become entitled to a pension) the duration of payment of unemployment benefit may not exceed 720 calendar days.</p>
11. Sanctions	<p>Administrative (suspension of benefit with obligation to refund with interest) and criminal sanctions (if the right has been obtained on the basis of incorrect fabricated data). Unemployment benefit is suspended if the beneficiary: becomes economically active refuses to take a job, education or training offered by the Employment Agency, does not register with the Employment agency within the determined period, or fails to notify to the Employment agency within a period of 8 days of any change that might have an impact on the right to unemployment benefit. In addition the unemployed person will be removed from the records of unemployed people at the Employment Service Agency for one year.</p>	<p>If the recipient contravenes the regulations by making false declarations or by omitting to declare obligatory information, benefit is suspended.</p>	<p>The benefit is terminated if an individual has declared false date.</p>

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12. Accumulation with other social security benefits	<p>The insured person shall be entitled to an employment benefit and the partial disability pension. Unemployment benefit could also be paid in cases of participation in special (state and local) public active employment programmes. In this case the complete remuneration should not exceed the minimum monthly wage. Those attending training and retraining courses are entitled to unemployment benefit if they are not paid for this period. The payment of benefit should not exceed 6 months beyond one year of unemployment benefit. This right is also enjoyed by insured persons under maternity benefit and full disability pension.</p>	<p>Only with family poverty benefits (see Table XI 'Guarantying sufficient resources').</p>	<p>Family benefits (see above) Pharmaceutical Allowance Supplement of A\$5.80 per fortnight paid to those over 60 years of age (single or couples combined) who have been in receipt of benefits for 9 months (covers any of the social security income support payments) and people with partial capacity to work. Rent assistance Available to Family Assistance customers who are receiving more than the base rate and paying private rent. It is not available to single people under 25 years, without dependants who live with parents or guardians. It is payable if the rent is more than A\$91.80 per fortnight – maximum assistance rate for single person is A\$103.20 per fortnight. Other rates depend on marital status and number of children but maximum rate for couple with 3 or more children is A\$137.06 per fortnight. It is income tested but not assets tested. The base rate is reduced by 30 cents for every dollar of family income over A\$88,622 per annum (plus \$3,504 for each child after the first), e.g. the income of a family with 2 children is reduced by 30 cents for every dollar over \$88,622. Remote Area Allowance Tax-free allowance for pensioners/benefit recipients payable at the rate of A\$18.20 per fortnight for a single person, A\$15.60 per fortnight each for a couple plus A\$7.30 per fortnight for each dependent. This Allowance is based on residence in specified remote Tax Zones. Pensioner Concession Card Available to pension recipients and recipients of NSA and YA who have partial capacity to work. The card entitles the recipient to concessions on prescription drugs through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. It also provides access to discounts on a range of transport and utility costs. Telephone Allowance A non-taxable payment of A\$21.40 per quarter payable to a person who also holds a Pensioner Concession Card and has a private phone connected in their home in their name. Mobility Allowance Paid to people with disability aged 16 or over who cannot use public transport without substantial assistance due to their disability and who travel to work (including voluntary work), training or job search. Two rates of Allowance are payable: Standard rate: A\$74.30 per fortnight, for people undertaking paid or voluntary work or vocational training for 32 hours every four weeks; Higher rate: A\$104 per fortnight for Disability Support Pensioners and recipients of NSA or YA who are working at least 15 hours per week at or above the relevant minimum wage or looking for such work. Claimants must be Australian residents.</p>	<p>May be combined with the benefit for children of families with scarce means</p>

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	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	CANADA	CROATIA	GEORGIA
12. Accumulation with other social security benefits	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District -Only family benefits may be combined with unemployment benefits	Social Security benefits are not taken into account when calculating the Employment Insurance benefits payable.	Unemployment benefit None permitted	No special provisions

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12. Accumulation with other social security benefits

None.

None.

Depends on the type and status of a benefit. e.g. child benefits are paid only if recipient income level is below minimum subsistence level. Invalidity pensioners have no right to unemployment benefits etc.

Accumulation with other social security benefits permitted, except old-age, invalidity and survivors' pension.

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12. Accumulation with other social security benefits	Possible to combine with child allowance.	None	The following can be accumulated with the benefit: state social assistance to low -income households; state social assistance to families with children.

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	ALBANIA	ARMENIA	AUSTRALIA	AZERBAIJAN
13. Accumulation with earnings from work	Benefit shall be suspended during employment or other economic active.	Not permitted.	See "Means Test" above.	Unemployment benefit is suspended if a person receives earnings from employment/self-employment

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	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	CANADA	CROATIA	GEORGIA
13. Accumulation with earnings from work	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District As soon as the unemployed person starts working, unemployment benefits are being suspended. Next unemployment is treated per se.	Earnings from employment reduce Employment Insurance benefits payable in a week. However, while receiving regular or parental benefits, a person is entitled to earn 25% of their benefit rate or C\$50, whichever is the higher, before any deduction takes place. Above this threshold benefits, a dollar of benefits is deducted for each dollar of earnings. If benefits are reduced to zero in a week, that week of entitlement is maintained by the claimant for future use within the benefit period.	Unemployment benefit Benefit is suspended if recipient is employed or self-employed.	No special provisions

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13. Accumulation with earnings from work	As soon as a person obtains a statutory income (by taking a job, through retirement or through a business venture), he or she loses entitlement to unemployment benefit.	Income of up to \$80 gross per week may be earned before the Unemployment Benefit begins to be reduced. Income over \$80 abates the benefit at 70c in the dollar. The point at which the Unemployment Benefit is reduced to zero varies according to marital status; number of dependants; residential status; and so on. For example: I a single person aged 18 years living at home may earn up to \$245.00 gross per week before their benefit is reduced to zero; I a married or civil union couple with or without children may earn up to \$ 494.00 gross per week before their benefit is reduced to zero.	None permissible.	Only for part-time work, if wage received is lower than unemployment benefit then the benefit differential will be allowed.

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	THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	TURKEY	UKRAINE
13. Accumulation with earnings from work	A recipient of unemployment benefit who gets part-time employment is entitled to 50% of the unemployment benefit. S/he retains the right to be referred by ESA to a full-time job position.	Benefits are suspended as soon as the unemployed person resumes work.	Unemployment benefit can be accumulated with wage from public works.

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	ALBANIA	ARMENIA	AUSTRALIA	AZERBAIJAN
Partial unemployment				
1. Definition	Unemployment benefit may be paid during participation in special (state and local) public employment programmes.	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions
2. Conditions	Claimant must have been selected and offered a place on a special employment programme, and Earnings from the programme must not exceed the minimum wage	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions
3. Rates of the benefits	Full benefit is paid	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions
4. Sanctions	The persons benefiting from illegal activities or having not informed the authorities of a change in their circumstances shall pay all sums back improperly received	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions
5. Accumulation with other social security benefits	The insured person shall be entitled to an employment benefit and the partial disability pension. Unemployment benefit could also be paid in cases of participation in special (state and local) public active employment programmes. In this case the complete remuneration should not exceed the minimum monthly wage. Those attending training and retraining courses are entitled to unemployment benefit, if they are not paid for this period. The payment of benefit should not exceed 6 months beyond one year of unemployment benefit. This right is also enjoyed by insured persons under maternity benefit and full disability pension.	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions
6. Accumulation with earnings from work	Earnings from the programme must not exceed the minimum wage	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions

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	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	CANADA	CROATIA	GEORGIA
Partial unemployment				
1. Definition	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District No special provisions	Work Sharing program. Available: during short term, non-recurrent economic emergencies to allow the employer to retain a full work force on a reduced working week; by agreement between the Employment Insurance Commission , the employer, all the employees and any union involved.	No special scheme.	No special provisions.
2. Conditions	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District No special provisions	Minimum period of insurance (see "Qualifying period" above) and must officially be a participant in the program.	No special scheme.	No special provisions.
3. Rates of the benefits	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District No special provisions	Compensation amount is calculated as: (the number of hours lost per week ÷ the number of hours normally worked per week) x the claimant's weekly benefit rate. See 'Rate' above for the calculation of a claimant's weekly benefit rate.	No special scheme.	No special provisions.
4. Sanctions	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District No special provisions	Same as above.	No special scheme.	No special provisions.
5. Accumulation with other social security benefits	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District No special provisions	Social Security benefits are not taken into account when calculating the EI benefits payable.	No special scheme.	No special provisions.
6. Accumulation with earnings from work	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District No special provisions	On a work sharing claim, the claimant is allowed to earn in a week the greater of C\$50 or 25% of his/her benefit rate earnings from an employer other than the work sharing employer, after which the earnings are deducted dollar for dollar from the work sharing benefits.	No special scheme.	No special provisions.

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	MOLDOVA	NEW ZEALAND	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	SERBIA
Partial unemployment				
1. Definition	No special provisions.	There are no special provisions that apply to partial unemployment – someone who is on the unemployment benefit may work part-time and their benefit is then abated accordingly.	No special provisions.	No special provisions.
2. Conditions	No special provisions.	No special provisions. Over 60's can apply to be exempt from the work test.	No special provisions.	No special provisions.
3. Rates of the benefits	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions.
4. Sanctions	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions.
5. Accumulation with other social security benefits	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions.
6. Accumulation with earnings from work	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	No special provisions.

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	THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	TURKEY	UKRAINE
Partial unemployment		Not applicable	
1. Definition	See "Accumulation with earnings from work above".		No special provisions.
2. Conditions	See "Accumulation with earnings from work above".		No special provisions.
3. Rates of the benefits	See "Accumulation with earnings from work above".		No special provisions.
4. Sanctions	See "Accumulation with earnings from work above".		No special provisions.
5. Accumulation with other social security benefits	See "Accumulation with earnings from work above".		No special provisions.
6. Accumulation with earnings from work	See "Accumulation with earnings from work above".		No special provisions.

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	ALBANIA	ARMENIA	AUSTRALIA	AZERBAIJAN
Benefits for older unemployed				
1. Measure	No special provisions	/ Entitlement to early old-age pension within one year of pensionable age, / Entitlement to additional social guarantees within five years of pensionable age.	Mature Age Allowance.	Introduction of job quotas for older people
2. Conditions	No special provisions	I Entitlement to early old age pension within one year of pensionable age: 35 years insurance record. Entitlement to additional social guarantees within 5 years of pensionable age: when the claimant is within 5 years of pensionable age s/he is granted additional vulnerability points when assessing his entitlement under the poverty family benefits system (see Table XI.1 'Guaranteeing Sufficient Resources: General Non-contributory Minimum').	No new claims for Mature Age Allowance from 20 September 2003; I aged between 60 and Social Security Pension age; I in receipt of Income Support Payment (income support payments include Newstart, Mature Age Allowance, Sickness Allowance, Youth Allowance and Special Benefit) for the preceding 9 months and on unemployment benefit at time of claim; I no recent workforce experience.	The quotas apply to persons who are within 2 years of entitlement to pension and quotas must correspond with the current situation of the labour market and be no more than 5% of the average number of employees. Employers are financially punished for failing to comply with quotas.
3. Rates of benefit	No special provisions	Entitlement to early old age pension within one year of pensionable age: No reduction of old age pension, see Table VI 'Old Age'. Entitlement to additional social guarantees within 5 years of pensionable age: when the claimant is within 5 years of pensionable age s/he is granted additional vulnerability points when assessing his entitlement under the poverty family benefits system (see Table XI.1 'Guaranteeing Sufficient Resources: General Non-contributory Minimum').	Entitled to benefit equivalent to Social Security Pension, see Old Age section. Education Entry Payment of A\$208 and Employment Entry Payment of A\$104, (or \$312 for a recipient with a partial capacity to work who receives Newstart Allowance) may be available	Not applicable
4. Accumulation	No special provisions	Not permitted	For earnings threshold see "Means Test" above. May be combined with the following social security benefits: I Family benefits, I Pharmaceutical Allowance, I Rent Assistance, I Remote Area Allowance, I Telephone Allowance.	Not applicable

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	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	CANADA	CROATIA	GEORGIA
Benefits for older unemployed				
1. Measure	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District No special provisions	None.	Unemployment benefit No special benefits but see "Duration of payment" above.	No special provisions.
2. Conditions	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District No special provisions	None.	Unemployment benefit See "Duration of payment" above.	No special provisions.
3. Rates of benefit	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District No special provisions	None.	Unemployment benefit Normal rates.	No special provisions.
4. Accumulation	Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska and Brcko District No special provisions	None.	Unemployment benefit No special provisions.	No special provisions.

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	MOLDOVA	NEW ZEALAND	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	SERBIA
Benefits for older unemployed				
1. Measure	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	Early pension: Pension paid upon approval by an Employment Agency. Extended social insurance: Duration of social insurance unemployment benefits prolonged for those with the necessary employment history for a full old age pension but who are not yet of pensionable age.	extended duration of unemployment benefit (up to 24 months), depending on age and period of previous insurance. reduction in social security contributions for 24 months for employers who employ unemployed persons age over 45 years.
2. Conditions	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	Early pension: The pension shall be granted when approved by an Employment Agency if there is no possibility of placing unemployed citizens. Extended social insurance: For citizens who have the 20 (women) or 25 years (men) of work necessary for an old age pension but have not yet reached pension age (55 and 60 years respectively) the duration of payment increases by 2 weeks for every year of work over and above the qualifying period required for a full old-age pension, but for no more than 12 additional months. All in all the maximum duration of benefit payment is 24 months within 36 calendar months.	See "Total unemployment".
3. Rates of benefit	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	Those entitled to a pension on the basis of a proposal from an Employment Agency are granted a benefit calculated in accordance with pension legislation (see Table VI 'Old Age'). This pension is paid by the Russian Federation Pension Fund, which is then reimbursed by the State Budget. Extended social insurance: Social insurance benefits are paid during entitlement in the amounts indicated in 'Full Unemployment: Benefits: Rate' above. During the additional period of up to 12 months the recipient receives 45% of his average earnings.	See "Total unemployment".
4. Accumulation	No special provisions.	No special provisions.	None.	See "Total unemployment".

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	THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	TURKEY	UKRAINE
Benefits for older unemployed		Not applicable	
1. Measure	Extended duration of payment: entitled until finding new employment or fulfilling the conditions for an old age pension.		Early pension (for employed persons with 1,5 years or less before pensionable age) For those who become unemployed within 720 calendar days of pensionable age, the maximum duration of employment benefit is increased until they reach pensionable age.
2. Conditions	At least 15 years insurance and lacking at most 5 years to fulfill the conditions for an old age pension		Participation in the mandatory unemployment insurance and aged at least: 53 years old (women) 57 years old (men).
3. Rates of benefit	See "Total Unemployment: Benefits, Rate of Benefits" above.		The same as for ordinary benefit.
4. Accumulation	None.		The following can be accumulated with the benefit: state social assistance to low-income households; state social assistance to families with children; with wages from public works.

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	ALBANIA	ARMENIA	AUSTRALIA	AZERBAIJAN
Adjustment	Annually indexed by decision of the Council of Ministers, with regard to price index development of selected commodities. The benefit must remain sufficient to ensure a minimum standard of living.	Unilateral decision of Government taken on irregular basis; depending upon available resources	Newstart Allowance payment rates are adjusted two times a year, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Youth Allowance payment rates are adjusted annually on 1 January based on the CPI.	Periodic re-evaluation according to the price index evaluation.

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	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	CANADA	CROATIA	GEORGIA
Adjustment		See Family Supplement above and the repayment of benefits under Limit of income for tax relief or tax reduction below.	Unemployment benefit Minimum benefit may not be lower than 20% of the national average earnings of all employed persons. Maximum amount of the benefit is periodically defined by Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship and agreed by Ministry of Finance.	No special provisions.

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	MOLDOVA	NEW ZEALAND	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	SERBIA
Adjustment	Adjusted every 1st January according to the change in the level of the national average wage for the preceding year.	Benefit rates are adjusted on an annual basis (1 April each year) – the amount of the adjustment is based on movements in the Consumer Price Index of the previous 12 months (January-December).	None.	No adjustment. It is only prescribed that the benefit cannot be lower than the officially set national minimum salary in Serbia.

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	THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	TURKEY	UKRAINE
Adjustment	Adjusted to reflect the growth rate of the national average wage over the previous year (relevant especially in cases when unemployment benefit is paid for more than 18 months)		Indexation according to the price index evaluation.

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	ALBANIA	ARMENIA	AUSTRALIA	AZERBAIJAN
Taxation and social contributions				
1. Taxation of cash benefits	Not subject to taxation	Not subject to taxation.	Subject to taxation.	Not subject to taxation
2. Limit of income for tax relief or tax reduction	Not applicable	Not applicable.	The Beneficiary Rebate is a tax rebate available to taxpayers who receive unemployment payments. The formula used to calculate the beneficiary rebate will ensure that a person will pay no tax for the year if they: I receive the full amount of any of the qualifying benefits and allowances for the full year, and I have no other taxable income. The Beneficiary Rebate is calculated by multiplying the amount of benefit or allowance over \$6,000 by the lowest marginal tax rate of 15%.	Not applicable
3. Social security contributions from benefits	None	None.	Australian social security system is not contributory.	None

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	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	CANADA	CROATIA	GEORGIA
Taxation and social contributions				
1. Taxation of cash benefits	Federation of BiH and Republika Srpska - Not subjected to taxation Brcko District: - Subject to taxation	Subject to taxation.	Unemployment benefit Not subject to taxation.	No special provisions.
2. Limit of income for tax relief or tax reduction	Federation of BiH and Republika Srpska - Not applicable Brcko District: - Tax relief of 240.00 KM + 50.00 KM (life expenditures) and a further 120.00KM for each supported member of the family. The rest of the individual's income is subjected to taxation in amount of 10%	The limits for tax relief on income change each year, subject to the provisions of the Income Tax Act. Furthermore, if the claimant's net annual income exceeds C\$48,750, s/he must repay 30% of the lesser of: The total benefits paid in that taxation year, or The amount by which the net income exceeds C\$48,750. First time claimants of regular or fishing benefits (those who were paid less than one week of regular or fishing benefits in the ten years prior to the taxation year in question) and all claims for special benefits (maternity, parental and sickness) are excluded from the repayment provision.	Unemployment benefit Not applicable.	Not applicable
3. Social security contributions from benefits	Federation of BiH and Republika Srpska - None Brcko District - Contributions are paid the same way as contributions on wages	None.	Unemployment benefit None.	None

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	MOLDOVA	NEW ZEALAND	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	SERBIA
Taxation and social contributions				
1. Taxation of cash benefits	None.	The Unemployment Benefit is taxable, with tax being deducted by the Ministry of Social Development prior to the client receiving payment.	Not subject to taxation.	Not subject to taxation.
2. Limit of income for tax relief or tax reduction	Not applicable.	Income is taxable from the first dollar of income, as follows: Less than \$9,500: tax rate of 15% Between \$9,501 and \$38,000: tax rate of 21% Between \$38,001 and 60,000: tax rate of 33% Over \$60,000: tax rate of 39%.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
3. Social security contributions from benefits	The contributions made by the unemployment insurance fund to the State social insurance budget on behalf of the unemployed represent 29% of the benefit.	None.	None.	Health, pension and invalidity insurance contribution is calculated on net benefit. This amount is paid by the Republic Budget.

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Taxation and social contributions			
1. Taxation of cash benefits	Not subject of taxation.		The unemployment benefit is not subject to taxation.
2. Limit of income for tax relief or tax reduction	None.		Not applicable.
3. Social security contributions from benefits	Employment Service Agency pays contributions for health insurance on behalf of the beneficiary of unemployment benefit for the duration of the unemployment benefit. Employment Service Agency provides pension and disability insurance for those beneficiaries of unemployment benefit who have been less than 15 years in employment and who are at the most 5 years short to qualify for an old age pension. Pension insurance contributions are paid until the total pension insurance period of the beneficiary reaches the required 15 years.		None.

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