

Declaration by the Republic of Croatia in accordance with 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 reference year ending 31 December 2022

I. Declarations referred to in Article 1(1) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004

None

II. Legislation and systems referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004

The date of application of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 in the national legislation referred to below insofar as covered by the Regulation is **1 May 2010** unless otherwise specified. The Regulation applies in Croatia as of 1 July 2013, the day that the Republic of Croatia joined the European Union.

1. Sickness benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

- Compulsory Health Insurance Act (*Narodne Novine* (NN); Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia) No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013).
 - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN, Nos 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).

(ii) Benefits in cash

- Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN, No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013).
 - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).

2. Maternity and equivalent paternity benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

- Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013).
 - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).

(ii) Benefits in cash

- Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013).
 - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).
- Maternity and Parental Benefits Act (NN No 85/08 as amended, in force since 1 January 2009 except for Article 9 which entered into force on the day that the Republic of Croatia joined the European Union).
 - Corrigendum: Corrigendum to the Maternity and Parental Benefits Act (NN No 110/08, in force since 26 September 2008).
 - Amendments: Act amending the Maternity and Parental Benefits Act (NN No 34/11, in force since 31 March 2011, 54/13, in force since 1 July 2013, 152/14, in force since 30 December 2014 except for Articles 1 and 2 that entered into force on 1 January 2015, 59/17, in force since 1 July 2017, 37/20, in force since 1 April 2020 and 85/22 in force since 1 August 2022).

3. Invalidity benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

- Pension Insurance Act (NN No 157/13, in force since 1 January 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 January 2014.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN Nos 33/15 in force since 1 April 2015, 120/16, in force since 1 January 2017, 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019 except for Articles 88 and 90(2) that enters into force on 1 July 2019, 102/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21, in force since 1 August 2021)
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 93/15 in force from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016).
 - Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-1574/16 et al. of 30 January 2018 and a separate judge's opinion applicable since 23 February 2018 (NN No 18/18).
- Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia Act (NN No 73/13 in force since 26 June 2013, except for Article 230 that entered into force 21 December 2014)
 - Amendments: Act amending the Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia Act (NN Nos 75/15 in force since 16 July 2015, 50/16, in force since 9 June 2016, 30/18, in force since 7 April 2018 and 125/19 in force since 21 December 2019 except for Article 46 that enters into force 1 January 2020.)

(ii) Benefits in cash

- Pension Insurance Act (NN No 157/13, in force since 1 January 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 January 2014.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN Nos 33/15, in force since 1 April 2015, 120/16, in force since 1 January 2017, 115/18, in

- force since 1 January 2019 except for Articles 88 and 90(2) that enters into force on 1 July 2019 and 102/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21, in force since 1 August 2021)
- Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 93/15, in force from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016).
 - Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-1574/16 et al. of 30 January 2018 and a separate judge's opinion applicable since 23 February 2018. (NN No 18/18)
 - Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN No 22/14, in force since 27 February 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 27 February 2014.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN Nos 29/18, in force since 5 April 2018 and 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019)
 - Act on Increased Duration of Contribution Periods (NN No 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
 - Amendment: Act amending the Act on the Increased Duration of Contribution Periods (NN No 34/21, in force since 10 April 2021).
 - Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia Act (NN No 73/13 in force since 26 June 2013, except for Article 230 that entered into force 21 December 2014)
 - Amendments: Act amending the Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia Act (NN, Nos 75/15 in force since 16 July 2015, 50/16, in force since 9 June 2016, 30/18, in force since 7 April 2018 and 125/19 in force since 21 December 2019 except for Article 46 that enters into force 1 January 2020.)
 - Mine Action Act (NN No 110/15, in force since 21 October 2015) No 883/2204 applies from 21 October 2015).
 - Amendments: Act amending the Mine Action Act (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).
 - Act on Croatian Defenders of the Homeland War and Members of their Families (NN No. 121/17, in force since 14 December 2017)
 - Amendments: Act amending the Act on the Rights of Croatian Defenders of the Homeland War and Members of their Families (NN, No 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21 in force since 31 July 2021)

4. Old-age benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Benefits in cash

- Pension Insurance Act (NN No 157/13, in force since 1 January 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 January 2014.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN Nos 33/15, in force since 1 April 2015, 120/16, in force since 1 January 2017, 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019 except for Articles 88 and 90(2) that enters into

- force on 1 July 2019 and 102/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21, in force since 1 August 2021)
- Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 93/15, in force from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016).
 - Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-1574/2016 et al. of 30 January 2018 and a separate judge's opinion applicable since 23 February 2018. (NN No 18/18)
- Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN No 22/14, in force since 27 February 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 27 February 2014.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN Nos 29/18, in force since 5 April 2018 and 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019)
 - Act on Increased Duration of Contribution Periods (NN No 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
 - Amendment: Act amending the Act on the Increased Duration of Contribution Periods (NN No 34/21, in force since 10 April 2021).
 - Fire Service Act (NN, No 125/19, in force since 1 January 2020). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
 - Maritime Code (NN No 181/04, in force since 29 December 2004). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Maritime Code (NN, Nos 76/07, in force since 31 July 2007, 146/08, in force since 25 December 2008, 61/11, in force since 11 June 2011, 56/13, in force since 18 May 2013, 26/15, in force since 17 March 2015 and 17/19, in force since 28 February 2019 except Article 3 and Articles 69-192 that enters into force on 1 January 2020)
 - Act on the pension entitlements of active military service personnel, police officers and authorised officials (NN, No 128/99, in force since 8 December 1999). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Act on the pension entitlements of active military service personnel, police officers and authorised officials (NN Nos 16/01, in force since 7 March 2001, 22/02, in force since 16 March 2002, 41/08, in force since 9 April 2008, 118/12, in force since 26 October 2012)
 - Act on the special pension entitlements of persons involved in demining activities (NN No 153/05, in force since 5 January 2006). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Act on the special pension entitlements of active military service personnel, police officers and authorised officials (NN No 152/08, in force since 1 January 2009).
 - Mine Action Act (NN No 110/15, in force since 21 October 2015). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 21 October 2015.

- Amendments: Act amending the Mine Action Act (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).
- Decree on the posts of authorised customs officers whose actual period of service is augmented by a notional period of service (NN No 86/13, in force since 8 July 2013). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 8 July 2013.
 - Amendments: Decree amending the Decree on the posts of authorised customs officers whose actual period of service is augmented by a notional period of service (NN No 02/18, in force since 13 January 2018).

5. Survivors' benefits

(i) Benefits in kind

None

(ii) Benefits in cash

- Pension Insurance Act (NN No 157/13, in force since 1 January 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 January 2014.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN Nos 33/15, in force since 1 April 2015 and 120/16, in force since 1 January 2017, 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019 except for Articles 88 and 90 (2) that enters into force on 1 July 2019 and 102/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21, in force since 1 August 2021)
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 93/15, in force from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016).
 - Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-1574/2016 et al. of 30 January 2018 and a separate judge's opinion applicable since 23 February 2018. (NN No 18/18)
- Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN No 22/14, in force since 27 February 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 27 February 2014.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN No 29/18, in force since 5 April 2018 and NN No 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019)
- Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia Act (NN No 73/13 in force since 26 June 2013, except for Article 230 that entered into force 21 December 2014)
 - Amendments: Act amending the Armed Forces of the Republic of Croatia Act (NN, Nos 75/15 in force since 16 July 2015, 50/16, in force since 9 June 2016, 30/18, in force since 7 April 2018 and 125/19 in force since 21 December 2019 except for Article 46 that enters into force 1 January 2020.)
- Act on Croatian Defenders of the Homeland War and Members of their Families (NN, No. 121/17, in force since 14 December 2017)

- Amendments: Act amending the Act on the Rights of Croatian Defenders of the Homeland War and Members of their Families (NN, No 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21 in force since 31 July 2021)

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

(i) Benefits in kind

- Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).
- Mine Action Act (NN No 110/15, in force since 21 October 2015). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 21 October 2015.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Mine Action Act (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).

(ii) Benefits in cash

- Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).
- Pension Insurance Act (NN No 157/13, in force since 1 January 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 January 2014.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN Nos 33/15, in force since 1 April 2015, 120/16, in force since 1 January 2017, 115/18 in force since 1 January 2019 except for Articles 88 and 90(2) that enters into force on 1 July 2019 and 102/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21, in force since 1 August 2021)
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 93/15, in force from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016).
 - Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-1574/2016 et al. of 30 January 2018 and a separate judge's opinion applicable since 23 February 2018. (NN No 18/18)
- Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN No 22/14, in force since 27 February 2014).
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Companies Act (NN No 29/18, in force since 5 April 2018 and NN No 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019)

- Mine Action Act (NN No 110/15, in force since 21 October 2015). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 21 October 2015.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Mine Action Act (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).

7. Death grant

- (i) Benefits in kind

None

- (ii) Benefits in cash

- Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 80/13, in force since 1 July 2013). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Compulsory Health Insurance Act (NN No 137/13, in force since 16 November 2013 and 98/19, in force since 1 January 2020).

8. Unemployment benefits

- (i) Benefits in kind

- Act on Labour Market (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
 - Amendments: Act amending Act on Labour Market (NN, No 32/20, in force since 20 March 2020 and No 18/22, in force since 17 February 2022).

- (ii) Benefits in cash

- Act on Labour Market (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
 - Amendments: Act amending Act on Labour Market (NN, No 32/20, in force since 20 March 2020 and No 18/22, in force since 17 February 2022).

9. Pre-retirement benefits

- (i) Benefits in kind

None

- (ii) Benefits in cash

None

10. Family benefits

- (i) Benefits in kind

None

- (ii) Benefits in cash

- Child Allowance Act (NN No 94/01, in force since 8 November 2001, applies from 1 February 2002.). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Child Allowance Act (NN Nos 138/07, in force since 31 January 2007, 107/07, in force since 1 July 2013, 61/11, in force since 11 June 2011, 112/12, in force since 1 January 2013, 82/15, in force since 1 September 2015 and 58/18, in force since 1 July 2018)
 - Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-3852/2004 of 12 March 2008 repealing Article 8(2) of the Child Allowance Act (NN Nos 94/01, 138/06, 107/07) as of 31 December 2008. (NN No 37/08).

11. Special non-contributory benefits

Special non-contributory cash benefits guaranteeing a minimum subsistence income, in accordance with Article 70(2)(a)(i) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004.

- (i) Benefits in cash

None

b) Special non-contributory cash benefits guaranteeing specific protection for the disabled linked to their social environment, in accordance with Article 70(2)(a)(ii) of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004.

- (i) Benefits in cash

None

III. Conventions 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

The date of application of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 in the national legislation referred to below insofar as covered by the Regulation is (**1 May 2010**) unless otherwise specified. The Regulation applies in Croatia as of **1 July 2013**, the day that the Republic of Croatia joined the European Union.

- Minimum pension under Article 90 of the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 157/13 and all amendments, in force since 1 January 2014). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 January 2014.
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN Nos 33/15, in force since 1 April 2015, 120/16, in force since 1 January 2017, 115/18, in force since 1 January 2019 except Articles 88 and 90(2) that enters into force on 1 July 2019 and No 102/19, in force since 1 January 2020 and No 84/21, in force since 1 August 2021)
 - Amendments: Act amending the Pension Insurance Act (NN No 93/15, in force from 1 September 2015 to 30 June 2016).
 - Constitutional Court Decision No U-I-1574/2016 et al. of 30 January 2018 and separate judge's opinion applicable since 23 February 2018. (NN No 18/18)

V. Special provisions for wholly unemployed self-employed frontier workers where the Member State of residence has no unemployment benefit system covering self-employed persons

Croatian law provides for the possibility to recognise the right of self-employed persons to unemployment benefit.

Act on Labour Market (NN No 118/18, in force since 1 January 2019). Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 applies from 1 July 2013.

- Amendments: Act amending Act on Labour Market (NN, No 32/20, in force since 20 March 2020 and No 18/22, in force since 17 February 2022).