

EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL WORKER – PHASE III

Are you a cultural worker who has not benefited from any of the other measures introduced? This exceptional, temporary support may be just what you need. To obtain it, you must meet the three criteria below and complete an application form by 17/10/2021 at the latest.

What is it?

It is one-off assistance of up to 3.000 € granted by Actiris

What are the conditions?

To benefit from this assistance, you must:

1. Be domiciled or have been domiciled in the Brussels-Capital Region between 1st January and 30 June 2021
2. Not have received professional and/or replacement income exceeding 8.000 € net during the period between 1st January and 30 June 2021 ;
3. Be a professional cultural worker for an employer in a sector covered by joint committees (commission paritaire) 227, 303, 304 or 329, as well as 200 of 322, whose temporary contract mentions code "046", "495" and "015" or any person who has performed remunerated services with an OIP-B¹ who pursues public service missions of a cultural nature and whose interim contract mentions the code "046", "495" or "015", between 1st January 2019 and 1st January 2021

You cannot benefit from this assistance if:

- you benefited from the bridging entitlement for self-employed people during the period from 1st January and 30 June 2021.
- you provide services only under the small compensation scheme (artist card)
- you have benefited from the incentive for the professional reintegration of workers in the artistic and cultural sector following the health crisis granted by the Walloon Region

What is meant by income and replacement income?

- **Income:** All income from a professional activity regardless of its nature and duration. (Example: salaried work, temporary work, etc.).
- **Replacement income:** any allowance granted to replace remuneration from work: unemployment benefits, pension scheme, social integration income, etc.

What are the benefits?

This is a one-off assistance package offering up the following maximum amounts²:

¹ OIP-B corresponding to the Théâtre Royal de la Monnaie, National Orchestra of Belgium and BOZAR

²These amounts may be adjusted depending on the number of applications received and the decision of the Arbitration Committee.

- 3.000 € for a worker who received a net income of up to 4.500 € between 1st January and 30 June 2021;
- 2.250 € for a worker who received a net income of up to 6.000 euros between 1st January and 30 June 2021 ;
- 1.500 € for a worker who would have received a net income of up to 8.000 euros between 1st January and 30 June 2021.

This sum is entirely tax-free.

How do I apply?

Submit your request to Actiris between 20 September and 17 October 2021 using the online application form on our website

You must attach the following documents:

1. Proof of residence if you are not registered with Actiris
2. Proof of paid work³ in a sector covered by joint committees 227, 303, 304, 329 or a temporary contract, code "046", "495" and "015", in joint committee 200 of 322 as well as any person who has performed remunerated services with an OIP-B⁴ who pursues public service missions of a cultural nature and whose interim contract mentions the code "046", "495" or "015", **between 1st January 2019 and 1st January 2021**. The joint committee and the net amount received must be indicated on this document.

What if you don't qualify for assistance?

You will receive a refusal decision, giving reasons.

If you disagree with Actiris' decision, you must:

- contact the Actiris Activ-Job service so it can re-assess your case;
- contact the Actiris complaints department if no solution has been found;
- lodge an appeal with the Council of State if none of the previous steps have been successful.

Contact

Actiris Activ-Job Service

E-mail: artist@actiris.be

Phone: 0800 35 123 (toll-free number)

³ Proof of paid work is any item of evidence showing the joint committee and the net amount received for that activity: a C4, payslip, employment contract, contract, etc. Services provided under the small allowances scheme are not accepted as evidence.

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