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Special state pensions



The special state pension is a supplement provided under a special decision of the Council of Ministers.

1. Legal base:

- a) Article 5, Law no 7703, dated 11.05.1993 "On Social Insurance in the Republic of Albania", amended;
b) Decision no 429, dated 12.09.2002 "On eligibility conditions, benefit amount and procedures for granting special state pensions and supplementary allowances to special state pensions".

2. Eligibility conditions:

The special state pension is granted to those persons who:

- a) have participated in the National Renaissance movement, popular movements, Antifascist War inside and outside Albania, fight for border protection and preservation of territorial integrity of Albania, democratic movement as well as to those who have been acknowledged special merits;
b) have remarkable results in the field of science, culture, arts, economics and politics;
c) have suffered from political persecution under the communist regime.

3. Documentation:

a) request and proposal for the award of the benefit or the special state supplement shall be made by:

- the person concerned, via the District Council of the relevant residence;
- organizations or associations, via the District Council of the relevant residence;
- superiors of Ministries where the related beneficiary is working;

- Prime Minister;
- President of People's Assembly;
- President of the Republic;

b) application form must contain generalities, name, father's name, surname, date of birth, place of birth etc., and accompanied by the following documents:

- copy of ID card or civil status certificate;
 - certificate from Social Insurance proving the pension and amount;
 - proof of Medical Commission for Determination of Work Capacity (MCDWC) as regards the people incapable to work;
 - certified copies of documents proving the special merits, such as titles, medals, orders etc.
- certified copy of the document proving the status of the ex-politically prosecuted.

4. Benefit amount:

- a) The special state pensions shall be provided to the above-mentioned people in addition to the pensions that are due from Social Insurance, or as pension if not entitled to any other pension from social insurance;
b) The special state pension cannot be lower than the base pension, or not higher than twice the base pension, adopted at the time of entitlement;
c) The supplement to the special state pension can be up to the maximum limit, provided that the pension amount under the Law no 7703, dated 11.05.1993 "On social insurance in the Republic of Albania", plus the supplement, does not exceed twice the maximum pension.

Pensions for special merits

The pension for special merits is established under article 33 of Law no. 4171, dated 13.09.1966 "On social insurance in the People's Republic of Albania", and continues to be paid by social insurance until the beneficiary dies. Today, the pension for special merits is not calculated. This kind of benefit is going towards the end.

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