



The «Repayable Advance» measure as provided by Legislative Act 30/03/2020 and decision A.1076/2020

Businesses that have been affected by the COVID-19 crisis may receive funding through the «Repayable Advance» measure

Within the framework of supporting businesses that have been affected by the COVID-19 crisis, the measure of the “Repayable Advance” is introduced in accordance with the provisions of Legislative Act 30/03/2020 and decision A.1076/2020. The Repayable Advance regards additional financing from the Greek State which should be repaid in total or in part and should not be confused with the CIT advance payment.



In accordance with the relevant provisions (article 3 of Legislative Act 30/03/2020 and decision A.1076/2020) private businesses of all legal types, including personal companies, and regardless of sector that maintain their registered seat or permanent establishment in Greece and have been affected by the COVID-19 are entitled to the Repayable Advance aid. This aid is granted in accordance with the provisions of C(2020) 1863/19.3.2020 Announcement of the European Commission "Temporary framework for state aid measures in order to support economy during the COVID-19 crisis" and following approval of the relevant aid framework by the Commission.

It should be stressed that this measure regards all businesses and not only the ones with Business Activities Codes that are considered as affected by the COVID-19, provided that they meet the following conditions.

Parties entitled to the Repayable Advance

- They have an employee population of 1 to 500,
- They are not considered as “undertakings in difficulty”, as defined by Regulation no. 651/2014 (EE L 187/26.6.2014) or were not such at December 31st 2019 but faced difficulties due to the COVID-19 crisis, and have not received in the past aid that has been deemed as noncompatible by a European Commission decision,
- They meet the conditions set by Regulation no. 1407/2013 (EE L351/1 of 24.12.2013) and have not exhausted the upper limit set by the Regulation for the 2018-2020 period,
- Are not in a dormant status as of April 2019 onwards as derived by the tax records of the Public Revenue Authority or by filing zero rated VAT returns for the duration of this period.

In accordance with the Press Release of the Ministry of Finance the Repayable Advance is a financing scheme aimed to support small and medium size businesses that operate in all sectors of the economy and are affected by COVID-19.

The initial amount of the financing scheme is 1 billion euro and its function is to directly provide financial support to businesses, which will be fully or partially repaid to the State depending on their further course.

The aid through the Repayable Advance scheme may not exceed the amount of 500.000 euro per company. The aid cannot be confiscated, is nontaxable and non offsetable.

The aid will be granted directly to businesses by the State through the tax administration information system (TAXIS).

It is characterized as repayable since either all or part of it (depending on the viability of the business) will be repaid to the State within the next years at an extremely low interest rate.

The total duration of the measure will be of five (5) years. The first year is considered as a period of grace with no obligation of payments. The repayment will take place in the next four year through equal monthly installments.



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Being chosen and the level of aid received is based on the comparison of the current situation of the business against its' the previous situation. This comparison will be produced through a standardized mechanism of monitoring and valuation of the Ministry of Finance based on tax data and other relevant economic and business ratios.

Since the main aim of the Repayable Advance measure is to support businesses in order to maintain their current level of employment, businesses that receive this aid are not allowed to proceed with any dismissals as of March 30th, 2020.

This aid will be granted in accordance with the framework (ordinary or extraordinary) provided by the European Union for state aids.

The Independent Public Revenue Authority (ΑΑΔΕ) has established a web based platform (www.aade.gr/mybusinesssupport), which is directly linked with the tax registration number of each business.

Companies that wish to make use of the Repayable Advance aid need to make a declaration of interest by April 10th through the platform, stating the following data:

Businesses subject to VAT:

Businesses that maintain single entry books declare their VAT revenue (code 312 of the VAT return) for the 1st quarter (January – March 2020),

Businesses that maintain double entry books declare their VAT revenue (code 312 of the VAT return) for March 2020,

Businesses not subject to VAT:

Businesses that maintain single entry books declare

- Total gross revenue of tax year 2019 (code 047 of the E3 document),
- Total expenses for tax year 2019,
- Gross revenues for the first quarter of 2020 in total,

Businesses that maintain double entry books declare

- Total gross revenue of tax year 2019 (code 047 of the E3 document),
- Total expenses for tax year 2019,
- Gross revenues for the first quarter of 2020 for each month,

The expenses amount is defined by code 580 of the E3 document reduced by the amount of code 581 (employee expenses) and code 585 (various operating expenses) to the degree that refer to rental expenses of the company.

Following the initial declaration and for the period of April till December 2020, companies regardless of the type of accounts maintained, need to declare their VAT revenue or gross revenue per month within the 10th day of the following month

Filing a declaration of interest does not give rise to any right or claim for the applicants.

All relevant details that regard this aid will be defined with a decision to be issued after the filing deadline for the declaration of interest expires.



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