

Hellenic Republic

Declaration from Greece, pursuant to Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the coordination of social security systems, for the year ending 31 December 2022

I. DECLARATIONS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1(L) OF REGULATION (EC) No 883/2004 AND DATE FROM WHICH REGULATION (EC) No 883/2004 WILL BE APPLIED

NONE

II. LEGISLATION AND SCHEMES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 3 OF REGULATION (EC) No 883/2004

1. Sickness benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

• NATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR HEALTHCARE PROVISION (EOPYY)

- **Law 3918/2011** on structural changes to the healthcare system and other provisions.

Article 17(2): 'The services, responsibilities and staff of the Health Branch of the Social Insurance Institute - Unified Insurance Fund for Employees (IKA-ETAM) along with its Health Units, the occupational medicine diagnostic centre of the IKA and all its equipment, the Health Branches of the Agricultural Insurance Organisation (OGA) and of the Insurance Organisation for the Self-Employed (OAEE), and also the Civil Servants' Healthcare Insurance Organisation (OPAD), as established by Law 3655/2008 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 58), in relation to benefits in kind, are to be transferred and incorporated into the EOPYY'.

- **Law 4052/2012** on the responsibilities of the Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security to give effect to the law approving: the Draft Credit Facility Agreements between the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), the Hellenic Republic and the Bank of Greece; the Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Hellenic Republic, the European Commission and the Bank of Greece; and other emergency provisions to reduce public debt and save the national economy, Article 13(17): 'The services and responsibilities of the following relating to the provision of healthcare services in kind are hereby incorporated into the EOPYY: (a) the 'Oikos Naftou' [the seafarers' healthcare organisation] from 1.4.2012, (b) the Health Branch of the Insurance Fund for Employees in Banks and Public Utilities (TAYTEKO) and the Insurance Sector for Staff of the Public Power Corporation (PPC) from 1.5.2012, and (c) the Insurance Fund for Independent Professionals (ETAA)¹, from 1.6.2012, as well as all manner of healthcare units and all their equipment'.

➤ ¹ Because 'Article 44(14) of Law 4075/2012 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 89) and all administrative acts issued pursuant to that provision shall be repealed from the publication hereof' and the Health Branch of the ETAA and the insurance fund for staff of the Credit Bank, the General Bank and the American Express Bank which is part of TAYTEKO's Health Branch will be incorporated into the EOPYY from 12.11.2012.

- **Law 4093/2012** entitled 'Approval of the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework – Emergency measures for implementing Law 4046/2012 and the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework', Section 1a, subparagraph L.1, paragraph L lays down the incorporation of the Mass Media Staff Insurance Fund (ETAP-MME) into the EOPYY on 1.12.2012.
- Law 4213/13 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 261) entitled 'Harmonisation of Greek legislation with Directive 2011/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare (OJ L 88, 4.4.2011, p. 45) and other provisions'

Article 8 of Law 4237/2014 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 36) regulating matters relating to ADMIE AE and other provisions and Ministerial Decision No οικ.11810/179/Φ.80353/2.6.2014 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1635) specifying how to obtain and use data from social security bodies for the operation of the Atlas system, the national register for the insured and insurance eligibility

Law 4238/2014 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 38, 17.2.2014) on the Primary National Health Network (PEDY), the change in the purpose of the EOPYY and other provisions

Law 4316/2014 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 270, 24.12.2014) establishing an observatory for dementia, improving perinatal care, regulating matters falling within the remit of the Ministry of Health and other provisions

Decision No ΕΜΠ5 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 3054, 18.11.2012) amending Joint Ministerial Decision No Φ.90380/25916/3294/2011 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2456, 3.11.2011) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY), as amended by Joint Ministerial Decision No Φ.90380/5383/738/2012 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1233, 11.4.2012) and currently in force. New amendment to it with reference ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π.46846 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2315, 2018).

Articles 37(2) and 49(3) of **Law 4111/2013** (Government Gazette, Series I, No 18, 25.1.2013), effective as of 19.11.2012, as replaced by Article 3 of Law 4208/2013 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 252, 18.11.2013) (Negotiating Committee).

Ministerial Decision No Y9α/76908/5.9.2014 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2425) on administrative procedures relating to cross-border healthcare (Article 9 of Law 4213/13)

Ministerial Decision No Y9α/79323/15.9.2014 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2459) establishing the healthcare cases that may be subject to prior authorisation (Article 8 of Law 4213/13)

Joint Ministerial Decision No Y9α/87340/8.10.2014 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2774) on general principles for calculating the costs to be reimbursed to insured persons in cross-border healthcare (Article 7 of Law 4213/13)

Article 29(2) of **Law 4272/2014** (Government Gazette, Series I, No 145, 11.7.2014) – payment of hospitalisation expenses to insurance beneficiaries following an accident

Articles 26 to 30 of **Law 4366/2016** (Government Gazette, Series I, No 18, 15.2.2016) – Extension to EOPYY service contracts

Article 90 of Law 4368/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 21, 21.2.2016) on measures to speed up government business and other provisions.

Article 33: Measures to alleviate the humanitarian crisis and ensure universal health coverage of the population, health cover for uninsured persons and vulnerable social groups

Joint Ministerial Decision No Α3(γ)/ΓΠ/οικ.25132/4.4.2016 on arrangements to ensure access of uninsured persons to the public health system

Article 34 of Law 4447/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 241, 23.12.2016) on spatial planning, sustainable development and other provisions

Law 4387/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85, 12.5.2016) on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions

Article 31 (Compensatory measures for abolishing the Pensioners' Social Solidarity Allowance (EKAS)) of Law 4411/2016 entitled 'Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime concerning the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed through computer systems and the Additional Protocol thereto – Transposition into Greek law of Directive 2013/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on attacks against information systems and replacing Council Framework Decision 2005/222/JHA, provisions concerning correctional and criminal policy and other provisions'

Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 46633 Procedure for provision and reimbursement of eyewear / spectacles and special education services to ΕΟΡΥΥ beneficiaries (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2284, 15.6.2018) - in force as of 1.8.2018

Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 46846

amending and replacing Joint Ministerial Decision No Φ.90380/25916/3294/31.10.2011 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2456, 3.11.2011), as in force, on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (ΕΚΡΥ) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (ΕΟΡΥΥ) (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2315, 19.6.2018). Applicable from 1.10.2018

Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π.80157/31.10.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898) amending and replacing Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 46846/19.6.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2315) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (ΕΚΡΥ) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (ΕΟΡΥΥ)

Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π.2281/22.2.2021 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 754) amending and replacing Decision No Υ9α/79323/15.9.2014 of the Minister for Health establishing the healthcare cases that may be subject to prior authorisation (Article 8 of Law 4213/2013) (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2459)

Joint Ministerial Decision No 49771/1.12.2021 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 5739) –

Amendment 1 of Joint Decision No Υ9α/87340/8.10.2014 of the Minister for Finance, the Minister for

Health and the Minister for Labour, Social Security and Welfare on general principles for calculating the costs to be reimbursed to insured persons in cross-border healthcare (Article 7 of Law 4213/2013) (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2774)

- **Insurance scheme for students (within the remit of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs)**

- Article 31(3) of Law 4452/2017 on matters relating to the State Language Proficiency Certificate, the National Library of Greece and other provisions **replaces** Article 53(1)(a) of Law 4009/2011 on student welfare and healthcare. Entry into force: 15 February 2017.

It is replaced as follows: '1.(a) Undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students who have no medical/hospital care coverage shall be entitled to full medical and hospital care provided by the National Health System (ESY), the relevant costs being covered by the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY), applying Article 33 of Law 4368/2016 mutatis mutandis. The terms, conditions and procedure for the provision of healthcare shall be laid down by a joint decision of the Minister for Finance, the Minister for Education, Research and Religious Affairs, and the Minister for Health.'

- Joint Ministerial Decision No A3(γ)/ΓΠ/οικ.25132/4.4.2016 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 908) on arrangements to ensure access of uninsured persons to the public health system
- Law 4009/2011 on the structure, operation, and quality assurance of studies and internationalisation of higher educational institutes (Article 5(2)(q), Article 6(1)(j), Article 53(1)(a) and Article 80(5)(a)), which entered into force on 6.9.2011
- Law 2083/1992 on the modernisation of higher education (Article 9(10)), which entered into force on 21.9.1992
- Law 1404/1983 on the structure and operation of technological educational institutes (Article 31), which entered into force on 24.11.1983
- Presidential Decree 185/1984 on medical care and hospital treatment for students of technological educational institutes, which entered into force on 16.4.1984
- Law 1268/1982 on the structure and operation of higher education institutes (Article 29), which entered into force on 16.7.1982
- Presidential Decree 327/1983 on student healthcare, which entered into force on 7.9.1983

Article 10 of Law 4455/2017 on the National Register of Cargo Workers, the National Register of Private Social Care Bodies and other provisions

Article 108 of Law 4461/2017 entitled 'Reform of the administrative organisation of mental health services, centres of expertise for rare and complex diseases, amendments to the pension arrangements laid down in Law 4387/2016, and other provisions'

Law 4472/2017 on public-sector pension provisions and amendment of provisions of Law 4387/2016, measures implementing financial targets and reforms, social support measures and labour arrangements, 2018-2021 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework and other provisions

- Article 9: Reduction in contribution to pharmaceutical expenditure
- Article 87: Provisions on pharmaceutical expenditure by the EOPYY

- Article 89: New criteria for evaluation of medicines on the positive list

Law 4486/2017 entitled 'Reform of Primary Health Care, emergency measures under the responsibility of the Ministry of Health and other provisions'

Law 4488/2017 entitled 'Pension arrangements for the public sector and other insurance provisions, greater worker protection, rights of people with disabilities and other provisions'

- Article 29 on insurance coverage of uninsured divorced spouses

Law 4512/2018 on arrangements for implementing the structural reforms of the economic adjustment programme and other provisions

- Articles 247-256: Evaluation and Reimbursement of Medicines for Human Use

- Articles 264-270: Treatment with medicines not marketed in Greece and high-cost medicines for specific conditions — Electronic Pre-Approval System (SIP)

Law 4529/2018 transposing into Greek law Directive 2014/104/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on certain rules governing actions for damages under national law for infringements of the competition law provisions of the Member States and of the European Union, and other provisions

- Articles 22 and 23: definition of insurance beneficiaries and conditions for the granting of insurance capacity for benefits in kind.

Article 39 of Law 4546/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 101) on transposition into Greek law of Directive 2014/89/EU establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning and other provisions: 'A third subparagraph is added to Article 6(E) of Law 4251/2014: "After they come of age, the children of third-country nationals shall continue to have health care insurance, as indirect members, with the parent's insurance provider, in accordance with the health care insurance legislation applicable to nationals, provided that they fulfil the conditions for permanent and legal residence in the country.'"

Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 80157 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898/1.11.2018) amending and replacing Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 46846/19.6.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2315) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY).

Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 2918 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 889/14.3.2019) - Amendment 1 of Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/80157/31.10.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY).

The above amendment of the EKPY clarifies specific paragraphs of the articles of the Regulation that mainly concern procedural issues. It extends (i) the own contribution exemption for beneficiaries receiving special dietary preparations (paragraph 4) and (ii) the granting of specialist treatment to beneficiaries over the age of 21 (paragraph 9).

Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 20254 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1218, 2019) - Amendment 2 of Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/80157/31.10.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II,

No 4898) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY), as in force.

This clarifies Article 61 of the EKPY by expressly prohibiting surcharging of beneficiaries (in addition to the required contribution) for the provision of medical devices by contracted providers, while providing for a specific procedure for special cases involving items which are excluded from this procedure.

Joint Ministerial Decision Amendment 3 of Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π.80157/31.10.2018 amending and replacing Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π.46846/19.6.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2315) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY) (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898), as amended. Government Gazette, No 5821, 30.12.2020: *As a result of this amendment, insured persons did not have to pay any contribution towards cochlear implant surgery for children in private clinics.*

Joint Ministerial Decision Amendment 4 of Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/ Γ.Π.80157/31.10.2018 on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY) (Government Gazette, Series II, No 302, 31.1.2022)
This amendment regulated the issue of appliances for the administration of oxygen.

Joint Ministerial Decision (Government Gazette, Series II, No 5704, 19.12.2018): Addition of an annex to Article 42 ‘Psychotherapy’ of Joint Ministerial Decision No Φ.90380/25916/3294/2011 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2456, 3.11.2011) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY), as replaced by Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 80157/1.11.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898/2018).

Joint Ministerial Decision (Government Gazette, Series II, No 5571, 12.12.2018): Addition of an annex to Article 45 ‘Special treatments (speech therapy, occupational therapy, psychotherapy, physiotherapy) for children/adolescents’ of Joint Ministerial Decision No Φ.90380/25916/3294/2011 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2456, 3.11.2011) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY), as replaced by Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 80157/1.11.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898/2018).

Joint Ministerial Decision (Government Gazette, Series II, No 5464, 6.12.2018): Addition of an annex to Article 52 ‘Urinary catheters’ of Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 80157/1.11.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898, 2018) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation of the EOPYY.

Addition of an annex to Article 50 ‘Ostomy supplies’ of Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π.80157/1.11.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898, 2018) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation of the EOPYY.

Law 4600/2019 modernising and reforming the legislative framework on private clinics, establishing a National Public Health Organisation, establishing a National Tumour Institute and other provisions

- Personal Electronic Health File (AIFY), Article 84

- Provisions for the prescription of drugs, Article 90

- EOPYY prescription control indicators, Article 92 (amendment of Article 93 of Law 4472/2017)

- Amendment of Law 4512/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 5) on the Electronic Pre-Approval System, Article 94

- Coverage of uninsured citizens under Article 104 of Law 4368/2016 (amendment of Article 33 of Law 4368/2016)

- Amendment of Law 4052/2012 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 41), Law 4512/2018 (Government

Gazette, Series I, No 5) and Legislative Decree 96/1973 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 172), Article 161

Law 4603/2019 on the Professional Sports Committee and other provisions - Elimination of printed medical booklets, Article 67

Law 4623/2019 on the arrangements of the Ministry of the Interior, provisions on digital governance, pension arrangements and other urgent matters
Individual distribution of medicines supplied by the EOPYY with a private pharmacy as the final point of delivery, Article 74

Law 4609/2019 'Promoting substantive gender equality, preventing and combating gender-based violence — Citizenship arrangements — Provisions on local elections — Other provisions', Article 128
'Rights of UK citizens and their family members in the event of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, in accordance with the Withdrawal Agreement'

Joint Ministerial Decision No ΔΒ3Η/οικ. 9030/8.3.2019 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1046, 29.3.2019)

Addition of an annex to Article 49 of Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 80157/1.11.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898, 2018) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation of the EOPYY.

Joint Ministerial Decision (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1318, 17.4.2019): Addition of an annex to Article 39 of

Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 80157/31.10.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898) amending and replacing Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 46846/19.6.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2315) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY), as amended and in force.

Joint Ministerial Decision (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1147, 5.4.2019): Addition of an annex to Article 41 'Speech therapy' of Joint Ministerial Decision No Φ.90380/25916/3294/2011 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2456, 3.11.2011) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY), as replaced by Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 80157/1.11.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898, 2018).

Addition of an annex to Article 40 'Occupational therapy' of Joint Ministerial Decision No Φ.90380/25916/3294/2011 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2456, 3.11.2011) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY), as replaced by Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π.80157/1.11.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898, 2018).

Joint Ministerial Decision No ΔΒ3Η/οικ.18254/15.5.2019 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1859, 24.5.2019)

Amendment of Decision No 1640/523/11.12.2018 of the EOPYY Management Board (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1063, 2019) laying down reimbursement rates for the rental of respiratory devices, in accordance with Joint Ministerial Decision No Φ.90380/25916/3294/2011 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2456, 3.11.2011) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY), as replaced by Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 80157/1.11.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898, 1.11.2018)

Joint Ministerial Decision No 1570/615/21.11.2019 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4715, 19.12.2019) Second amendment of the annex to Article 50 of Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 80157/01.11.2018 amending and replacing Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 46846/19.6.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2315) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision (EOPYY) (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898, 2018)

Law 4652/2020 on arrangements for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, and other provisions, Chapter B, Article 4 on healthcare arrangements

Law 4715/2020 on arrangements for ensuring access to quality health services — Establishment and statutes of the Agency for Quality Assurance in Health S.A. (ODIPYAE), other urgent provisions falling within the remit of the Ministry of Health, and other provisions, Article 27 ‘Collection of a fee for medical visits from citizens of EU Member States, EEA countries, Switzerland and third-country nationals who are not legally resident in Greece’

Ministerial Decision No 13637 ΕΞ 2020 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2160, 2020) ‘Inclusion of the procedure for submitting applications for a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) in the remit of the Citizens’ Service Centres (KEP) — Establishment of an administrative procedure form’

Law 4683/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 83, 10.4.2020): ‘Ratification of the Legislative Act of 20 March 2020 on urgent measures to address the consequences of the risk of spread of COVID-19, to support society and entrepreneurship and to ensure the smooth functioning of the market and the public administration (Government Gazette, Series I, No 68) and other provisions’

Law 4722/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 77, 15.9.2020): ‘Ratification of (a) the Legislative Act of 10 August 2020 on urgent arrangements for responding to emergency needs of the National Health System, protecting against the spread of COVID-19, supporting the labour market and facilitating the education process’ (Government Gazette, Series I, No 157) and (b) the Legislative Act of 22 August 2020 entitled ‘Emergency measures aimed at strengthening urban transport services, supplying personal protective equipment and recruiting cleaning staff for schools, supporting tourism companies and the labour market and strengthening the Secretariat-General for Civil Protection to address the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, and at supporting the flood victims in Evia who were affected by the floods of 8 and 9 August 2020’ (Government Gazette, Series I, No 161) and other provisions to address the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and other urgent matters’.

Law 4737/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 204, 22.10.2020) ‘Ratification of the amendment of 24 September 2020 to the Donation Agreement of 26 July 2018 between the Greek State, the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation, based in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, and the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Centre (legal person governed by private law), urgent arrangements to address the risk of the spread of COVID-19, and other provisions’, Part Two: Provisions of the Ministry of Health

Law 4771/2021: (Government Gazette, Series I, No 16, 1.2.2021, Article 9): ‘Prescription of specific treatments referred to in Article 45 of the Integrated Healthcare Regulation (EKPY) by certified doctors’

Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 10040 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1066, 19.3.2021) laying down the procedure for submission of applications and supporting documents, clearance and compensation by EOPYY of expenditure, through individual applications, for benefits under the Integrated Healthcare Regulation of the EOPYY

Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 5818 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1676, 23.4.2021) on arrangements for medical and hospital care for UK citizens who are beneficiaries of the Withdrawal Agreement

Law 4865/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 238, 4.12.2021) on the setting up and organisation of a legal entity governed by private law entitled 'National Central Health Procurement Authority', a strategy for central procurement of health products and services and other emergency provisions for public health and social welfare

Law 4931/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 94, 13.5.2022) entitled 'A doctor for everyone, equal and quality access to the services of the National Organisation for Healthcare Provision and to primary healthcare and other urgent provisions'

Ministerial Decision No Γ.Π. οικ. 30268 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2673, 31.5.2022) entitled 'Exceptions from the scope of and finalisation of the date of entry into force of Article 38(1) of Law 4865/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 238), as postponed under Decision No Γ.Π. οικ. 81828/30-12-2021 of the Minister for Health postponing the entry into force of Article 38(1) of Law 4865/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 238) on the prescription of medicines, treatments and diagnostic tests for uninsured persons and vulnerable social groups (Government Gazette, Series II, No 6328), as amended by Decisions Nos Γ.Π. οικ. 4763/28-01-2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 299), Γ.Π. οικ. 12184/28-02-2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 899), Γ.Π. οικ. 16988/22-03-2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1424) and Γ.Π. οικ. 23872/29-04-2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2133) of the Minister for Health'.

Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 47749 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 6544, 21.12.2022) entitled 'Amendment 5 to

Joint Ministerial Decision No ΕΑΛΕ/Γ.Π. 80157/31-10-2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4898) on the Integrated Healthcare Regulation of the ΕΟΠΥΥ.

(ii) Benefits in cash

• **Insurance schemes for salaried employees**

Law 4387/2016 on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions; Article 53: Incorporation into the Single Social Security Institution (ΕΦΚΑ) of the health branches and sectors and cash benefits accounts of ΙΚΑ-ΕΤΑΜ, ΕΤΑΠ-ΜΜΕ and ΤΑΥΤΕΚΟ (entry into force: 1 January 2017); Article 32: provides for a regulation on ΕΦΚΑ insurance and benefits. Until such time as this regulation is adopted, the previous provisions apply.

Law 4529/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 56) 'Transposing into Greek law Directive 2014/104/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on certain rules governing actions for damages under national law for infringements of the competition law provisions of the Member States and of the European Union, and other provisions' — Articles 22 and 23 and Law 4670/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 43) 'Insurance reform and digital transformation of the National Social Security Agency (e-ΕΦΚΑ) and other provisions' - Article 37(8): lays down uniform conditions for healthcare insurance cover and renewal of insurance capacity for

benefits in kind from the EOPYY (50 stamps are required for employed and self-employed persons in the previous year in order to acquire insurance for benefits in kind). Those conditions apply to persons insured with branches, health sectors and accounts for sickness benefits, which, on 1 January 2017, were incorporated into the branch for primary insurance and other benefits of the EFKA.

Law 4670/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 43) - paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 10 'Register of Insured Persons' establish an electronic inventory in the e-EFKA register of directly and indirectly insured persons for the granting of insurance cover by means of the data extracted from the 'AMKA-EMAES' interoperability system.

Law 4670/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 43) - Article 49: The conditions for insurance cover for sickness benefits in cash, the extent, the amount, the beneficiaries, the procedure for the granting of benefits in cash and any other necessary matter are to be laid down by Presidential Decree following an opinion from the Management Board of e-EFKA.

- Article 14:

- paragraph 1: Medical certificates and reports certifying incapacity for work in order to grant sick leave or maternity leave for persons insured with e-EFKA must be issued via the IDIKA AE electronic prescription system.
 - paragraph 3: Decisions of the health committees issued for the granting of benefits must be recorded in the e-prescription system.
 - paragraph 4: Provision is made for the adoption of a joint ministerial decision of the Minister for Labour and Social Affairs, the Minister for Digital Governance and the Minister for Health laying down the starting date for the operation of electronic services, the exemptions, the technical details of implementation and the procedures for issuing medical certificates in accordance with the legislation on the protection of personal data, and any other relevant matter.
- Article 15: A single procedure is laid down for the submission of the online application by persons insured with e-EFKA for the granting of sickness and maternity allowances, the special maternity allowance and funeral expenses.
- paragraph 4: Provision is made for a decision of the Minister for Labour and Social Affairs laying down the starting date and any details relating to the content of the application, the procedures for granting allowances and the application of Article 15, and any other relevant matter.

Pursuant to the above provision, (a) Ministerial Decision No 21919/7423/14-6-2020 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2272) laid down the electronic procedure for granting funeral expenses to persons insured with e-EFKA, which has been applied on a pilot basis since 17 July 2020 for pensioners and persons insured with the former IKA-ETAM; (b) Joint Ministerial Decision No 49876/14967/7.12.2020 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 5497) laid down the electronic procedure for the granting of sickness/accident benefits by e-EFKA; and (c) Joint Ministerial Decision No 80000/91907/17.11.2021 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 5407) laid down the electronic procedure for the granting of maternity allowance by e-EFKA.

Article 83 of Law 4826/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 160) added paragraph

11 to Article 32 of Law 4387/2016 under which salaried lawyers who are subject to e-EFKA are entitled to a pregnancy/childbirth allowance by applying, mutatis mutandis, the provisions of the former IKA-ETAM to insured persons who receive a salary.

Article 77 of Law 4826/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 160) entitled 'Insurance reform for the new generation: introduction of a capitalised system of defined contributions, etc.', added a provision to Article 32 of Law 4387/2016, which defines in a uniform manner the medical bodies responsible for granting maternity and sickness benefits to persons insured with e-EFKA.

Article 90 of Law 4826/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 160) amended Article 7(1) to (3) of Law 3863/2010 as regards the establishment of the Special Scientific Committee and other enabling provisions for issuing a revised Single table determining the degree of disability (EPPPA) and the diseases for which insured persons are deemed to have indefinite disability.

Joint Ministerial Decision No 80100/101202/9.12.2021 issued a Single table determining the degree of disability (EPPPA) (Government Gazette, Series II, No 6282).

Article 487 of Law 4781/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 310) renewed, for the period from 1.3.2021 to 28.2.2022, the insurance capacity for benefits in kind provided by the EOPYY to all persons insured with e-EFKA who were entitled to insurance cover on 28.2.2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85) and members of their family, by way of derogation from Article 41(8) of Law 4387/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85).

➤ **IKA-ETAM**

- Emergency Law 1846/1951 on social security, which entered into force on 21.6.1951

Cash benefits account

Article 1(K 8) of Law 4254/2014 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85) on support and development measures for the Greek economy in the context of implementation of Law 4046/2012 and other provisions abolished the OPAD and included in the IKA-ETAM the following sectors which have accounting and financial autonomy:

a) Civil servants' sector

b) Sector for insured employees of municipalities and communes

- Law 3655/2008 on the administrative and organisational reform of the Social Security System and other insurance provisions
- Law 3918/2011 on structural changes to the healthcare system and other provisions (Article 25)

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- Law 3655/2008 on the administrative and organisational reform of the Social Security System and other insurance provisions

- Law 3918/2011 on structural changes to the healthcare system and other provisions, as supplemented by Article 72(5) of Law 3984/2011 on organ donations and transplants and other provisions
- Law 4075/2012 on issues relating to the IKA-ETAM Fund Insurance Regulations, social security providers and transposition of Directive 2010/18/EU and other provisions (Article 47)
- Royal Decree 244/1966 on the Medical Care Regulations of the TAPOTE Fund [Insurance Fund for Staff of the Hellenic Telecommunications Organisation], which entered into force on 7.3.1966
- Presidential Decree 239/1986 amending the provisions of the ISAP (Athens-Piraeus Electric Railways) Staff Mutual Assistance Fund Regulations, which entered into force on 13.6.1986
- Presidential Decree of 17.12.1930 ratifying the Mutual Assistance Fund Regulations for every railway and tram undertaking in Greece, which entered into force on 17.12.1930
- Law 4491/1966 on insurance of staff of the Public Power Corporation (PPC), which entered into force on 1.3.1966, and the PPC Staff Insurance Regulations of 7.12.1966
- Legislative Decree 4366/1964 on the establishment of the Hellenic Industrial Development Bank (HIDB), which entered into force on 16.9.1964; Royal Decree 207/1965 on establishment of the HIDB Staff Insurance Fund and approval of the Regulations governing it, which entered into force on 26.3.1965; and Ministerial Decision No 72565/1139/11.6.1968 on the approval of the Health Sector Benefits Regulations of the HIDB Staff Insurance Fund, which entered into force on 20.6.1968
- Legislative Decree 3083/1954 amending the legislation on the IKA Fund administration and enacting insurance and other related provisions, which entered into force on 11.10.1954; Royal Decree 4-5/8.6.1955 on the organisation and operation of the Health Sector of the Commercial Bank of Greece Staff Insurance Fund which entered into force on 1.4.1955; Presidential Decree 225/1988 amending Royal Decree 4-5/8.6.1955 on the organisation and operation of the Health Sector of the Commercial Bank of Greece Staff Insurance Fund which entered into force on 1.6.1988
- Law 271/1976 on the establishment of the Credit Bank, General Bank of Greece and American Express Bank Staff Sickness Insurance Fund, which entered into force on 28.2.1976; Presidential Decree 554/1977 approving the Articles of Association of the Credit Bank, General Bank of Greece and American Express Bank Staff Sickness Insurance Fund, which entered into force on 1.1.1978
- Ministerial Decision No 19875/E.452/14/19.4.1952 on the recasting of the Articles of Association of the Ethniki Insurance Company Staff Insurance Fund, which entered into force on 19.4.1952

- **Mass Media Staff Insurance Fund (ETAP-MME) – Cash benefits account**

- Law 3655/2008 on the administrative and organisational reform of the Social Security System and other insurance provisions
- Law 4093/2012 entitled 'Approval of the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework – Emergency measures for implementing Law 4046/2012 and the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework'
- Ministerial Decision No Φ.40055/11439/1169/9.6.2009 recasting, amending and supplementing the Health Sector Regulations of the Mass Media Staff Insurance Fund (ETAP-MME), which entered into force on 17.6.2009.
- Ministerial Decision No Φ.10035/10947/791/7.8.2014 amending and supplementing the statutory provisions on the Pension and Welfare Sectors for Athens Newspaper Vendor and News Agency Staff belonging to the primary insurance and welfare branch of ETAP-MME, and the provisions on the ETAP-MME healthcare.

✓ **Insurance schemes for the self-employed**

- Law 4387/2016 on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions; Article 53: Incorporation into the Single Social Security Institution (EFKA) of the health branches and sectors and cash benefits accounts of ETAA and OAEE (entry into force: 1 January 2017 – Article 32: provides for a regulation on EFKA insurance and benefits. Until such time as this regulation is adopted, the provisions applicable before the EFKA became operational will remain in force.
- Law 4670/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 43) 'Insurance reform and digital transformation of the National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA) and other provisions' – Article 49: provides that the conditions for insurance cover for sickness benefits in cash, the extent, the amount, the beneficiaries, the procedure for the granting of benefits in cash and any other necessary matter are to be laid down by Presidential Decree following an opinion from the Management Board of e-EFKA.
- Law 4488/2017 entitled 'Pension arrangements for the public sector and other insurance provisions, greater worker protection, rights of people with disabilities and other provisions'; Article 44 on surrogacy (post-natal allowance granted to the presumed mother)

Insurance Organisation for the Self-Employed (OAEE) – Cash benefits account

- Law 3918/2011 on structural changes to the healthcare system and other provisions, as supplemented by Article 72(5) of Law 3984/2011 on organ donations and transplants and other provisions
- Ministerial Decision No 35/1385/1999 approving the Health Branch Regulations of the OAEE Fund, which entered into force on 1.11.1999.

Insurance Fund for Independent Professionals (ETAA) – Health Branch – Cash benefits account

- Law 3655/2008 on the administrative and organisational reform of the Social Security System and other insurance provisions
- Law 4075/2012 on issues relating to the IKA-ETAM Fund Insurance Regulations, social security providers, transposition of Directive 2010/18/EU and other provisions (Article 47)
- Legislative Decree 1259/1972 amending and supplementing the provisions of Law 4292/1963 establishing the Health Sector of the Pension Fund for Engineers and Public Works Contractors (TSMEDE) and other related provisions, which entered into force on 3.11.1972, and Ministerial Decision No 409/2874/30.7.73 on the healthcare regulations of the Health Sector of the Pension Fund for Engineers and Public Works Contractors (HS/TSMEDE), which entered into force on 18.8.1973
- Legislative Decree 3348/1955 amending and supplementing the legislation on the TSAY Fund, which entered into force on 5.9.1955; Law 982/1979 amending and supplementing the Healthcare Workers' Pension and Insurance Fund (TSAY Fund) legislation and other related provisions, which entered into force on 20.10.1979; Ministerial Decision No οικ.2/7029/0094/2005 on a new regulation on benefits provided by the Civil Servants Healthcare Organisation (OPAD Fund), which entered into force on 17.2.2005

- Royal Decree 6/22.9.1956 ratifying, amending, supplementing and codifying the Articles of Association of the Athens Lawyers' Welfare Fund, which entered into force on 22.9.1956, as amended by Royal Decree 895/1966 ratifying and amending the Articles of Association of the Athens Lawyers' Welfare Fund, which entered into force on 8.11.1966, Law 2042/1992 on a pension increase and other insurance provisions, which entered into force on 14.5.1992, and Presidential Decree 162/1998 on the healthcare regulations of the Athens Lawyers' Welfare Fund, which entered into force on 5.6.1998
- Legislative Decree 3790/1957 amending and supplementing the provisions of the Lawyers Code, which entered into force on 12.10.1957, as amended by Article 9 of Law 2042/1992 on a pension increase and other insurance provisions, which entered into force on 14.5.1992, and Presidential Decree 238/1993 on the Sickness Benefits Regulations of the Piraeus Lawyers' Welfare Fund, which entered into force on 22.6.1993
- Law 4630/1930 of 3/7.5.1930 establishing a Welfare Fund for the Thessaloniki Bar Association, which entered into force on 7.5.1930; Presidential Decree 73/1984 amending and supplementing the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Thessaloniki Lawyers' Welfare Fund, which entered into force on 29.2.1984; and the 1991 Board of Directors Regulations which are not made public
- Law 4507/1966 regulating issues relating to lawyers, notaries public and amending the Jurists' Fund Code and other related provisions, which entered into force on 28.3.1966; Ministerial Decision No Φ24/1395/3-11-1981 codifying, supplementing and amending the Sickness Regulations of the Regional Lawyers' Health Fund, which entered into force on 30.11.1981
- Law 3680/1957 amending the provisions on notaries public and land registrars, and on the deletion of mortgages, etc., which entered into force on 10.4.1957; Royal Decree of 24.9.1958 establishing a Health Branch for the Notary Public Insurance Fund; Royal Decree 36/1961 amending and supplementing the provisions of the Royal Decree of 24.9.1958 establishing a Health Branch for the Notary Public Insurance Fund, as amended and supplemented by similar decrees dated 12.6.1959 and 25.6.1960, which entered into force on 20.1.1961; and a series of Presidential Decrees which introduced amendments in subsequent years
- Article 6 of Law 4097/2012 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 235) on the application of the principle of equal treatment between men and women engaged in an activity in a self-employed capacity - transposition of Directive 2010/41/EU of the European Parliament; Joint Ministerial Decision No Φ.10060/15858/606/2014 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2665) laying down the procedure and the supporting documents for granting a maternity allowance to those directly insured with the ETAA, pursuant to Article 6 of Law 4097/2012 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 235)
- Article 83 of Law 4826/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 160) added paragraph 11 to Article 32 of Law 4387/2016 under which salaried lawyers who are subject to e-EFKA are entitled to a pregnancy/childbirth allowance by applying, mutatis mutandis, the provisions of the former IKA-ETAM to insured persons who receive a salary.

• **Farmers' insurance scheme**

Agricultural Insurance Organisation (OGA) – Cash benefits account

- Law 4387/2016 on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions; Article 53: Incorporation into the Single Social Security Institution (EFKA) of the health branches and sectors and cash benefits accounts of OGA (entry into force: 1 January 2017 – Article 32: provides for a regulation on EFKA insurance and benefits. Until such time as this regulation is adopted, the

previous provisions apply.

- Law 4169/1961 on the organisational structure of the Agricultural Insurance Organisation (OGA), which entered into force on 13.5.1961, and Ministerial Decision No 400/106/3.2.1979 approving the Hospital Care Regulations for persons insured with the OGA Fund, which entered into force on 24.2.1979
- Law 3918/2011, as supplemented by Article 72(5) of Law 3984/2011 and Article 20(3)(f) of Law 4019/2011
- Ministerial Decision No Φ.40034/6585/841/28.3.2012 amending the OGA Fund Staff Hospital Care Regulations - Cash benefits account

· **Civil servants' insurance scheme**

See the insurance scheme for IKA-ETAM salaried employees

IKA-ETAM – Cash benefits account

- Civil Servants' Sector
- Sector for insured employees of municipalities and communes

- Law 2768/1999 regulating pension issues, establishing a body governed by public law called the Civil Servants' Healthcare Insurance Organisation (OPAD), establishing a company with the corporate name TAPOTE Special Fund Manager SA (EDEKT – OTE SA) and other provisions
- Law 3655/2008 on the administrative and organisational reform of the Social Security System and other insurance provisions
- Law 3918/2011 on structural changes to the healthcare system and other provisions (Article 25)
- Law 4254/2014 on support and development measures for the Greek economy in the context of implementation of Law 4046/2012 and other provisions

Insurance scheme for seafarers (within the remit of the Ministry of Labour, Social Security & Welfare)

➤ **Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT)**

- Law 3816/1958 of 28.2.1958 on the ratification of the Hellenic Code of Private Maritime Law
- Law 1085/1980 on the minimum insurance protection provided by the Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT) and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 255)
- Law 1711/1987 amending and supplementing the provisions of the legislation on the Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT) and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 109)

➤ **Oikos Naftou – Cash benefits account (Ministry of Shipping and Island Policy)**

- Law 4075/2012 on issues relating to the IKA-ETAM Fund Insurance Regulations, social security providers, transposition of Directive 2010/18/EU and other provisions (Article 47)
- Presidential Decree 894/1981 of 25.8.1981 on the protection afforded to persons insured with the Oikos Naftou.
- Law 4387/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 281) on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions; Article 16: provides that parties to a civil partnership under Law 4356/2015 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 281) shall enjoy full equality with regard to every insurance right, benefit, obligation or restriction, and that there shall be no discrimination in terms of the insurance coverage and benefits granted, whether this concerns the spouse or the partner of the insured person.
- Law 4529/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 56) transposing into Greek law Directive 2014/104/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on certain rules governing actions for damages under national law for infringements of the competition law provisions of the Member States and of the European Union, and other provisions – (Articles 22 and 23): lay down uniform conditions for healthcare insurance cover and uniform conditions for granting and renewal of insurance capacity for benefits in kind from the EOPYY. Those conditions apply to persons insured with branches, health sectors and accounts for sickness benefits, which, on 1 January 2017, were incorporated into the branch for primary insurance and other benefits of the EFKA.

2. Maternity and equivalent paternity benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

(ii) Benefits in cash

➤ **Insurance schemes for salaried employees**

➤ **IKA-ETAM**

- Article 39 of Emergency Law 1846/1951 on social security, which entered into force on 21.6.1951
- Article 142 of Law 3655/2008 on the administrative and organisational reform of the social security system and other insurance provisions, which entered into force on 3.4.2008

➤ **Insurance Fund for Employees of Banks and Public Utilities (TAYTEKO)**

Cash benefits account

- As referred to under the sickness benefits in cash

➤ **Mass Media Staff Insurance Fund (ETAP-MME) -**

Cash benefits account

- As referred to under the sickness benefits in cash

· **Insurance schemes for the self-employed**

- Law 4488/2017 entitled 'Pension arrangements for the public sector and other insurance provisions, greater worker protection, rights of people with disabilities and other provisions'; Article 44 on surrogacy (post-natal allowance granted to the presumed mother)
- Law 4808/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 101), Article 34 replaces Article 44(2) of Law 4488/2017 and extends maternity leave to workers who adopt a child from the moment the child becomes part of the family; they are also entitled to pregnancy/childbirth benefits from e-EFKA provided that they meet the conditions laid down in the statutory provisions of their insurance body.

➤ **Insurance Fund for Independent Professionals (ETAA) – Cash benefits account**

As referred to under the sickness benefits in cash

· **Farmers' insurance scheme**

➤ **Agricultural Insurance Organisation (OGA) – Cash benefits account**

As referred to under the sickness benefits in cash

· **Civil servants' insurance scheme**

➤ **IKA-ETAM – Cash benefits account**

- Civil servants' sector
- Sector for insured employees of municipalities and communes – According to the Code on the Status of Civil Servants

in force

- **Insurance scheme for seafarers (within the remit of the Ministry of Shipping and Island Policy)**

- **Oikos Naftou**

Presidential Decree 894/1981 on the protection afforded to persons insured with the Oikos Naftou, which entered into force on 25.8.1981, as amended by Presidential Decree 296/1985 amending and supplementing the provisions of Presidential Decree 894/1981 on the protection afforded to persons insured with the Oikos Naftou (Government Gazette, Series I, No 226, 1981), which entered into force on 31.5.1985

3. Invalidity benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

(ii) Benefits in cash

Incorporation into the Single Social Security Institution (EFKA) of several social security bodies (IKA-ETAM, OAEE, ETAA, ETAP-MME, OGA, NAT) and the insurance of civil servants except for the persons referred to in Article 4(3) of Law 4387/2016 who remain under the pension protection of the State (Law 4387/2016)

- **Insurance schemes for salaried employees**

- Emergency Law 1846/1951 on social security (Government Gazette, Series I, No 179, 21.6.1951)
- Law 1140/1981 amending and supplementing Law 4169/1961 on agricultural social insurance schemes and other relevant provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 68, 20.3.1981) – Article 42 Granting of a non-institutional care allowance and a total invalidity allowance
- Law 1976/1991 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 184, 4.12.1991) – Article 12(3) Granting of insurance invalidity
- Law 2084/1992 on reform of the social security system and other provisions – Article 25 Conditions for obtaining disability benefits (Government Gazette, Series I, No 165, 7.10.1992), Article 26 Pension due to accidents at work or accidents outside work, Article 30 Pension increase due to total invalidity
- Law 4075/2012 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 89, 11.4.2012) on issues relating to the IKA-ETAM Fund Insurance Regulations, social security providers and transposition of Directive 2010/18/EU and other provisions - Article 26

paragraphs 1-2: arrangements concerning the equalisation of total invalidity pensions for blind persons insured before and after 1 January 1993; paragraph 3: arrangements for lowering the required degree of disability from 80% to 67% for the granting of a full survivor's pension to orphans having lost both parents and who suffer from learning difficulties, autism, multiple disabilities or chronic mental disorders; paragraph 4: arrangements for the granting of a non-institutional care allowance also to those whose upper or lower limbs have been fully amputated and who have a degree of disability of 67% or more, without requiring them to prove that the use of a prosthesis is possible

- Ministerial Decision No 11321/οικ31102/1870/31.10.2013 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2906, 18.11.2013) on the extension of the list of diseases for which insured persons are deemed to have indefinite disability
- Article 66 (Six-month extension of disability pension) of Law 4144/2013 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 88, 18.4.2013) combating criminal activity in social security and the labour market and other provisions of the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Welfare
- Law 4224/2013 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 288, 31.12.2013) on the Government Council for the Management of Private Debt, the Institution for Growth in Greece and other emergency provisions; Article 16 amending Article 66 of Law 4144/2013 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 88, 18.4.2013)
- Law 4237/2014 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 36, 12.12.2014) regulating matters relating to ADMIE AE – Article 8 amending Article 66 of Law 4144/2013
- Article 141(1) of Law 4251/2014 on the Immigration and Social Inclusion Code and other provisions. Amendment of Article 66 of Law 4144/2013
- Law 4331/2015 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 69, 2.7.2015) on measures to alleviate the suffering of people with disabilities, simplify the functioning of the Disability Certification Centres (KEPA) and fight social security fraud, and related insurance issues and other provisions – Article 9 amending Article 66 of Law 4144/2013 – Six-month extension of disability pension - Article 11 - Finalisation of disability pensions
- Law 4369/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 33, 27.2.2016) establishing a National Register of Executive Staff in the Civil Service, grade structure of posts, systems for assessment, promotion and selection of officials in charge (transparency, meritocracy and effectiveness of the civil service) and other provisions – Article 55 amending Article 66 of Law 4144/2013 as regards extending the disability pension
- Articles 7, 8, 11, 27, 28 and 31 of Law 4387/2016 on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85, 12.5.2016)
- Law 4430/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 205, 31.10.2016) entitled ‘Social and solidarity-based economy and development of institutions, and other provisions’ - Article 50 amending Article 55 of Law 4369/2016 on the possibility of extending the disability pension entitlement
- Law 4472/2017 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 74, 19.5.2017) on State pension provisions and amendment to Law 4387/2016, measures for the implementation of fiscal targets and reforms, social support measures and working arrangements, the 2018-2021 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework and other provisions – Article 2 replaces Article 27(3) of Law 4387/2016 as follows: ‘For those receiving a pension before the entry into force of this Law, the spouse allowance shall continue to be paid jointly with the pension in accordance with statutory provisions up to 31 December 2018. From 1 January 2019 onwards, a benefit shall be paid in accordance with Article 10(1) of this Law’.
- Law 4488/2017 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 137, 13.9.2017) on pension arrangements for the public sector and other insurance provisions, greater worker protection, rights of people with disabilities and other provisions, Article 28 – Extension of the disability pension, Article 23 – Employment in connection with a mental illness
- Ministerial Decision No Φ80000/45219/1864 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4591, 27.12.2017) on a Single table determining the degree of disability

- Law 4554/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 130) on insurance and pension provisions, tackling undeclared work, strengthening the protection of workers, guardianship of unaccompanied minors and other provisions’ – Article 56 Granting of a non-institutional care allowance
- Ministerial Decision No Φ.80100/50885/3033 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 5987, 31.12.18) revised, as of 31 January 2019, the **Single table determining the degree of disability**, which sets out the degree of disability resulting from each disease or injury or physical/psychological/mental condition or the combination of such diseases, injuries or conditions, and recurrences thereof.
- Joint Ministerial Decision No 80100/101202/9.12.2021 revised the above Joint Ministerial Decision and issued a Single table determining the degree of disability (EPPPA) (Government Gazette, Series II, No 6282).
- Ministerial Decision No Φ.80100/οικ.17630/943/19.4.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1560, 8.5.2018), online publication No ΩΕ9Τ465Θ1Ω-6ΕΘ, replaced, as of 1 January 2018, the **Table of diseases** which are irreversible and for which insured persons are deemed to have indefinite disability.
- Amendment of Article 66 of Law 4144/2013 by means of Article 82 of Law 4611/2019 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 73, 17.5.2019) ‘Settlement of debts to social security bodies, the tax administration and first-tier local authorities; public-sector pension provisions and other insurance and pension provisions; strengthening worker protection and other provisions’ - Article 82 ‘Extension of disability benefits’.
- Ministerial Decision No Φ.80100/101202/9.12.21 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 6282, 29.12.21, online publication No ΨΥ5Δ46ΜΤΑΚ-2ΧΗ) revised the Single table determining the degree of disability, which sets out the degree of disability resulting from each disease or injury or physical/psychological/mental condition or the combination of such diseases, injuries or conditions, and recurrences thereof.
- Ministerial Decision No 84045/27.10.2021 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 5074, 2.11.2021) ‘Regulation on the functioning of the e-EFKA Disability Certification Centre (KEPA)’ (online publication No: Ζ8Υ46ΜΤΑΚ-ΔΓΟ).
- **Joint Ministerial Decision No Φ80100/24283/10-3-2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1224, 17.3.2022) on the revision of the table of irreversible illnesses for which an indefinite duration of invalidity is set revised Decision No Φ.80100/οικ.17630/943/19.7.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1560) with effect from 17 [Translator’s note: this should presumably read with effect from 17 March 2022] Law 4921/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 75, 18.4.2022) entitled ‘New jobs: Reorganising the Public Employment Service and digitalising its services, upgrading workforce skills and diagnosing labour needs and other provisions’**
- – Article 48 ‘Deadline for examining pension applications and fast-track procedure for the award of a pension’; Article 49 ‘Checks after the adoption of the act awarding a pension under the fast-track procedure’; Article 50 ‘Electronic submission of documents for recognition of additional insurance periods - **Amendment of Article 17(4) of Law 4670/2020**’; Article 51 ‘Use of public documents and comparative data and use of modern automated data analysis tools and procedures for establishing insurance periods and speeding up the procedure for awarding pensions - **Amendment of Article 14(1)(a) and Article 33(1) of Law 4387/2016**’; Article 52 ‘Establishment of debts and degree of disability - **Amendment of Article 1(2) of Law 4554/2018**’: **The above articles introduce provisions to speed up the procedure for examining all categories of pension applications (i.e. on grounds of old age, disability or death, of insured persons in the private sector – employees, self-employed persons – or in the public sector, other than those examined in accordance with the provisions of European regulations and bilateral agreements) and transfer the establishment of the existence or absence of debts preventing retirement (Article 61 of Law 3863/2010, as in force) to the initial stage of processing of the application, before any other condition is examined and**

before the application is actually processed.

- Law 4961/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 146, 27.7.2022) on emerging information and communication technologies, strengthening digital governance and other provisions – Article 102 ‘National Disability Portal’ – Article 103 ‘Digital procedure for a disability health crisis’
- **Ministerial Decision No 83779/12-9-2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4830, 13.9.2022) on the Regulation on the functioning of the Disability Certification Centre (KEPA) amended previous Ministerial Decision No 84045/27-10-2021 (Government Gazette, No 5074, 2.11.2021)**
- **Law 4997/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 219, 25.11.2022) on streamlining insurance and pension legislation, support for vulnerable social groups and other provisions** - Article 18 ‘Procedure for adjusting pensions on the basis of the cost-of-living index and the increase in Gross Domestic Product’ – Article 21 ‘Determination of the body responsible for assessing pension entitlement in the event of transferable insurance between the Electronic National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA) and other insurance bodies – **Amendment of Article 2(1) to (3) of Legislative Decree 4202/1961’** – Article 26 ‘Invalidity pension arising from a common illness – Addition of Article 11A to Law 4387/2016’ **amended the conditions for receiving an invalidity pension arising from a common illness, including for persons insured under the joint IKA-ETAM scheme, seafarers and other private-sector employees** – Article 27 ‘Use of insurance periods by pensioners with a mental or intellectual disability – Amendment of Article 23(1)(a) of Law 4488/2017’
- Joint Ministerial Decision No 126331/2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 6949/30.12.2022) on the coefficient referred to in Article 14(4) of Law 4387/2016, which is used to determine the rate of increase of the amount of main pensions with payment starting by 31 December 2022

- Joint IKA-ETAM Fund scheme

Basic statutory and general legislation

- Emergency Law 1846/1951 on social security (Government Gazette, Series I, No 179, 21.6.1951)
- Article 26 of Law 4075/2012 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 89, 11.4.2012) on issues relating to the IKA-ETAM Insurance Regulations, social security providers, and transposition of Directive 2010/18/EU and other provisions – Paragraphs 1-2: arrangements concerning the equalisation of total invalidity pensions for blind persons insured before and after 1 January 1993; Paragraph 3: arrangements for lowering the required degree of disability from 80% to 67% for the granting of a full survivor’s pension to orphans having lost both parents and who suffer from learning difficulties, autism, multiple disabilities or chronic mental disorders; Paragraph 4: arrangements for the granting of a non-institutional care allowance also to those whose upper or lower limbs have been fully amputated and who have a degree of disability of 67% or more, without requiring them to prove that the use of a prosthesis is possible

- Ministerial Decision No 11321/οικ31102/1870/31.10.2013 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2906, 18.11.2013) on the extension of the list of diseases for which insured persons are deemed to have indefinite disability
- Law 4144/2013 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 88, 18.4.2013) combating criminal activity in social security and the labour market and other provisions of the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Welfare
 - Article 66 – Six-month extension of disability pension
- Law 4224/2013 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 288, 31.12.2013) on the Government Council for the Management of Private Debt, the Institution for Growth in Greece and other emergency provisions; Article 16 amending Article 66 of Law 4144/2013 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 88, 18.4.2013)
- Law 4237/2014 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 36, 12.12.2014) regulating matters relating to ADMIE AE – Article 8 amending Article 66 of Law 4144/2013
- Article 141(1) of Law 4251/2014 on the Immigration and Social Inclusion Code and other provisions.
 - Amendment of Article 66 of Law 4144/2013
- Law 4331/2015 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 69, 2.7.2015) on measures to alleviate the suffering of people with disabilities, simplify the functioning of the Disability Certification Centres (KEPA) and fight social security fraud, and related insurance issues and other provisions – Article 9 amending Article 66 of Law 4144/2013 – Six-month extension of disability pension; Article 10 – Pre-existing disability; Article 11 – Finalisation of disability pensions
- Law 4369/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 33, 27.2.2016) establishing a National Register of Executive Staff in the Civil Service, grade structure of posts, systems for assessment, promotion and selection of officials in charge (transparency, meritocracy and effectiveness of the civil service) and other provisions – Article 55 amending Article 66 of Law 4144/2013 as regards extending the disability pension
- Ministerial Decision No Φ.80100/50885/3033 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 5987, 31.12.18) revised, as of 31 January 2019, the Single table determining the degree of disability, which sets out the degree of disability resulting from each disease or injury or physical/psychological/mental condition or the combination of such diseases, injuries or conditions, and recurrences thereof.
- Ministerial Decision No Φ.80100/οικ.17630/943/19.4.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1560, 8.5.2018), online publication No ΩΕ9Τ465Θ1Ω-6ΕΘ, replaced, as of 1 January 2018, the Table of diseases which are irreversible and for which insured persons are deemed to have indefinite disability.
- **Joint Ministerial Decision No Φ80100/24283/10-3-2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1224, 17.3.2022) on the revision of the table of irreversible illnesses for which the duration of invalidity is indefinite revised with effect from 17 [text missing]**
- **Decision No Φ.80100/οικ.17630/943/19.7.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1560)**
- Law 4961/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 146, 27.7.2022) on emerging information and communication technologies, strengthening digital governance and other provisions – Article 102 ‘National Disability Portal’ – Article 103 ‘Digital procedure for a disability health crisis’
- **Ministerial Decision No 83779/12-9-2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4830,**

13.9.2022) on the Rules of Operation of the Disability Certification Centre (KEPA) amended previous Ministerial Decision No 84045/27-10-2021 (Government Gazette, No 5074, 2.11.2021)

- **Amendment of the conditions for receiving an invalidity pension arising from a common illness by means of Article 26 of Law 4997/2022 as above**

- ✓ **Insurance scheme for seafarers (within the remit of the Ministry of Labour, Social Security & Social Solidarity)**
- ✓ **Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT)**
 - Law 1085/1980 on the minimum insurance protection provided by the Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT) and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 255)
 - Law 1376/1983 on measures to address the shipping crisis and related provisions, which entered into force on 18.7.1983
 - Law 1711/1987 amending and supplementing the provisions of the legislation on the Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT) and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 109)
 - Presidential Decree 913/78 codifying the relevant provisions of the law on the Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT) into a single text and other provisions
 - **Amendment of the conditions for receiving an invalidity pension arising from a common illness by means of Article 26 of Law 4997/2022 as above**

- ✓ **Insurance schemes for the self-employed**
 - Articles 7, 8, 11, 27, 28, 31 and 99 of Law 4387/2016 on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85, 12.5.2016)
 - Law 4430/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 205, 31.10.2016) entitled 'Social and solidarity-based economy and development of institutions and other provisions' – Article 50 amending Article 55 of Law 4369/2016 on the possibility of extending the disability pension entitlement
 - Law 4472/2017 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 74, 19.5.2017) on State pension provisions and amendment to Law 4387/2016, measures for the implementation of fiscal targets and reforms, social support measures and working arrangements, the 2018-2021 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework and other provisions – Article 2 replaces Article 27(3) of Law 4387/2016 as follows: 'For those receiving a pension before the entry into force of this Law, the spouse allowance shall continue to be paid jointly with the pension in accordance with statutory provisions up to 31 December 2018. From 1 January 2019 onwards, a benefit shall be paid in accordance with Article 10(1) of this Law'.
 - Law 4488/2017 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 137, 13.9.2017) on pension arrangements for the public sector and other insurance provisions, greater worker protection, rights of people with disabilities and other provisions - Article 28 — Extension of the disability pension, Article 23 — Employment in connection with a mental illness
 - Ministerial Decision No Φ80000/45219/1864 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4591, 27.12.2017) on a Single table determining the degree of disability
 - Law 4554/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 130) on insurance and pension provisions, tackling undeclared work, strengthening worker protection, the system of guardianship of unaccompanied minors and other provisions. - Article 56: Extension of the granting of a non-institutional allowance
 - Ministerial Decision No Φ.80100/50885/3033 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 5987, 31.12.18) revised, as of 31 January 2019, the Single table determining the degree of disability,

which sets out the degree of disability resulting from each disease or injury or physical/psychological/mental condition or the combination of such diseases, injuries or conditions, and recurrences thereof.

- Ministerial Decision No Φ.80100/οικ.17630/943/19.4.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1560, 8.5.2018), online publication No ΩΕ9Τ465Θ1Ω-6ΕΘ, replaced, as of 1 January 2018, the Table of diseases which are irreversible and for which insured persons are deemed to have indefinite disability.
- Ministerial Decision No Φ.80100/101202/9.12.21 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 6282, 29.12.21, online publication No ΨΥ5Δ46ΜΤΛΚ-2ΧΗ) revised the Single table determining the degree of disability, which sets out the degree of disability resulting from each disease or injury or physical/psychological/mental condition or the combination of such diseases, injuries or conditions, and recurrences thereof.
- Ministerial Decision No 84045/27.10.2021 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 5074, 2.11.2021) 'Regulation on the functioning of the e-EFKA Disability Certification Centre (KEPA)' (online publication No: Ζ8Υ46ΜΤΛΚ-ΔΓΟ)
- **Joint Ministerial Decision No Φ80100/24283/10-3-2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1224, 17.3.2022) on the revision of the table of irreversible illnesses for which the duration of invalidity is indefinite revised with effect from 17 [text missing] Decision No Φ.80100/οικ.17630/943/19.7.2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1560)**
- **Law 4921/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 75, 18.4.2022) entitled 'New jobs: Reorganising the Public Employment Service and digitalising its services, upgrading workforce skills and diagnosing labour needs and other provisions'** – Article 48 'Deadline for examining pension applications and fast-track procedure for the award of a pension'; Article 49 'Checks after the adoption of the act awarding a pension under the fast-track procedure'; Article 50 'Electronic submission of documents for recognition of additional insurance periods - **Amendment of Article 17(4) of Law 4670/2020**'; Article 51 'Use of public documents and comparative data and use of modern automated data analysis tools and procedures for establishing insurance periods and speeding up the procedure for awarding pensions - **Amendment of Article 14(1)(a) and Article 33(1) of Law 4387/2016**'; Article 52 'Establishment of debts and degree of disability - **Amendment of Article 1(2) of Law 4554/2018**': **The above articles introduce provisions to speed up the procedure for examining all categories of pension applications (i.e. on grounds of old age, disability or death, of insured persons in the private sector – employees, self-employed persons – or in the public sector, other than those examined in accordance with the provisions of European regulations and bilateral agreements) and transfer the establishment of the existence or absence of debts preventing retirement (Article 61 of Law 3863/2010, as in force) to the initial stage of processing of the application, before any other condition is examined and before the application is actually processed.**
- Law 4961/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 146, 27.7.2022) on emerging information and communication technologies, strengthening digital governance and other provisions – Article 102 'National Disability Portal' – Article 103 'Digital procedure for a disability health crisis'
- **Ministerial Decision No 83779/12-9-2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4830, 13.9.2022) on the Regulation on the functioning of the Disability Certification Centre (KEPA) amended previous Ministerial Decision No 84045/27-10-2021 (Government Gazette, No 5074, 2.11.2021)**
- **Law 4997/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 219, 25.11.2022) on streamlining insurance and pension legislation, support for vulnerable social groups and other provisions** - Article 18 'Procedure for adjusting pensions on the basis of the cost-of-living index and the increase in Gross Domestic Product' – Article 21 'Determination of the body responsible for assessing pension entitlement in the event of transferable insurance between the Electronic National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA) and other insurance bodies – **Amendment of**

Article 2(1) to (3) of Legislative Decree 4202/1961’ – Article 26 ‘Invalidity pension arising from a common illness – Addition of Article 11A to Law 4387/2016’ amended the conditions for receiving an invalidity pension arising from a common illness for self-employed persons and, specifically for persons insured with the former OGA, it provided that entry into force would be from 1 January 2024 – Article 27 ‘Use of insurance periods by pensioners with a mental or intellectual disability – Amendment of Article 23(1)(a) of Law 4488/2017’

- Joint Ministerial Decision No 126331/2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 6949/30.12.2022) on the coefficient referred to in Article 14(4) of Law 4387/2016, which is used to determine the rate of increase of the amount of the main pensions, with payments starting by 31 December 2022

- **Insurance Organisation for the Self-employed (OAEE)**
 - Article 21 of Presidential Decree 258/2005 entitled ‘Statutes of the Insurance Organisation for the Self-Employed (OAEE)’ (Government Gazette, Series I, No 316, 28.12.2005), **Conditions for obtaining disability benefits**
 - Article 25 of Law 2084/1992 on reform of the social security system and other provisions, **Conditions for obtaining disability benefits** (Government Gazette, Series I, No 165, 7.10.1992)
 - **Amendment of the conditions for receiving an invalidity pension arising from a common illness by means of Article 26 of Law 4997/2022 as above**

- **Insurance Fund for Independent Professionals – Pension Sector for Engineers and Public Works Contractors (ETAA-TSMEDE)**
 - Article 23 of Law 915/1979 amending and supplementing the legislation on the Pension Fund for Engineers and Public Works Contractors (Government Gazette, Series I, No 103, 8.5.1979).
Conditions for obtaining disability benefits
 - Article 25 of Law 2084/1992 on reform of the social security system and other provisions, Conditions for obtaining disability benefits (Government Gazette, Series I, No 165, 7.10.1992)
 - **Amendment of the conditions for receiving an invalidity pension arising from a common illness by means of Article 26 of Law 4997/2022 as above**

- **Insurance Fund for Independent Professionals – Pension and Insurance Sector for Healthcare Workers (ETAA-TSAY)**
 - Article 5 of Law 982/1979 amending and supplementing the legislation on the Healthcare Workers’ Pension and Insurance Fund and other relevant provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 239, 20.10.1979).
Conditions for obtaining disability benefits
 - Article 25 of Law 2084/1992 on reform of the social security system and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 165, 7.10.1992). Conditions for obtaining disability benefits
 - **Amendment of the conditions for receiving an invalidity pension arising from a common illness by means of Article 26 of Law 4997/2022 as above**

- **Insurance Fund for Independent Professionals – Insurance Sector for Lawyers (ETAA-TAN)**
 - Article 17 of Legislative Decree 4114/1960 on the Lawyers’ Fund Code (Government Gazette, Series I, No 164, 9.10.1960), Conditions for obtaining disability benefits
 - Article 25 of Law 2084/1992 on reform of the social security system and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 165, 7.10.1992). Conditions for obtaining disability benefits
 - **Amendment of the conditions for receiving an invalidity pension arising from a common illness by means of Article 26 of Law 4997/2022 as above**

- Articles 7, 8, 27 and 28 of Law 4387/2016 on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85, 12.5.2016). **Setting the amount of pensions benefits**

- ✓ **Farmers’ insurance scheme**
- ✓ **Agricultural Insurance Organisation (OGA)**
 - Article 12 of Legislative Decree 4575/1966 abolishing the direct insurance contribution of farmers and amending and supplementing Law 4169/1961 and other related provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 227, 5.11.1966), Conditions for obtaining disability benefits
 - Amendment: Article 6 of Law 1140/1981 amending and supplementing Law 4169/1961 on agricultural social insurance schemes and other relevant provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 68, 20.3.1981)
 - Article 5 of Law 1287/1982 on improving the insurance protection that OGA provides to farmers (Government Gazette, Series I, No 123, 5.10.1982), Conditions for obtaining disability benefits
 - Article 6 of Law 2458/1997 on setting up a special branch of insurance for farmers, and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 15, 14.2.1997), Conditions for obtaining disability benefits
 - Law 4554/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 130) on insurance and pension provisions, tackling undeclared work, strengthening the protection of workers, guardianship of unaccompanied minors and other provisions’ – Article 56 Granting of a non-institutional care allowance
 - **Amendment of the conditions for receiving an invalidity pension arising from a common illness by means of Article 26 of Law 4997/2022 as above**

- ✓ **Civil servants’ insurance scheme**
As indicated in 4ii.

4. Old-age benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

(ii) Benefits in cash

Incorporation into the Single Social Security Institution (EFKA) of several social security bodies (IKA-ETAM, OAEE, ETAA, ETAP-MME, OGA, NAT) and the insurance of civil servants (Law 4387/2016)

✓ **Insurance schemes for salaried employees**

Law 4336/2015 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 94, 14.8.2015) on provisions on pensions, ratification of the Draft Agreement on Financial Assistance from the European Stability Mechanism and arrangements for the implementation of the Financing Agreement

Decision No Φ11321/οικ.47523/1570 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2311) – gradual increase in the retirement age limits until 1 January 2022, in accordance with the tables in point 6 of Article 2(E)(E3) of Law 4336/2015 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 94)

Law 4387/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85, 12.5.2016) on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions

Law 4389/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 94, 27.5.2016) on emergency provisions on the application of the agreement on fiscal targets and structural reforms and other provisions; Article 235 – Social Solidarity Income – Transitional provisions for EKAS

Article 31 (Compensatory measures for abolishing the Pensioners' Social Solidarity Allowance (EKAS)) of Law 4411/2016 entitled 'Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime concerning the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed through computer systems and the Additional Protocol thereto – Transposition into Greek law of Directive 2013/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on attacks against information systems and replacing Council Framework Decision 2005/222/JHA, provisions concerning correctional and criminal policy and other provisions'

Law 4472/2017 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 74, 19.5.2017) on State pension provisions and amendment to Law 4387/2016, measures for the implementation of fiscal targets and reforms, social support measures and working arrangements, the 2018-2021 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework and other provisions – Article 2 replaces Article 27(3) of Law 4387/2016 as follows: 'For those receiving a pension before the entry into force of this Law, the spouse allowance shall continue to be paid jointly with the pension in accordance with statutory provisions up to 31 December 2018. From 1 January 2019 onwards, a benefit shall be paid **in accordance with Article 10(1) of this Law**'.

Law 4554/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 130) on Insurance and pension provisions, tackling undeclared work, strengthening the protection of workers, guardianship of unaccompanied minors and other provisions' - Article 1 Start and end of pensions entitlement

Law 4583/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 212) abolishing the provisions on the reduction of pensions, transposition into Greek law of Directive (EU) 2016/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 January 2016 on insurance distribution, and other provisions – Article 1 on the abolition of the provisions on the reduction of pensions

Law 4578/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 200) on reducing insurance contributions and other provisions – Article 17 ‘Processing of unduly paid benefits’

Law 4611/2019 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 73) ‘Settlement of debts to social security bodies, the tax administration and first-tier local authorities; public-sector pension provisions and other insurance and pension provisions; strengthening worker protection and other provisions’

Law 4623/2019 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 134) on the arrangements of the Ministry of the Interior, provisions on digital governance, pension arrangements and other urgent matters

Law 4670/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 43) on insurance reform and digital transformation of the National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA), and other provisions

Law 4676/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 67) on the modernisation of the institutional framework on maritime cabotage and other provisions – Article 81

Law 4690/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 104) ratifying: (a) the Legislative Act of 13 April 2020 on measures to address the ongoing consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergency provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 84), and (b) the Legislative Act of 1 May 2020 on further measures to address the ongoing consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the return to social and economic normality (Government Gazette, Series I, No 90), and other provisions **Article 78 ‘Employment of pensioners and exemption from the obligation to pay insurance contributions owing to agricultural activities with an annual income of up to EUR 10 000’**

Ministerial Decision No 16394/Δ15642/27-4-2020 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1691) on the e-EFKA digital pension award procedure

Law 4714/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 148) on fiscal interventions to strengthen the development of the Greek economy, transposition into Greek law of Directives (EU) 2017/1852, (EU) 2018/822, (EU) 2020/876, (EU) 2016/1164, (EU) 2018/1910 and (EU) 2019/475, a State contribution to the repayment of loans to borrowers adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and other provisions **Article 114 ‘Payment of the amounts of the reductions of private-sector pensions’, Article 115 ‘ Increase in the percentage of temporary pensions for handwritten**

applications', Article 116 'Arrangements for temporary pensions in the case of electronic submission'

Law 4734/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 196) amending Law 4557/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 139) on the prevention and suppression of money laundering and terrorist financing — transposition into Greek law of Directive (EU) 2018/843 (OJ L 156) and Article 3 of Directive (EU) 2019/2177 (OJ L 334), and other provisions Article 33 'Payment of the amounts of the reductions of state pensions and pensions of legal entities governed by public law', Article 34 'Payment of the amounts of the reductions of private-sector pensions'

Law 4798/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 68) on the Code of Judicial Officers and other urgent provisions - Article 257 'Pre-retirement certificate from e-EFKA and certified professionals - **Amendment of Article 47 of Law 2676/1999**', Article 259 'Limit on debts to an insurance institution', Article 260 'Repeal of Law 4144/2013', Article 261 'Deadline for submission of pension documents and time of commencement of pension entitlement – Amendment of Article 1 of Law 4554/2018' The above provisions establish the mandatory provision of a pre-retirement certificate from e-EFKA, at the request of the insured person, for the insurance periods of the participating institutions in cases where pensions are issued on the basis of transferable insurance, and simplify and increase the amount that prospective pensioners may owe to e-EFKA in order to be able to retire.

Ministerial Decision No 3770/1192/19.3.2021 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1356) amending and supplementing Decision No 16394/Δ15642/27-4-2020 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1691) of the Minister for Labour and Social Affairs on the e-EFKA digital pension award procedure Ministerial Decision No 3770/1192/19.3.2021 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1356)

Circulars of the Directorate for Primary Pension Benefits No Φ.80000/34572/5256/01.06.2021 (online publication No: 6KYZ46MTAK-ΦΞ8) notifying provisions of Law 4798/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 68) and No Φ.80000/Δ17/55277/10480/27.07.2021 (online publication No: Ψ1ΠΧ46MTAK-27Λ) on the application of Articles 259 and 260 of Law 4798/2021 on the payment of pensions to e-EFKA debtors.

Law 4915/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 63, 24.3.2022) on the National Strategic Plan for Combating Corruption, provisions on human resources and local authorities, a legislative framework for the training of students of the National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government for integration into the University Education (PE) - Executive Staff branch, provisions for completing the transfer of forest services to the Ministry of the Environment and Energy, provisions for the implementation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan 'Greece 2.0', national pensions for persons of Greek descent and other urgent provisions. - Article 73

'National pensions for persons of Greek descent – Amendment of Article 7 of Law 4387/2016'.

Law 4921/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 75, 18.4.2022) entitled 'New jobs: Reorganising the Public Employment Service and digitalising its services, upgrading workforce skills and diagnosing labour needs and other provisions' – Article 48 'Deadline for examining pension applications and fast-track procedure for the award of a pension; Article 49 'Checks after the adoption of the act awarding a pension under the fast-track procedure'; Article 50 'Electronic submission of documents for recognition of additional insurance periods - Amendment of Article 17(4) of Law 4670/2020'; Article 51 'Use of public documents and comparative data and use of modern automated data analysis tools and procedures for establishing insurance periods and speeding up the procedure for awarding pensions - Amendment of Article 14(1)(a) and Article 33(1) of Law 4387/2016'; Article 52 'Establishment of debts and degree of disability - Amendment of Article 1(2) of Law 4554/2018': The above articles introduce provisions to speed up the procedure for examining all categories of pension applications (i.e. on grounds of old age, disability or death, of insured persons in the private sector – employees, self-employed persons – or in the public sector, other than those examined in accordance with the provisions of European regulations and bilateral agreements) and transfer the establishment of the existence or absence of debts preventing retirement (Article 61 of Law 3863/2010, as in force) to the initial stage of processing of the application, before any other condition is examined and before the application is actually processed.

Circular No 38416/20.4.2022 (online publication No: ΨΖΒΔ46ΜΤΛΚ-Π12) of the Directorate for Primary Pension Benefits on specific issues of transferable insurance, use of insurance periods and employment of pensioners

Joint Ministerial Decision No 73135/3.8.2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4135) on the calculation of a national pension for persons of Greek descent, on the basis of Article 7(2a) of Law 4387/2016.

Law 4997/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 219, 25.311.2022) on streamlining insurance and pension legislation, support for vulnerable social groups and other provisions. Article 18 'Procedure for adjusting pensions on the basis of the cost-of-living index and the increase in Gross Domestic Product' – Article 21 'Determination of the body responsible for assessing pension entitlement in the event of transferable insurance between the Electronic National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA) and other insurance bodies – Amendment of Article 2(1) to (3) of Legislative Decree 4202/1961' – Article 25 'National pension of serving Greek civil servants abroad **Amendment of Article 7(2) of Law 4387/2016'**. **The above provisions lay down the procedure for the adjustment, from 1 January 2023, of pensions paid up until 31 December 2022, and simplify and speed up the procedure for finding the body responsible for assessing pension**

entitlement when applying the provisions on transferable insurance between e-EFKA and other insurance institutions, by analogy with Article 19 of Law 4387/2016, as applicable to persons insured successively with institutions within e-EFKA.

Joint Ministerial Decision No 126331/2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 6949/30.12.2022) on the coefficient referred to in Article 14(4) of Law 4387/2016, which is used to determine the rate of increase of the amount of main pensions with payment starting by 31 December 2022

➤ **Joint IKA-ETAM Fund**

Scheme Basic statutory legislation

- Emergency Law 1846/1951 on social security, which entered into force on 21.6.1951
- Law 1539/1985 on the inclusion of repatriated political refugees within the coverage provided by social security providers and other provisions, which entered into force on 5.4.1985
- Law 1469/1984 on the insurance of persons of Greek descent, amending and supplementing the provisions of the IKA Fund legislation and regulating various social security issues, which entered into force on 3.8.1984

General legislation on the IKA-ETAM Fund

- Law 3863/2010 on the new social security system and related provisions, arrangements regarding employment relations (Government Gazette, Series I, No 115, 15.7.2010)
- Law 3996/2011 reforming the Labour Inspectorate, regulating social security issues and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 170, 5.8.2011)
- Law 4093/2012 entitled 'Approval of the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework – Emergency measures for implementing Law 4046/2012 and the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework' (Government Gazette, Series I, No 222, 12.11.2012)
- Law 4111/2013 on pension arrangements, amendments to Law 4093/2012, ratification of the Legislative Act approving drafts of the agreements amending the main lending facility agreement between the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), the Hellenic Republic, the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund (HFSF) and the Bank of Greece, entitled "PSI LM Facility Agreement" and the lending facility agreement between the EFSF, the Hellenic Republic and the Bank of Greece entitled "Bond Interest Facility", granting of authorisations for the signing of contracts, and other emergency provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 18, 25.1.2013)
- Law 4334/2015 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 80, 16.7.2015) entitled 'Emergency measures for negotiations and for the conclusion of an agreement with the European Support Mechanism (ESM)'

The pension branches of the following former separate funds have been included in the IKA-ETAM Fund:

The OTE Staff Insurance Fund:

- Ministerial Decision No 36360/Σ.1181/27 Oct-27 Nov. 1943 approving the recast Articles of Association of the Staff Insurance Fund of the Hellenic Telephony Company, which entered into force on 21.11.1943
- Articles 1 and 2 of Law 3655/2008 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 58) on the administrative and organisational reform of the social security system and other insurance provisions Article 141(2) of Law 4251/2014 on the Immigration and Social Inclusion Code and other provisions

Ionian and Laiki Bank Staff Insurance Fund:

- Joint Ministerial Decision No 61035/6/1928/28.8.1961 on uniform insurance for the staff of the Ionian and Laiki Bank of Greece, which entered into force on 19.9.1961, and
- Ministerial Decision No Φ.48/3/758/25.6/27.7.1987 recasting, amending and supplementing the Articles of Association of the Ionian and Laiki Bank Staff Insurance Fund, which entered into force on 27 July 1987
- Article 5 of Law 3029/2002 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 160) on the reform of the social security system
- Ministerial Decision No Φ10048/26904/1732/27.2.2004 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 402) on the incorporation into the IKA-ETAM of the pension branch of the Ionian and Laiki Bank Staff Insurance Fund

Agricultural Bank of Greece Staff Pension Fund:

- Ministerial Decision No Φ.46/3239/23.2.1987 recasting, amending and supplementing the Articles of Association of the Agricultural Bank of Greece Staff Pension Fund, which entered into force on 9 March 1987
- Article 38(2) of Law 3522/2006 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 276) on changes in income tax, simplification of the Code of Books and Records and other provisions
- Article 8(4) of Law 4237/2014 regulating matters relating to ADMIE AE and other provisions

PPC Staff Insurance Organisation:

- Law 4491/1966 on insurance for staff of the Public Power Corporation, which entered into force on 4.1.1966
- Article 3 of Law 3655/2008 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 58) on the administrative and organisational reform of the social security system and other insurance provisions
- Article 16 of Law 4237/2014 regulating matters relating to ADMIE AE and other provisions

HIDB Staff Insurance Fund:

- Royal Decree No 207/1965 on the establishment/regulation of the Hellenic Industrial Development Bank (HIDB) Staff Insurance Fund - entry into force (Government Gazette, Series I, No 52/1965).
- Articles 1 and 2 of Law 3655/2008 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 58) on the administrative and organisational reform of the social security system and other insurance provisions

ISAP Staff Pension Fund:

- Ministerial Decision No 44461/1915 on the regulation of the Hellenic Electric Railways Staff Pension Fund and
- Ministerial Decision No 34333/31/June 1935
- Articles 1 and 2 of Law 3655/2008 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 58) on the administrative and organisational reform of the social security system and other insurance provisions

Bank of Greece Staff Pension Fund:

- Legislative Decree 2626/1953 on the restructuring of the pension and insurance funds for staff of the Bank of Greece, the National Bank and the Mortgage Bank, and other related provisions, which entered into force on 29.10.1953
- As of 1.1.2011 the Bank of Greece has undertaken to provide social security coverage for its staff for main and supplementary pension purposes (Article 64 of Law 3863/2010)

National Bank of Greece Staff Pension Fund:

- Ministerial Decision No 75358/Σ. 543/1967 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 571) amending and supplementing the regulations of the (former) National Bank of Greece Staff Pension Fund
- Ministerial Decision No 21545/6-13.7.1927 on the Articles of Association of the Bank of Greece and Mortgage Bank Staff Pension Fund (issued pursuant to Law 2868/1922)
- Royal Decree of 28 April 1867 on regulations relating to bank employee pensions - (Government Gazette, Series II, No 30, 12.5.1867) and
- Law 810/1978 on the regulations of the National Bank of Greece Staff Pension Fund (Government Gazette, Series I, No 130, 23.8.1978)²
- Articles 1 and 2 of Law 3655/2008 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 58) on the administrative and organisational reform of the social security system and other insurance provisions

Pension and Supplementary Insurance Fund for Agricultural Cooperative Staff (TSEAPGSO):

- Emergency Law 1154/1938 on the central organisation of agricultural cooperatives in Greece
- Ministerial Decision No 54883/Σ1667 of 22 January/10 February 1940 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 48) approving the Articles of Association of the Pension Fund for Staff of Agricultural Cooperatives and Farmers' Establishments
- Article 5 of Law 3029/2002 on the reform of the social security system
- Article 15 of Law 3607/2007 on the establishment and Articles of Association of Social Security e-Governance AE (HDIKA AE) and other provisions on insurance and organisation
- Article 61 of Law 4277/2014 on a new master plan for Athens/Attica and other provisions

Ethniki Insurance Company Staff Insurance Fund (TAPAEI):

- Ministerial Decision No 19875/E.452/1952 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 90) on the Articles of Association of the Ethniki Insurance Company Staff Insurance Fund
- Law 2868/1992 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 119) on compulsory insurance of workers and private employees

- Ministerial Decision No 38829/4/9/1933 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 208)
- Article 2 of Law 3655/2008 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 58) on the administrative and organisational reform of the social security system and other insurance provisions

- **IKA-ETAM Fund special scheme for civil servants**
- Law 3163/1955 on pensions from the Social Security Institute (IKA), which entered into force on 9 September 1952

²As of 1.1.2011 the Bank of Greece has undertaken to provide social security coverage for its staff for main and supplementary pension purposes (Article 64 of Law 3863/2010).

- Legislative Decree 4277/1962 on the pensions of IKA Fund doctors and other related categories of employees, which entered into force on 1 December 1962
- Legislative Decree 4579/1966 on pensions for doctors and staff of the IKA Fund and other provisions, which entered into force on 1 January 1967

✓ **Insurance scheme for employees in the mass media**

Mass Media Staff Insurance Fund (ETAP-MME):

- Law 3655/2008 on administrative and organisational reform of the social security system and other insurance provisions, which entered into force on 3 April 2008

The following former Funds have been included in the ETAP-MME Fund:

Athens and Thessaloniki Daily Newspapers Staff Pension Fund (TSPEATH Fund):

- Presidential Decree 284/1974 amending and recasting the Articles of Association of the Athens/Thessaloniki Newspapers Staff Pension Fund, which entered into force on 17.4.1974
- Presidential Decree 442/1993 amending and recasting the Articles of Association of the Athens/Thessaloniki Newspapers Staff Pension Fund, which entered into force on 7.10.1993

Thessaloniki Newspaper Vendor and News Agency Staff Pension Fund (TSEYPH Fund):

- Ministerial Decision No 31720/Σ.503/10.12.1962 recasting the regulations of the Thessaloniki Newspaper Vendor and News Agency Staff Pension Fund, which entered into force on 10.12.1962

Athens Newspaper Vendor and News Agency Staff Pension Fund (TSEYP Fund):

- Ministerial Decision No 17481/10-14.3.1933 on the Articles of Association of the Newspaper Vendor and News Agency Staff Pension Fund, which entered into force on 14.3.1933

Athens and Thessaloniki Press Technicians Insurance Fund (TATTA Fund):

- Royal Decree of 29/5-25/6/58 approving the Articles of Association of the Athens Press Workers Insurance Fund, which entered into force on 25.6.1958
- Law 1186/81 regulating matters relating to social security and employment for press technicians due to changes in technology, which entered into force on 30.7.1981
- Law 4331/2015 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 69, 2.7.2015) on measures to alleviate the suffering of people with disabilities, simplify the functioning of the Disability Certification Centres (KEPA) and fight social security fraud, and related insurance issues and other provisions

Insurance Fund for Press Proprietors, Editors and Employees (TAISYT)

- Ministerial Decision No 33156 of 12 June/10 July 1940 approving the Articles of Association of the Insurance Fund for Press Proprietors, Editors and Employees (Government Gazette, Series II, No 145)
- Emergency Law 2176/1940 on the establishment of an Insurance Fund for Press Proprietors, Editors and Employees, which entered into force on 9.1.1940

- Ministerial Decision No B2/54/3/236/76 OIK.695/22.3.1977 amending and recasting the insurance benefits regulations for the main insurance branch of the TAISYT Fund, which entered into force on 1.5.1977
- Law 940/1979 establishing (a) a main insurance branch for photo-reporters and television cameramen and (b) a main insurance branch for foreign press correspondents, within the TAISYT Fund, and inclusion of these branches for insurance purposes in the sickness and maternity insurance branch of the IKA Fund, and arrangements concerning related matters, which entered into force on 12 July 1979
- Presidential Decree 419/1983 on the Articles of Association for insurance of foreign press correspondents, which entered into force on 24 October 1983
- Presidential Decree 419/1980 on establishment of the main insurance branch for photo-reporters and television cameramen, which entered into force on 9 May 1980

• **Insurance scheme for seafarers (NAT)**

- Presidential Decree 913/1978 codifying the relevant provisions of the law on the Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT) into a single text and other provisions, which entered into force on 14 December 1978
- Law 2575/1998 regulating issues within the remit of the Ministry of Merchant Shipping, which entered into force on 4 February 1998
- Law 1376/1983 on measures to address the shipping crisis and related provisions, which entered into force on 18 July 1983
- Law 1405/1983 on the extension of transferable insurance (Government Gazette, Series I, No 180)
- Law 1482/1984 on supplementary insurance for NAT – the Coast Guard – Thessaloniki Port Authority (Government Gazette, Series I, No 153)
- Law 1902/1990 regulating pensions and other related matters (Government Gazette, Series I, No 138, 17.10.1990)
- Law 3075/2002
- Law 3232/2004 on social security issues and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 48, 12.2.2004)
- Law 3863/2010 on the new social security system and related provisions, arrangements regarding employment relations (Government Gazette, Series I, No 115, 15.7.2010)
- Law 4072/2012 on improvement in the business environment – new type of company – trademarks – real estate agents – regulation of issues pertaining to shipping, ports and fisheries, and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 86, 11.4.2012)
- Law 4093/2012 entitled 'Approval of the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework – Emergency measures for implementing Law 4046/2012 and the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework' (Government Gazette, Series I, No 222, 12.11.2012)
- Law 4150/2013 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 102)
- Ministerial Decision No 476/2012 adjusting pensions from the Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT) (Government Gazette, Series I, No 499, 28.2.2012)
- Joint Ministerial Decision No 3522.2/08/2013 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1671)
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• **Insurance schemes for the self-employed**

- Law 4336/2015 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 94, 14.8.2015) on provisions on pensions, ratification of the Draft Agreement on Financial Assistance from the European Stability Mechanism and arrangements for the implementation of the Financing Agreement

- Decision No Φ11321/οικ.47523/1570 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2311) – gradual increase in the retirement age limits until 1 January 2022, in accordance with the tables in point 6 of Article 2(E)(E3) of Law 4336/2015 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 94)
- Law 4387/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85, 12.5.2016) on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions
- Law 4389/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 94, 27.5.2016) on emergency provisions on the application of the agreement on fiscal targets and structural reforms and other provisions; Article 235 – Social Solidarity Income – Transitional provisions for EKAS
- Article 31 (Compensatory measures for abolishing the Pensioners’ Social Solidarity Allowance (EKAS)) of Law 4411/2016 entitled ‘Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime concerning the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed through computer systems and the Additional Protocol thereto – Transposition into Greek law of Directive 2013/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on attacks against information systems and replacing Council Framework Decision 2005/222/JHA, provisions concerning correctional and criminal policy and other provisions’
- Law 4472/2017 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 74, 19.5.2017) on State pension provisions and amendment to Law 4387/2016, measures for the implementation of fiscal targets and reforms, social support measures and working arrangements, the 2018-2021 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework and other provisions – Article 2 replaces Article 27(3) of Law 4387/2016 as follows: ‘For those receiving a pension before the entry into force of this Law, the spouse allowance shall continue to be paid jointly with the pension in accordance with statutory provisions up to 31 December 2018. From 1 January 2019 onwards, a benefit shall be paid in accordance with Article 10(1) of this Law’.
- Law 4554/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 130) on Insurance and pension provisions, tackling undeclared work, strengthening the protection of workers, guardianship of unaccompanied minors and other provisions’ - Article 1 ‘Start and end of pensions entitlement’
- Law 4583/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 212) abolishing the provisions on the reduction of pensions, transposition into Greek law of Directive (EU) 2016/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 January 2016 on insurance distribution, and other provisions – Article 1 on the abolition of the provisions on the reduction of pensions
- Law 4611/2019 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 73) ‘Settlement of debts to social security bodies, the tax administration and first-tier local authorities; public-sector pension provisions and other insurance and pension provisions; strengthening worker protection and other provisions’
- Law 4623/2019 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 134) on the arrangements of the Ministry of the Interior, provisions on digital governance, pension arrangements and other urgent matters
- Law 4670/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 43) on insurance reform and digital transformation of the National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA), and other

provisions

- Law 4676/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 67) on the modernisation of the institutional framework on maritime cabotage and other provisions – Article 81

- Law 4690/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 104) ratifying: the Legislative Act of 13 April 2020 on measures to address the ongoing consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergency provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 84), and (b) the Legislative Act of 1 May 2020 on further measures to address the ongoing consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the return to social and economic normality, and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 90)
Article 78 ‘Employment of pensioners and exemption from the obligation to pay insurance contributions owing to agricultural activities with an annual income of up to EUR 10 000’

- Ministerial Decision No 16394/Δ15642/27-4-2020 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1691) on the e-EFKA digital pension award procedure

- Law 4714/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 148) on fiscal interventions to strengthen the development of the Greek economy, transposition into Greek law of Directives (EU) 2017/1852, (EU) 2018/822, (EU) 2020/876, (EU) 2016/1164, (EU) 2018/1910 and (EU) 2019/475, a State contribution to the repayment of loans to borrowers adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and other provisions
Article 114 ‘Payment of the amounts of the reductions of private-sector pensions’, Article 115 ‘Increase in the percentage of temporary pensions for handwritten applications’, Article 116 ‘Arrangements for temporary pensions in the case of electronic submission’

- Law 4734/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 196) amending Law 4557/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 139) on the prevention and suppression of money laundering and terrorist financing — Transposition into Greek law of Directive (EU) 2018/843 (OJ L 156) and Article 3 of Directive (EU) 2019/2177 (OJ L 334), and other provisions
Article 33 ‘Payment of the amounts of the reductions of state pensions and pensions of legal entities governed by public law’, Article 34 ‘Payment of the amounts of the reductions of private-sector pensions’

- Law 4798/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 68) on the Code of Judicial Officers and other urgent provisions - Article 257 ‘Pre-retirement certificate from e-EFKA and certified professionals - **Amendment of Article 47 of Law 2676/1999**’, Article 259 ‘Limit on debts to an insurance institution’, Article 260 ‘Repeal of Law 4144/2013’. Article 261 ‘Deadline for submission of pension documents and time of commencement of pension entitlement – Amendment of Article 1 of Law 4554/2018’ : The above provisions establish the mandatory provision of a pre-retirement certificate from e-EFKA, at the request of the insured person, for

the insurance periods of the participating institutions in cases where pensions are issued on the basis of transferable insurance, and simplify and increase the amount that prospective pensioners may owe to e-EFKA in order to be able to retire.

- Ministerial Decision No 3770/1192/19.3.2021 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1356) amending and supplementing Decision No 16394/Δ15642/27-4-2020 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 1691) of the Minister for Labour and Social Affairs on the e-EFKA digital pension award procedure
 - Circulars of the Directorate for Primary Pension Benefits No Φ.80000/34572/5256/01.06.2021 (online publication No: 6KYZ46MTAK-ΦΞ8) notifying provisions of Law 4798/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 68) and No Φ.80000/Δ17/55277/10480/27.07.2021 (online publication No: Ψ1ΠΧ46ΜΤΛΚ-27Λ) on the application of Articles 259 and 260 of Law 4798/2021 on the payment of pensions to e-EFKA debtors.
- **Law 4915/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 63, 24.3.2022) on the National Strategic Plan for Combating Corruption, provisions on human resources and local authorities, a legislative framework for the training of students of the National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government for integration into the University Education (PE) - Executive Staff branch, provisions for completing the transfer of forest services to the Ministry of the Environment and Energy, provisions for the implementation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan 'Greece 2.0', national pensions for persons of Greek descent and other urgent provisions.** - Article 73 'National pensions for persons of Greek descent – Amendment of Article 7 of Law 4387/2016'.

Law 4921/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 75, 18.4.2022) entitled 'New jobs: Reorganising the Public Employment Service and digitalising its services, upgrading workforce skills and diagnosing labour needs and other provisions' – Article 48 'Deadline for examining pension applications and fast-track procedure for the award of a pension; Article 49 'Checks after the adoption of the act awarding a pension under the fast-track procedure'; Article 50 'Electronic submission of documents for recognition of additional insurance periods - **Amendment of Article 17(4) of Law 4670/2020**'; Article 51 'Use of public documents and comparative data and use of modern automated data analysis tools and procedures for establishing insurance periods and speeding up the procedure for awarding pensions - **Amendment of Article 14(1)(a) and Article 33(1) of Law 4387/2016**'; Article 52 'Establishment of debts and degree of disability - **Amendment of Article 1(2) of Law 4554/2018**': **The above articles introduce provisions to speed up the procedure for examining all categories of pension applications (i.e. on grounds of old age, disability or death, of insured persons in the private sector – employees, self-employed persons – or in the public sector, other than those examined in accordance with the provisions of European regulations and bilateral agreements) and transfer the establishment of the existence or absence of debts preventing**

retirement (Article 61 of Law 3863/2010, as in force) to the initial stage of processing of the application, before any other condition is examined and before the application is actually processed.

- Circular No 38416/20.4.2022 (online publication No: ΨΖΒΔ46ΜΤΛΚ-Π12) of the Directorate for Primary Pension Benefits on specific issues of transferable insurance, use of insurance periods and employment of pensioners
- Joint Ministerial Decision No 73135/3.8.2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4135) on the calculation of a national pension for a person of Greek descent, on the basis of Article 7(2a) of Law 4387/2016.
- **Law 4997/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 219, 25.311.2022) on streamlining insurance and pension legislation, support for vulnerable social groups and other provisions.** Article 18 ‘Procedure for adjusting pensions on the basis of the cost-of-living index and the increase in Gross Domestic Product’ – Article 21 ‘Determination of the body responsible for assessing pension entitlement in the event of transferable insurance between the Electronic National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA) and other insurance bodies – **Amendment of Article 2(1) to (3) of Legislative Decree 4202/1961**’ – Article 25 ‘National pension of serving Greek civil servants abroad **Amendment of Article 7(2) of Law 4387/2016**’: **The above provisions lay down the procedure for the adjustment, from 1 January 2023, of pensions paid until then, and simplify and speed up the procedure for finding the body responsible for assessing pension entitlement when applying the provisions on transferable insurance between e-EFKA and other insurance institutions, by analogy with Article 19 of Law 4387/2016, as applicable to persons insured successively with institutions within e-EFKA.**
- Joint Ministerial Decision No 126331/2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 6949/30.12.2022) on the coefficient referred to in Article 14(4) of Law 4387/2016, which is used to determine the rate of increase of the amount of main pensions with payment starting by 31 December 2022
- **Insurance Organisation for the Self-employed (OAEE)**
 - Article 20 (Conditions for obtaining an old-age pension) of Presidential Decree 258/2005 entitled ‘Statutes of the Insurance Organisation for the Self-Employed (OAEE)’ (Government Gazette, Series I, No 316, 28.12.2005) - Amendment: Article 10 of Law 3863/2010 on the new social security system and related provisions, arrangements regarding employment relations (Government Gazette, Series I, No 115, 15.7.2010)

Amendment: Article 54 of Law 3996/2011 reforming the Labour Inspectorate, regulating social security issues and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 170, 5.8.2011)

Amendment: Article 1(K)(K.4) of Law 4093/2012 entitled 'Approval of the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework – Emergency measures for implementing Law 4046/2012 and the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework' (Government Gazette, Series I, No 222, 12.11.2012)

- Article 24 of Law 2084/1992 on reform of the social security system and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 165, 7.10.1992), Conditions for obtaining an old-age pension

Amendment: Article 10 of Law 3863/2010 on the new social security system and related provisions, arrangements regarding employment relations (Government Gazette, Series I, No 115, 15.7.2010)

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- **Insurance Fund for Independent Professionals – Pension Sector for Engineers and Public Works Contractors (ETAA-TSMEDE)**

- Article 23 of Law 915/1979 amending and supplementing the legislation on the Pension Fund for Engineers and Public Works Contractors (Government Gazette, Series I, No 103, 8.5.1979), Conditions for obtaining an old-age pension

Amendment: Articles 24, 47 and 48 of Law 2084/1992 on reform of the social security system and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 165, 7.10.1992)

Amendment: Article 10 of Law 3863/2010 on the new social security system and related provisions, arrangements regarding employment relations (Government Gazette, Series I, No 115, 15.7.2010)

Amendment: Article 1(K)(K.4) of Law 4093/2012 entitled 'Approval of the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework – Emergency measures for implementing Law 4046/2012 and the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework' (Government Gazette, Series I, No 222, 12.11.2012)

- **Insurance Fund for Independent Professionals – Pension and Insurance Sector for Healthcare Workers (ETAA-TSAY)**

- Article 5 of Law 982/1979 amending and supplementing the legislation on the Healthcare Workers' Pension and Insurance Fund and other relevant provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 239, 20.10.1979), Conditions for obtaining an old-age pension

Amendment: Articles 24, 47 and 48 of Law 2084/1992 on reform of the social security system

and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 165, 7.10.1992)

Amendment: Article 10 of Law 3863/2010 on the new social security system and related provisions, arrangements regarding employment relations (Government Gazette, Series I, No 115, 15.7.2010)

Amendment: Article 1(K)(K.4) of Law 4093/2012 entitled 'Approval of the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework – Emergency measures for implementing Law 4046/2012 and the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework' (Government Gazette, Series I, No 222, 12.11.2012)

Law 4578/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 200) on reducing insurance contributions and other provisions – Article 16

Method of calculating the pension of single-fund pensioners insured by the former TSAY for applications before Law 4387/2016

➤ **Insurance Fund for Independent Professionals – Insurance Sector for Lawyers (ETAA-TAN)**

- Article 17 of Legislative Decree 4114/1960 on the Lawyers' Fund Code (Government Gazette, Series I, No 164, 9.10.1960), Conditions for obtaining an old-age pension

Amendment: Articles 24, 47 and 48 of Law 2084/1992 on reform of the social security system and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 165, 7.10.1992)

Amendment: Article 10 of Law 3863/2010 on the new social security system and related provisions, arrangements regarding employment relations (Government Gazette, Series I, No 115, 15.7.2010)

Amendment: Article 1(K)(K.4) of Law 4093/2012 entitled 'Approval of the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework – Emergency measures for implementing Law 4046/2012 and the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework' (Government Gazette, Series I, No 222, 12.11.2012)

✓ **Farmers' insurance scheme**

- Article 4 of Law 4169/1961 on agricultural social insurance schemes (Government Gazette, Series I, No 81, 18.5.1961), Conditions for obtaining an old-age pension

Amendment: Article 6 of Law 1287/1982 on improving the insurance protection that OGA provides to farmers (Government Gazette, Series I, No 123, 5.10.1982)

Amendment: Article 1(K)(K.6)(7) of Law 4093/2012 entitled 'Approval of the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework – Emergency measures for implementing Law 4046/2012 and the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework' (Government Gazette, Series I, No 222, 12.11.2012)

- Article 5 of Law 2458/1997 on setting up a special branch of insurance for farmers, and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 15, 14.2.1997), Conditions for obtaining an old-age pension

Amendment: Article 18(3) of Law 4302/2014 regulating logistical matters and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 225, 8.10.2014)

- Law 3863/2010 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 115) on the new social security system and related provisions, arrangements regarding employment relations – **Article 10 'Retirement age limits and recognised years': persons insured with OGA are exempt from**

the relevant amendment on age limits

- Law 4578/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 200) on reducing insurance contributions and other provisions – Article 14
'Proof of age of persons insured with the former OGA'
- Law 4611/2019 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 73) 'Settlement of debts to social security bodies, the tax administration and first-tier local authorities; public-sector pension provisions and other insurance and pension provisions; strengthening worker protection and other provisions'
- Law 4623/2019 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 134) on the arrangements of the Ministry of the Interior, provisions on digital governance, pension arrangements and other urgent matters
- Law 4670/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 43) on insurance reform and digital transformation of the National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA), and other provisions
- Law 4676/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 67) on the modernisation of the institutional framework on maritime cabotage and other provisions – Article 81
- Law 4690/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 104) ratifying: (a) the Legislative Act of 13 April 2020 on measures to address the ongoing consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergency provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 84), and (b) the Legislative Act of 1 May 2020 on further measures to address the ongoing consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the return to social and economic normality (Government Gazette, Series I, No 90), and other provisions
- Law 4714/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 148) on fiscal interventions to strengthen the development of the Greek economy, transposition into Greek law of Directives (EU) 2017/1852, (EU) 2018/822, (EU) 2020/876, (EU) 2016/1164, (EU) 2018/1910 and (EU) 2019/475, a State contribution to the repayment of loans to borrowers adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and other provisions
- Law 4734/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 196) amending Law 4557/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 139) on the prevention and suppression of money laundering and terrorist financing — transposition into Greek law of Directive (EU) 2018/843 (OJ L 156) and Article 3 of Directive (EU) 2019/2177 (OJ L 334), and other provisions
- **Law 4798/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 68) on the Code of Judicial Officers and other urgent provisions - Article 257 'Pre-retirement certificate from e-EFKA and certified professionals - Amendment of Article 47 of Law 2676/1999', Article 259 'Limit on debts to an insurance institution', Article 260 'Repeal of Law 4144/2013'. Article 261 'Deadline for submission of pension documents and time of commencement of pension entitlement – Amendment of Article 1 of Law 4554/2018' : The above provisions establish the mandatory provision of a pre-retirement certificate from e-EFKA, at the request of the insured person, for the insurance periods of the participating institutions in cases where pensions are issued on the basis of transferable insurance, and simplify and increase the amount that prospective pensioners may owe to e-EFKA in order to be able to retire.**
- **Law 4915/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 63, 24.3.2022) on the National Strategic Plan for Combating Corruption, provisions on human resources and local authorities, a legislative framework for the training of students of the National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government for integration into the University Education (PE) -**

Executive Staff branch, provisions for completing the transfer of forest services to the Ministry of the Environment and Energy, provisions for the implementation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan 'Greece 2.0', national pensions for persons of Greek descent and other urgent provisions. - Article 73 'National pensions for persons of Greek descent – Amendment of Article 7 of Law 4387/2016'.

- **Law 4921/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 75, 18.4.2022) entitled 'New jobs: Reorganising the Public Employment Service and digitalising its services, upgrading workforce skills and diagnosing labour needs and other provisions' – Article 48 'Deadline for examining pension applications and fast-track procedure for the award of a pension'; Article 49 'Checks after the adoption of the act awarding a pension under the fast-track procedure'; Article 50 'Electronic submission of documents for recognition of additional insurance periods - Amendment of Article 17(4) of Law 4670/2020'; Article 51 'Use of public documents and comparative data and use of modern automated data analysis tools and procedures for establishing insurance periods and speeding up the procedure for awarding pensions - Amendment of Article 14(1)(a) and Article 33(1) of Law 4387/2016'; Article 52 'Establishment of debts and degree of disability - Amendment of Article 1(2) of Law 4554/2018': The above articles introduce provisions to speed up the procedure for examining all categories of pension applications (i.e. on grounds of old age, disability or death, of insured persons in the private sector – employees, self-employed persons – or in the public sector, other than those examined in accordance with the provisions of European regulations and bilateral agreements) and transfer the establishment of the existence or absence of debts preventing retirement (Article 61 of Law 3863/2010, as in force) to the initial stage of processing of the application, before any other condition is examined and before the application is actually processed.**

- **Circular No 38416/20.4.2022 (online publication No: ΨΖΒΔ46ΜΤΛΚ-Π12) of the Directorate for Primary Pension Benefits on specific issues of transferable insurance, use of insurance periods and employment of pensioners**

- **Joint Ministerial Decision No 73135/3.8.2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4135) on the calculation of a national pension for a person of Greek descent, on the basis of Article 7(2a) of Law 4387/2016.**

- **Law 4997/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 219, 25.11.2022) on streamlining insurance and pension legislation, support for vulnerable social groups and other provisions. Article 18 'Procedure for adjusting pensions on the basis of the cost-of-living index and the increase in Gross Domestic Product'; Article 19 'Increase in the basic pension of the former Agricultural Insurance Organisation (OGA)' – Article 21 'Determination of the body responsible for assessing pension entitlement in the event of transferable insurance between the Electronic National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA) and other insurance bodies – Amendment of Article 2(1) to (3) of Legislative Decree 4202/1961' – Article 25 'National pension of serving Greek civil servants abroad Amendment of Article 7(2) of Law 4387/2016': The above provisions lay down the procedure for the adjustment, from 1 January 2023, of pensions paid until then and of the amount of the basic pension of the**

former OGA, and simplify and speed up the procedure for finding the body responsible for assessing pension entitlement when applying the provisions on transferable insurance between e-EFKA and other insurance institutions, by analogy with Article 19 of Law 4387/2016, as applicable to persons insured successively with institutions within e-EFKA.

- **Joint Ministerial Decision No 126331/2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 6949/30.12.2022) on the coefficient referred to in Article 14(4) of Law 4387/2016, which is used to determine the rate of increase of the amount of the main pensions, with payments starting by 31 December 2022**

Civil servants' insurance scheme

- Presidential Decree 169/2007 on the Civilian and Military Pensions Code - Codification of the provisions which apply to the allocation of civilian and military pensions, which entered into force on 31.8.2007 (entry into force in relation to the codification since there are other codified provisions which have been in force since 1951)
- Presidential Decree 167/2007 on the Railways Staff Pension Code - Codification of the provisions which apply to the allocation of railway staff pensions, which entered into force on 31.8.2007 (entry into force in relation to the codification)
- Law 2084/1992 on reform of the social security system, which entered into force on 7.10.1992
- Law 3234/2004 adjusting public sector pensions and other provisions, which entered into force on 18.2.2004
- Law 3865/2010 on reforms to the pension system, which entered into force on 21.7.2010
- Law 4002/2011 amending the pension legislation for the public sector and restructuring the Directorate-General for Pensions of the Ministry of Finance, which entered into force on 22.8.2011
- Law 4024/2011 on pension arrangements, the single salary and grade scale, a labour reserve, and other provisions, which entered into force on 27.10.2011
- Law 4093/2012 entitled 'Approval of the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework – Emergency measures for implementing Law 4046/2012 and the 2013-2016 Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework', which entered into force on 12.11.2012
- Law 4111/2013 on pension arrangements, amendments to Law 4093/2012 and other provisions, which entered into force on 25.1.2013
- Law 4151/2013 on arrangements for modifying and improving pension, financial, administrative and other provisions of the Ministry of Finance, which entered into force on 29.4.2013
- Law 4336/2015 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 94,) on provisions on pensions, ratification of the Draft Agreement on Financial Assistance from the European Stability Mechanism and arrangements for the implementation of the Financing Agreement
- Law 4488/2017 on pension arrangements for the public sector and other insurance provisions, greater worker protection, rights of people with disabilities and other provisions
- Joint Ministerial Decision No 122900/0092/27.10.2015 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2325) — Qualifying for the age limits set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Article 1 of Law 4336/2015
- Law 4611/2019 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 73) 'Settlement of debts to social security bodies, the tax administration and first-tier local authorities; public-sector pension provisions and other insurance and pension provisions; strengthening worker protection and other provisions'

- Law 4623/2019 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 134) on the arrangements of the Ministry of the Interior, provisions on digital governance, pension arrangements and other urgent matters
- Law 4670/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 43) on insurance reform and digital transformation of the National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA), and other provisions
- Law 4676/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 67) on the modernisation of the institutional framework on maritime cabotage and other provisions – Article 81
- Law 4690/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 104) ratifying: the Legislative Act of 13 April 2020 on measures to address the ongoing consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergency provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 84), and (b) the Legislative Act of 1 May 2020 on further measures to address the ongoing consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the return to social and economic normality, and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 90)
- Law 4714/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 148) on fiscal interventions to strengthen the development of the Greek economy, transposition into Greek law of Directives (EU) 2017/1852, (EU) 2018/822, (EU) 2020/876, (EU) 2016/1164, (EU) 2018/1910 and (EU) 2019/475, a State contribution to the repayment of loans to borrowers adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and other provisions
- Law 4734/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 196) amending Law 4557/2018 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 139) on the prevention and suppression of money laundering and terrorist financing – transposition into Greek law of Directive (EU) 2018/843 (OJ L 156) and Article 3 of Directive (EU) 2019/2177 (OJ L 334), and other provisions
- **Law 4798/2021 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 68) on the Code of Judicial Officers and other urgent provisions - Article 257 'Pre-retirement certificate from e-EFKA and certified professionals - Amendment of Article 47 of Law 2676/1999', Article 259 'Limit on debts to an insurance institution', Article 260 'Repeal of Law 4144/2013'. Article 261 'Deadline for submission of pension documents and time of commencement of pension entitlement – Amendment of Article 1 of Law 4554/2018' : The above provisions establish the mandatory provision of a pre-retirement certificate from e-EFKA, at the request of the insured person, for the insurance periods of the participating institutions in cases where pensions are issued on the basis of transferable insurance, and simplify and increase the amount that prospective pensioners may owe to e-EFKA in order to be able to retire.**
- **Law 4915/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 63, 24.3.2022) on the National Strategic Plan for Combating Corruption, provisions on human resources and local authorities, a legislative framework for the training of students of the National Centre for Public Administration and Local Government for integration into the University Education (PE) - Executive Staff branch, provisions for completing the transfer of forest services to the Ministry of the Environment and Energy, provisions for the implementation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan 'Greece 2.0', national pensions for persons of Greek descent and other urgent provisions. - Article 73 on national pensions for persons of Greek descent – Amendment of Article 7 of Law 4387/2016.**
- **Law 4921/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 75, 18.4.2022) entitled 'New jobs: Reorganising the Public Employment Service and digitalising its services, upgrading workforce skills and diagnosing labour needs and other provisions' – Article 48 'Deadline for examining pension applications and fast-track procedure for the award of a pension'; Article 49 'Checks after the adoption of the act awarding a pension under the fast-track procedure'; Article 50 'Electronic submission of documents for recognition of additional insurance periods - Amendment of Article 17(4) of Law 4670/2020'; Article 51 'Use of public**

documents and comparative data and use of modern automated data analysis tools and procedures for establishing insurance periods and speeding up the procedure for awarding pensions - **Amendment of Article 14(1)(a) and Article 33(1) of Law 4387/2016**'; Article 52 'Establishment of debts and degree of disability - **Amendment of Article 1(2) of Law 4554/2018**': **The above articles introduce provisions to speed up the procedure for examining all categories of pension applications (i.e. on grounds of old age, disability or death, of insured persons in the private sector – employees, self-employed persons – or in the public sector, other than those examined in accordance with the provisions of European regulations and bilateral agreements) and transfer the establishment of the existence or absence of debts preventing retirement (Article 61 of Law 3863/2010, as in force) to the initial stage of processing of the application, before any other condition is examined and before the application is actually processed.**

- Circular No 38416/20.4.2022 (online publication No: ΨΖΒΔ46ΜΤΛΚ-Π12) of the Directorate for Primary Pension Benefits on specific issues of transferable insurance, use of insurance periods and employment of pensioners
- Ministerial Decision No 40066/3.5.2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 2152) on the digital procedure for the regulation of main and supplementary old-age or survivor's pensions, within the remit of the Directorate-General for Public-Sector Pensions of e-EFKA, which lays down the pension regulation procedure, the manner in which the acts are to be issued and communicated, the scope and the launch of a digital pension regulation procedure.
- Joint Ministerial Decision No 73135/3.8.2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 4135) on the calculation of a national pension for persons of Greek descent, on the basis of Article 7(2a) of Law 4387/2016.
- **Law 4997/2022 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 219, 25.311.2022) on streamlining insurance and pension legislation, support for vulnerable social groups and other provisions.** Article 18 'Procedure for adjusting pensions on the basis of the cost-of-living index and the increase in Gross Domestic Product' – Article 20 'Age conditions for the granting of a reduced pension to persons insured under the former public-sector fund, who acquired a pension right up to 31.12.2012' – Article 21 'Determination of the body responsible for assessing pension entitlement in the event of transferable insurance between the Electronic National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA) and other insurance bodies **Amendment of Article 2(1) to (3) of Legislative Decree 4202/1961**' – Article 24 'Retirement of heads of supreme courts, judicial authorities of Greece and the State Legal Council taking mandatory early retirement **Amendment of Article 11(14) and Article 56(16)(c) of Presidential Decree 169/2007 and Article 1(B)(2)(e) of Law 4093/2012**' – Article 25 'National pension of serving Greek civil servants abroad **Amendment of Article 7(2) of Law 4387/2016**': **The above provisions lay down the procedure for the adjustment, from 1 January 2023, of pensions paid until then, amend the institutional framework for establishing the right to a reduced pension for categories of persons insured under the former public-sector fund and for the retirement of categories of judicial officers taking mandatory early retirement, and simplify and speed up the procedure for finding the body responsible for assessing pension**

entitlement when applying the provisions on transferable insurance between e-EFKA and other insurance institutions, by analogy with Article 19 of Law 4387/2016, as applicable to persons insured successively with institutions within e-EFKA.

- **Joint Ministerial Decision No 126331/2022 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 6949/30.12.2022) on the coefficient referred to in Article 14(4) of Law 4387/2016, which is used to determine the rate of increase of the amount of main pensions with payment starting by 31 December 2022**

5. Survivors' benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

(ii) Benefits in cash

Incorporation into the Single Social Security Institution (EFKA) of several social security bodies (IKA-ETAM, OAAE, ETAA, ETAP-MME, OGA, NAT) and the insurance of civil servants (Law 4387/2016)

Insurance schemes for salaried employees

- **Articles 7, 8, 12, 27, 28 and 31 of Law 4387/2016 on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85, 12.5.2016)**
- **Law 4499/2017 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 176, 21.11.2017) on pension arrangements under Law 4387/2016, arrangements for the gaming market and for the Casino Mont Parnes ('Elliniko Kazino Parnithas AE') - Article 1 amending Article 12 of Law 4387/2016**
- **Law 4578/2018 on reducing insurance contributions and other provisions – Article 22 'Survivor's pension following death due to natural disaster'**
- **Law 4611/2019 (Article 19) 'Settlement of debts to social security bodies, the tax administration and first-tier local authorities; public-sector pension provisions and other insurance and pension provisions; strengthening worker protection and other provisions'**
- **Law 4756/2020 (Article 44) on measures to assist workers and vulnerable social groups, social security arrangements and provisions to assist the unemployed**
- **Law 4714/2020 (Part Four, Chapters A and B) on fiscal interventions to strengthen the development of the Greek economy, transposition into Greek law of Directives (EU) 2017/1852, (EU) 2018/822, (EU) 2020/876, (EU) 2016/1164, (EU) 2018/1910 and (EU) 2019/475, a State contribution to the repayment of loans to borrowers adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and other provisions**

Insurance schemes for the self-employed

- **Articles 7, 8, 27, 28 and 31 (Setting the amount of pensions benefits) of Law 4387/2016 on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85,**

12.5.2016)

- Law 4499/2017 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 176, 21.11.2017) on pension arrangements under Law 4387/2016, arrangements for the gaming market and for the Casino Mont Parnes ('Elliniko Kazino Parnithas AE') - Article 1 amending Article 12 of Law 4387/2016
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✓ **Farmers' insurance scheme**

- Articles 7, 8, 12, 27, 28, 31 and 99 of Law 4387/2016 on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85, 12.5.2016)

Law 4499/2017 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 176, 21.11.2017) on pension arrangements under Law 4387/2016, arrangements for the gaming market and for the Casino Mont Parnes ('Elliniko Kazino Parnithas AE') - Article 1 amending Article 12 of Law 4387/2016

Law 4578/2018 on reducing insurance contributions and other provisions – Article 22 'Survivor's pension following death due to natural disaster'

✓ **Civil servants' insurance scheme**

As indicated in 4ii.

✓ **Insurance scheme for seafarers (NAT)**

- Law 1085/1980 on the minimum insurance protection provided by the Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT) and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 255)
- Law 1711/1987 amending and supplementing the provisions of the legislation on the Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT) and other provisions (Government Gazette, Series I, No 109)
- Presidential Decree 913/1978 codifying the relevant provisions of the law on the Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT) into a single text and other provisions, which entered into force on 14.12.1978
- Law 4578/2018 on reducing insurance contributions and other provisions – Article 22 'Survivor's pension following death due to natural disaster'

6. Benefits in respect of accidents at work and occupational diseases

In Greece, there is no separate branch of insurance for accidents at work and occupational diseases.

Depending on the consequences of the accident at work and the occupational diseases, they fall either under sickness benefits or under old-age or invalidity benefits (see the relevant provisions for each category).

Law 4611/2019 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 73) 'Settlement of debts to social security bodies, the tax administration and first-tier local authorities; public-sector pension provisions and other insurance and pension provisions; strengthening worker protection and other provisions', Article 37 amending the method of payment of any increase in pensions for accidents at work, accidents outside work or occupational diseases after the adjustment of the pensions concerned as of 1 January 2019

Law 4670/2020 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 43), 'Insurance reform and digital transformation of the National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA) and other provisions', Article 14, 'Medical certificates and reports required by the Electronic National Social Security Institution (e-EFKA) for certification of incapacity for work in order to grant sick leave, the maternity allowance, sickness benefits either due to illness or following an occupational or non-occupational accident, and the allowance for accidents at work, must be issued via the IDIKA AE electronic prescription system.'

7. Death grants

Benefits in cash

✓ **Insurance schemes for salaried employees**

✓ **IKA-ETAM**

Article 32 of Emergency Law 1846/1951 on social security, which entered into force on 21.6.1951

✓ **INSURANCE FUND FOR EMPLOYEES IN BANKS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES (TAYTEKO) – Cash benefits account**

As referred to under the sickness benefits in cash

✓ **Mass Media Staff Insurance Fund (ETAP-MME) – Cash benefits account**

As referred to under the sickness benefits in cash

✓ **Insurance schemes for the self-employed**

✓ **Insurance Organisation for the Self-employed (OAEE) – Cash benefits account**

As referred to under the sickness benefits in cash

✓ **Insurance Fund for Independent Professionals (ETAA) – Cash benefits account**

As referred to under the sickness benefits in cash

✓ **Farmers' insurance scheme**

✓ **Agricultural Insurance Organisation (OGA) – Cash benefits account**

As referred to under the sickness benefits in cash

✓ **Civil servants' insurance scheme**

✓ **IKA-ETAM – Cash benefits account**

- Civil servants' sector
- Sector for insured employees of municipalities and communes

As referred to under the sickness benefits in cash

✓ **Insurance scheme for seafarers**

✓ **NAT – Pensioners' funeral expenses**

Law 2575/1998 regulating issues within the remit of the Ministry of Merchant Shipping, which entered into force on 4.2.1998

✓ **Oikos Naftou – Insured persons' funeral expenses**

Presidential Decree 894/1981 of 25.8.1981 on the protection afforded to persons insured with the Oikos Naftou

8. Unemployment benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

(ii) Benefits in cash

Under Decision No Φ.10043/43602/Δ18.2592 of 10 August 2018 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 3496) of the Minister and Deputy Ministers for Labour, Social Security and Social Solidarity, an allowance is paid to independently employed persons insured with the EFKA (formerly ETAA), pursuant to Article 44(2) of Law 3986/2011. The allowance comes to three hundred and sixty euro (€360) a month and is paid for a period of at least three (3) months. The duration of payment of the allowance is determined by the total insurance period of the beneficiary; for a period of insurance exceeding 14 full years of insurance, the allowance is paid for 9 months.

• **Manpower Employment Organisation (OAED) insurance schemes for salaried employees**

- Legislative Decree 2961/1954 on the establishment of an employment and unemployment insurance organisation, which entered into force on 25.8.1954
- Law 1545/1985 on a national system to protect against unemployment and other provisions, which entered into force on 20.5.1985
- Law 1836/1989 promoting employment and vocational training, and other provisions, which entered into force on 14.3.1989
- Law 1892/1990 on modernisation and development, and other provisions, which entered into force on 31.7.1990
- Law 3552/4.4.2007 setting up a special social solidarity fund and other provisions, which entered into force on 4.4.2007
- Law 3986/2011 on emergency measures to implement the Medium-Term Fiscal Strategy Framework for the period 2012-2015; Article 39(1), which entered into force on 1.1.2013, and Article 39(2), which entered into force on 1.7.2012
- Article 71 of Law 3996/2011 reforming the Labour Inspectorate, regulating social security issues and other provisions, which entered into force on 5.8.2011
- **Ministerial Decision No 635/8.3.2016 on a new administrative appeals regulation of the OAED**
- Articles 1, 7 and 9 of Law 4075/2012 on issues relating to the IKA-ETAM Fund Insurance Regulations, social security providers, transposition of Directive 2010/18/EU and other provisions, which entered into force on 11.4.2012
- Articles 25-31 of Law 4144/2013 combating criminal activity in social security and the labour market and other provisions falling with the remit of the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Welfare, which entered into force on 18.4.2013
- Article 26 of Law 4203/2013 regulating matters concerning renewable energy sources and other provisions, which entered into force on 31.8.2013
- **Law 4488/2017 on pension arrangements for the public sector and other insurance provisions, greater worker protection, rights of people with disabilities and other provisions, Article 38.**

• **ETAP-MME**

- Royal Decree 456/1967 approving the unemployment regulations of the Athens and Thessaloniki Newspapers' Staff Pension Fund

- Articles 70 et seq. of the Royal Decree of 29.5/25.6.1958 approving the Articles of Association of the Athens Press Workers Insurance Fund

✓ **Insurance scheme for seafarers**

- Presidential Decree 228/1998 on subsidies for unemployed seafarers, which entered into force on 28.7.1998, as amended by Presidential Decrees 110/2000, 281/2001 and 64/2003
- Law 3450/2006 upgrading and restructuring maritime education, and other provisions, which entered into force on 30.3.2006

9. Pre-retirement benefits

Benefits in cash

- Articles 51, 53 and 73A of Law 4387/2016 provide for the incorporation of the Single Insurance Fund for Bank Employees (ETAT) and of pensioners under the pre-retirement scheme of the former Single Supplementary Insurance Fund (ETEA) (now ETEAEP) into the Single Social Security Institution (EFKA) as of 1.1.2017, and also for the adjustment, as of 13.5.2016 (date of entry into force of Law 4387/2016), of the benefits received from the ETAT and of the pensions under the pre-retirement scheme of the former ETEA (now ETEAEP).
- Article 51(2)(b) of the above Law provides that the purpose of the EFKA also includes the granting of pre-retirement and other benefits to persons under the pre-retirement scheme of the ETAT and the former ETEA (now ETEAEP), and also to persons insured with the ETAT up to 31.12.1992, who have established a right to receive the benefit by the date on which the law enters into force (i.e. until 12 May 2016).

10. Family benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

(ii) Benefits in cash

✓ **Manpower Employment Organisation (OAED) insurance schemes for salaried employees**

- Law 4254/2014 abolishing contributions for family benefits. The family benefits covered by the relevant resources were therefore also abolished. It follows that salaried employees in the private sector no longer receive family benefits.

✓ **Civil servants' insurance scheme**

- Presidential Decree 169/2007 on the Civilian and Military Pensions Code – Codification of the provisions which apply to the allocation of civilian and military pensions, which entered into force on 31.8.2007
- Presidential Decree 167/2007 on the Railways Staff Pension Code – Codification of the provisions which apply to the allocation of railway staff pensions, which entered into force on 31.8.2007
- Law 2084/1992 on reform of the social security system, which entered into force on 7.10.1992
- Law 3234/2004 adjusting public sector pensions and other provisions, which entered into force on 18.2.2004
- Law 3865/2010 on reforms to the pension system, which entered into force on 21.7.2010

- Law 4024/2011 on pension arrangements, the single salary and grade scale, a labour reserve, and other provisions, which entered into force on 27.10.2011
- Law 4387/2016 on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions
- Law 4512/2018 (Article 395) on arrangements for implementing the structural reforms of the economic adjustment programme and other provisions

✓ **Insurance scheme for seafarers**

- Law 1085/1980 on the minimum insurance protection provided by the Seafarers' Pension Fund (NAT) and other provisions, which entered into force on 6.11.1980, as replaced by Law 2297/1995 on the organisation and operation of Financial and Commercial Affairs Offices of the Ministry of National Economy, and other provisions, which entered into force on 8.3.1995
- Presidential Decree 213/1983 on the organisation and operation of the seafarers' special account for family benefits, which entered into force on 17.6.1983, as replaced and amended by Presidential Decree 380/1994 amending and supplementing the provisions of Presidential Decree 213/1983 on the organisation and operation of the seafarers' special account for family benefits, which entered into force on 7.12.1994

11. Special non-contributory cash benefits

(a) Special non-contributory cash benefits intended to provide a minimum level of subsistence, in accordance with Article 70(2)(a)(i) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004

Benefits in cash

(b) Special non-contributory cash benefits intended to provide specific protection for the disabled, in accordance with Article 70(2)(a)(ii) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004

Benefits in cash None

III. CONVENTIONS ENTERED INTO AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 8(2) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004

NONE

IV. MINIMUM BENEFITS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 58 OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004 AND DATE FROM WHICH REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004 WILL BE APPLIED

- Law 4387/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85, 12.5.2016) on the Single Social Security System, reform of the insurance/pension system, gaming and income tax arrangements and other provisions
- Law 4499/2017 on pension arrangements under Law 4387/2016, arrangements for the gaming

market and for the Casino Mont Parnes ('Elliniko Kazino Parnithas AE'), and other provisions - Article 1 amending Article 12 of Law 4387/2016 (Government Gazette, Series I, No 85)

- Law 4578/2018 on reducing insurance contributions and other provisions – Article 22 'Survivor's pension following death due to natural disaster'

V. POSSIBILITY FOR ANY CATEGORY OF NON-SALARIED WORKERS TO BE COVERED BY AN UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM (ARTICLE 65(1) OF REGULATION (EC) NO 883/2004) AND REFERENCE TO THE RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Greek legislation does not provide for the possibility of self-employed persons being covered by the unemployment benefit system.

However, independent professionals are given a grant called the 'grant for independent professionals'.

This grant does not fall under the scope of Regulations (EC) No 883/2004 and No 987/2009.
Legislation:

- Law 3986/2011 (Article 44(2))
- Ministerial Decision No Φ.80000/8285/253/2013 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 705, 28.3.2013)
- Law 4144/2013 (Article 50)
- Ministerial Decision No Φ. 10035/οικ.1239/63 (Government Gazette, Series II, No 290, 10.2.2014)