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## Extension of various corona special provisions

Certain specific provisions concerning the corona, which would expire on 31st of March 2022, have now been extended.

## Special care period extended to 8 July 2022

The regulation of the special period of care (§ 18b AVRAG) is extended until **8th of July 2022 (end of the school year 2021/2022)** by order of the Minister of Labor (BGBl. II No. 115/2022).

## COVID-19 special exemption for pregnant women in body-related occupations extended until 30th of June 2022

The amendment to the corona exemption for pregnant women (§ 3a MSchG), which would also end on 31st of March 2022, is extended until 30th of June 2022 by an amendment to the Maternity Protection Act (BGBl. I No. 19/2022). Henceforward, the vaccination status does not play a role in the application of the risk exemption of COVID 19 (§ 3a MSchG).

## The increase in the cross-border worker flat rate /Pendlerpauschale/ and cross-border worker euro /Pendlereuro/ from May 2022 to June 2023

In response to high fuel costs, the commuting allowance has increased for a limited period. For the period from 1.5.2022 to 30.6.2023, it will be:

- increased cross-border worker's flat rate by 50% and
- increased the amount of cross-border worker's euro for commuters by four times.

This results in the following monthly values for this period:

Cross-border worker's flat rate from 01.05.2022 to 30.06.2023 (monthly)			
Home - work (one way)	Home - work (one way)	Home - work (one way)	Big flat rate (full value)
		min. of 2 km	€ 46,50
min. of 20 km	€ 87,00	more than 20 km	€ 184,50
more than 40 km	€ 169,50	more than 40 km	€ 321,00
more than 60 km	€ 252,00	more than 60 km	€ 459,00
Cross-border worker's euro from 01.05.2022 to 30.06.2023 (monthly)			
8,00 € per number of kilometers of one way divided by 12			

## Employment of refugees from Ukraine

Many companies are interested in employing refugees from Ukraine. It should be noted that even in these cases, **employment without a work permit is illegal**. For Ukrainian refugees to be able to work legally in Austria, they need,

1. a blue residence card for displaced persons and
2. a work permit for displaced persons applied for by the employer to the AMS (Labor Office).

The Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum is responsible for the blue residence card ("ID card for displaced persons"). As soon as an "ID card for displaced persons" is available, the employer can apply to the AMS for a simplified employment permit. The application for an employment permit can be submitted in paper form or via the eAMS account (in the section Services for employment of foreigners / employment permit). Employment permits for lessors of labor are not allowed.

**Link-Tip:** More information on this topic can be found on the AMS website: <https://www.ams.at/unternehmen/service-zur-personalsuche/gefluechtete-personen-aus-der-ukraine-einstellen>

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