

COVID-19 Bonaire: Third Tranche Compensation

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Due to the current situation as to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, we feel it is important to keep you well informed regarding all announcements, changes and information made available during this time.

The government of the Netherlands has recently announced the third tranche of compensation matters with regard to relief of the payment of the fixed costs.

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Who is eligible?

Entrepreneurs in the Caribbean part of the Netherlands who are affected by the corona pandemic in the sense that they have had a significant decrease in their turnover compared to the same period last year and thus are less able to pay their fixed expenses, are eligible for support from the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate on the BES.

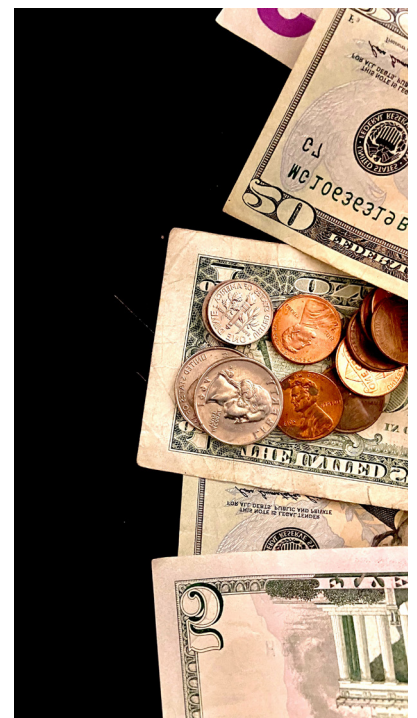
Conditions for eligible entrepreneurs

Only entrepreneurs meeting the following criteria can request for the payment of the compensation:

- The loss of turnover in the period July through September 2020, , should be at least 30%, compared with the same period in 2019.
- The company is located in the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (Bonaire, Saba or St Eustatius).
- The company was registered with the tax authorities on March 13, 2020 and is an active enterprise.
- The company address is another address than the home address or the business establishment is clearly separated from the residence (exemptions for companies not using business premises apply).

- The company is not a government held entity.
- The company is not bankrupt or has not filed for suspension of payment with the courts in the Netherlands.

Please note that the legal structure of a company does not impact the eligibility for this compensation matter.



Compensation

The compensation consists of a payment from the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate into the bank account of the eligible entrepreneurs to alleviate the burden of payment of fixed costs.

The amount of compensation ranges from USD 375 up to USD 99,000, based on the loss of turnover over the period July through to September 2020 compared to the same period in 2019.

The regulations do not include a definition of the term turnover, but based on the intention of the compensation, we feel that the turnover for this calculation should exclude

any special sources of income, such as capital gains on assets sold or incidental investment income. This loss of turnover is then multiplied by 0.29 (the price index) and 0.75 (the compensation factor) to come to the amount of compensation an entrepreneur is eligible for.

Statement of Revenue Figures

Please note that if the calculation above leads to an amount of compensation of more than USD 6,000, the application form should include a statement of an independent third party advisor, who is knowledgeable

about the company's finances, such as a bookkeeper or accountant of the company. This third-party advisor will need to declare that the completed revenue figures are correct and he or she is aware they are submitted to qualify for the third tranche compensation.

Audit of Information

Once an application has been filed, a payment will be made based on the information provided by the entrepreneur in the application form. The government will start performing random audits on the information provided and will adjust the amount received if the information is found to be incorrect.

Application

If you want to apply for these measures, an online form needs to be filed by email to

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