### Social insurance in Switzerland

(compulsory insurance) 1.1.2019

#### Insured group of persons

| Compulsory: | All persons who are gainfully employed or who have their place of residence under civil law in Switzerland. Without prejudice to EU/EFTA agreements. |
| Voluntary: | Swiss nationals and EU/EFTA nationals residing in a non-EU/EFTA country. |

#### Assessment basis

| Contributions compulsory for: | – those gainfully employed, from 1 January following their 17th birthday  
– the unemployed, from 1 January following their 20th birthday |
| Assessment basis | Contributions from total income from employment; no upper limit  
Pension calculated on income up to CHF 85 320.–  
Pension calculated for each person individually (splitting) with education and care credits |

#### Old-age benefits

| Retirement pension (RP) | min. CHF 14 220.– / max. CHF 28 440.– per year  
Pension for married couples capped at 150% of max. AHV pension  
Men: from 65 years of age / women: from 64 years of age  
Early retirement: 1 or 2 years / 6.8% annual reduction rate  
Postponement of retirement: 1 year: 5.2% / 2 years: 10.8% / 3 years: 17.1% / 4 years: 24.0% / 5 years: 31.5% (parts of years also possible) |

#### Survivors benefits

| Widow’s pension (current wife): 80% RP | min. CHF 11 376.– / max. CHF 22 752.–  
– if there are children (of any age) at least 45 years of age and the marriage lasted a minimum of five years |

| Widow’s pension (including divorced wives): 80% RP | if there are children and the marriage lasted a minimum of ten years – at least 45 years of age at the time of divorce and marriage lasted ten years – youngest child reached 18 years of age after mother turned 45 |

| Widow’s pension (including divorced husbands): 80% RP | until youngest child turns 18  
Orphan’s pension: 40% (per parent) until 18/25 years of age  
capped at 60% of max. AHV single pension |

| Min. CHF 14 220.– / max. CHF 28 440.–  
Disabled person’s child’s pension: 40%  
Pension payment rate: 100% from 70% disability  
75% from 60% disability  
50% from 50% disability  
25% from 40% disability |

#### Treatment, care, rehabilitation

| Reintegration measures medical aids  
Incapacity allowance for long-term assistance, care and monitoring |

#### Benefits in the event of disability

| Pregnancy compensation | 80% of insured earnings in the event of full disability. |

#### Temporary disability

| Daily allowance during reintegration measures  
Amount differs depending on income 80% of average daily income plus child allowance  
Maternity benefits: Employed and self-employed women are entitled to 80% of the average earned income prior to the birth for 14 weeks.  
Max. CHF 196.– per day. |

#### Permanent disability

| 100% disability pension  
min. 14 220.– / max. 28 440.–  
Disabled person’s child’s pension: 40% |

#### Benefits adjustment

| Pension payments adjusted to mixed index  
(average of price and wage development) |

#### Financing

| AHV 8.4% / IV 1.4% / EO 0.45% / ALV 2.2% (salary up to CHF 148 200.–)  
ALV 1% (salary as from CHF 148 201.–)  
Employer and employee each pay half  
9.65% contribution for the self-employed; sliding scale of contributions for annual incomes under CHF 56 900.–  
Minimum contribution: CHF 482.– per year |
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## Supplementary benefits

Swiss Federal Law on supplementary benefits to old-age, survivors’ and disability pensions (EL):

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**Insured group of persons**

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<td>– All employees with earned income above CHF 21 330.– with one and the same employer and who are required to pay AHV contributions</td>
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### Assessment basis

- Maximum pensionable salary: CHF 85 320.–
- Coordination deduction: CHF 24 885.–
- Maximum salary subject to compulsory insurance: CHF 60 435.–
- Minimum salary subject to compulsory insurance: CHF 35 555.–

### Old-age benefits

- Interest rate on retirement assets: 1%.
- Old-age pension from 64/65 years of age
- The retirement assets available at the time of retirement are converted to a life-long guaranteed pension at a stipulated conversion rate.
- The following conversion rates apply: women: 6.80% men: 6.80%.
- The insured person may request that at least ¼ of the optional BVG retirement savings capital be paid out in the form of a lump sum.

### Survivors benefits

- Widow’s/widower’s pension: 60% of disability/old-age pension
- A divorced partner is treated as a widow/widower if the marriage lasted a minimum of ten years and the divorced partner was promised a lifetime annuity or a corresponding lump sum settlement in the divorce decree.
- Orphan’s pension: 20% of IV/retirement pension (including foster children) (up to 18/25 years of age or if child is at least 70% disabled)
- Lump sum payment equal to three annual pension payments for spouses who are not responsible for the maintenance of one or more children, are not yet 45 years of age and with whom the marriage lasted a minimum of five years.

### Treatment, care, rehabilitation

No benefits

### Temporary disability

No benefits during the waiting period

### Permanent disability

The disability benefit is calculated using the same conversion rate as for the old-age pension. The capital to which this conversion rate is applied comprises:

a) the retirement assets available at the time the insured person becomes eligible for the disability benefit; and

b) the total retirement savings credits that would have been accumulated for the years until retirement age, without interest.

Disabled person’s child’s pension: 20% of disability pension

**Pension payment rate:**

- 100% from 70% disability / 75% from 60% disability / 50% from 50% disability / 25% from 40% disability

### Benefits in the event of disability

**Benefits adjustment**

Disability and survivors’ pensions in payment are adjusted to price development up until the ordinary retirement age.

### Financing

Contributions as a % of the coordinated salary

- Retirement assets: 25–34% = 7% / 35–44% = 10% / 45–54% = 15% / 55–64/65 = 18%
- Risk insurance: 1-4%
- Security fund: 0.12% for unfavourable age structure and 0.005% of exit benefits for insolvency cover
- Employer contribution at least matching the contributions of all employees.
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| Insured group of persons | Compulsory: The following are insured against occupational and non-occupational accidents and occupational illnesses:  
Employees, including teleworkers, trainees and interns, employed in Switzerland  
Part-time employees working at least 8 hours a week for one employer  
Unemployed persons meeting the criteria for entitlement under AVIG (Swiss Federal Law on compulsory unemployment insurance and insolvency compensation)  
Voluntary: Employers/self-employed persons and their family members or registered partners not subject to compulsory insurance |
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| Survivors benefits      | Widow's pension: 40% W is over 45 / W has children / W is 7/8 disabled, otherwise: lump sum payment (in multiples of annual pension)  
(marriage <1Y = x1 / marriage <5Y = x3 / marriage >5Y = x5)  
Divorced: 20% of last income (up to the amount of alimony owed)  
Widower's pension: 40% There are children (under 18 years of age) at the time of death or W is 3/4 disabled  
15% half orphan's pension / 25% full orphan's pension  
Widow's/widower's and orphan's pensions combined, max. 70% of insured income (max. CHF 148,200.–)  
Maximum of 90% when combined with the AHV pension (supplementary pension)  
Lump sum payment for childless widows up to 45 years of age (dependent on the duration of the marriage) |
| Treatment, care, rehabilitation | Doctor's expenses, costs of medication, hospital costs in a general ward, prescribed health cures, medical aids  
Rescue costs, transportation costs etc. |
| Temporary disability    | Daily allowance of 80% of pensionable salary from day 3 until fully able to work or until commencement of the disability pension |
| Permanent disability    | 80% of insured earnings in the event of full disability.  
Max. 90% in combination with AHV/IV pension  
Reduced proportionately for partial disability  
Integration and incapacity allowance |
| Benefits adjustment      | Pensions in payment are adjusted to price development |
| Financing                | NBUV (Non-occupational accident insurance, Suva)  
– 1.05–2.40% of insured income (organisations without bonus/penalty systems)  
– 0.53–4.76% of insured income (organisations with bonus/penalty systems)  
– Contributions are usually paid by the employee  
NBUV (Non-occupational accident insurance, private insurers)  
Contribution rate varies by industry  
BUV (Occupational accident insurance)  
Contribution rate varies by industry, Contributions paid by the employer |
### Insured group of persons

Compulsory basic insurance for all individuals residing in Switzerland independent of nationality and for all individuals from EU or EFTA countries in gainful employment in Switzerland

Facultative supplementary insurance as per VVG (Swiss Federal Law on Insurance Contracts). Special provisions apply to Swiss nationals in EU and EFTA countries

### Assessment basis

- Illness
- Accident
- Maternity

### Old-age benefits

### Survivors benefits

### Treatment, care, rehabilitation

- Doctor’s expenses, costs of medication, nursing care, hospital costs in a general ward, maternity, medical aids etc.
- Supplementary insurance as per VVG

### Temporary disability

- Voluntary daily allowance as per KVG

### Permanent disability

### Benefits in the event of disability

### Benefits adjustment

### Financing

- Standard premium per canton/ premium region and fund (max. 3 premium regions per canton)
- Premium discounts according to the canton for families and individuals on low incomes
- Insureds contribute to costs via the deductible (at least CHF 300.–; CHF 0.– for children) and cost participation of 10% (incl. in hospitals), 10% or 20% for medication
- The maximum excess is CHF 700.–
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| Assessment basis        | Insured income up to a maximum of CHF 152,276.–  
 Individuals of legal age in training placements: 20% of the highest contribution |
| Old-age benefits         | Old-age pension from AHV retirement age on the basis of 50% disability pension |
| Survivors benefits       | 40% for widow’s/widower’s pension  
 15% for orphan’s pension  
 25% for full orphan’s pension up to a maximum of the pensionable annual salary |
| Treatment, care, rehabilitation | Doctor’s expenses, costs of medication, hospital treatment, medical aids, allowance for home care or incapacity, reintegration measures |
| Temporary disability     | Daily allowance/pension of 80% of insured income from day 1 of income loss in the event of incapacity for work and reintegration |
| Permanent disability     | Disability pension is 80% of insured annual earnings. Integrity reimbursement payments. |
| Benefits adjustment      | Pensions in payment are adjusted to price and/ or salary developments |
| Financing                | Military insurance spending is financed by the Confederation. Occupationally and voluntarily insured individuals pay premium contributions. |
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**AVIG**
Swiss Federal Law on compulsory unemployment insurance and insolvency compensation

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<td>Maximum number of daily allowances: a) 260 daily allowances if the insured can demonstrate a contribution period of a total of 12 months; b) 400 daily allowances if the insured can demonstrate a contribution period of a total of 18 months; c) 520 daily allowances if the insured can demonstrate a contribution period of at least 22 months and: is aged 55 or over; OR receives a disability pension for a disability of 40% or more.</td>
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<td><strong>Amount of daily allowance:</strong></td>
<td>a) 80% of insured income is equal to the full daily allowance; b) Insureds who are not disabled, who reach a fully daily allowance of more than CHF 140 and who have no support obligations towards children will receive 70% of insured income.</td>
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