

# INTRODUCTION TO UNEMPLOYMENT PROTECTION

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# **BASIC CONCEPT**

#### **EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY**

#### Unemployment

Severance pay

#### **SOCIAL INSURANCE**

#### Unemployment

Unemployment benefit (+Employers' liability)

#### Public employment service

## WHO IS UNEMPLOYED?



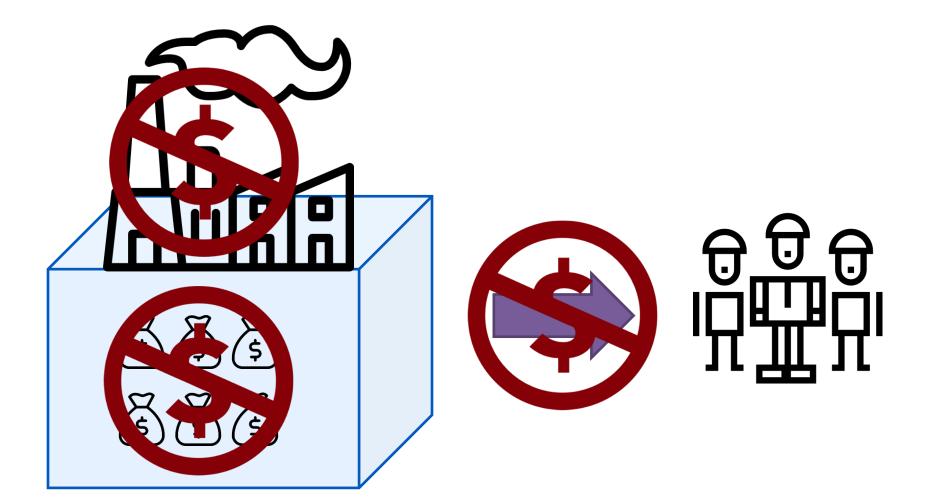




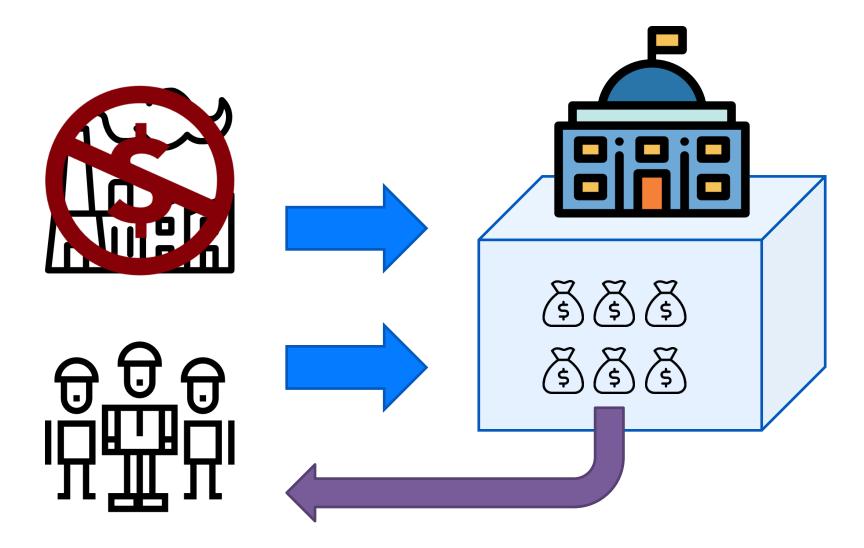
#### **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**







#### **EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**



#### **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE**



Public service

Support for return to work



#### **SEVERANCE PAY vs EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

	SEVERANCE PAY	EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	
Objective	Service	Income security	
Payment	Lump-sum	Periodical & Temporary	
Risk pooling	Х	Ο	
Contribution	Employers	Employers, Employees, State	
Responsibility	Employers	State	
Employment promotion	X	Ο	

# HOW CAN SOCIAL SECURITY STANDARDS HELP?

# **INTERNATIONAL LABOUR STANDARDS**

C102

 Convention concerning Minimum Standards of Social Security, 1952 (Part IV – Unemployment Benefit)

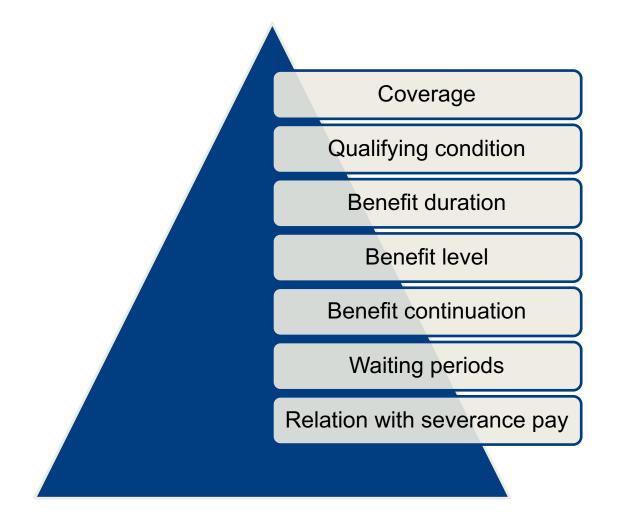
C168

 Convention concerning Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment, 1988

**R176** 

 Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment Recommendation, 1988

#### **DESIGN OF EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**



#### COVERAGE

Convention 102	Convention 168
< 50% of all employees	< 85% of all employees (public/private) & apprentices Provisions for seasonal workers and new entrants



Wide risk-pooling can ensure fund's sustainability

C102 and C169 do not require coverage for the selfemployed

C168 also refers to part-time workers

## **BENEFIT LEVEL**

Convention 102	Convention 168	
Periodical and	Periodical and	
temporary	temporary	
At least <b>45%</b> of previous wage	At least <b>50%</b> of previous wage	
Medical care	Medical care	

#### **BENEFIT DURATION**

Convention 102	Convention 168
13 weeks within 12 months	<b>26 weeks</b> in each spell of unemployment Or
	<b>39 weeks</b> over any period of <b>24 months</b>

#### **DURATION OF BENEFITS**

# Benefit duration is **linked to the qualification** requirements

In some countries, duration depends not only on previous time worked but also on **the age** of the jobseeker

A number of countries also have provisions for **prolonged** UI benefits in times of **high unemployment** or due to **natural disaster** 

# **QUALIFYING CONDITION**

Convention 102	Convention 168
Aim to <b>prevent abuse</b>	Can exclude: Laid-off for <b>miss-conduct</b>
	Voluntary termination without just cause

# **QUALIFYING CONDITION**

C102 and C168 ask that the qualifying period **not be longer than necessary** to preclude abuse (e.g. **6 or 12 months** of contributions)

Exclude Voluntary resignation or Forced resignation (unpaid wages, harassment, dangerous working conditions or illegal employer actions)

# **CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS**

Maintain their status in order to receive compensation on a regular basis

**Report regularly** to the local employment office (e.g. Did you apply for a job?)

Normally linked with the **frequency of payments** 

Have to accept any **suitable employment offered** to them

# **CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS**

**Referrals** to training and employment measures should also be followed up

Lump-sum reemployment bonuses

#### **WAITING PERIOD**

Convention 102	Convention 168
Maximum 7 days	Maximum <b>7 days</b>

#### **WAITING PERIOD**

Review claimant applications.

- Really unemployed?
- Why unemployed?

# **CONTRIBUTION**

Convention 102	Convention 168
Employees' contributions should not exceed <b>50%</b> of the financial resources allocated	
Determined by <b>actuarial studies</b> and calculations	

# **RELATION WITH SEVERANCE PAY**

Convention 102	Convention 168	
	Possible to <b>reduce</b> the unemployment benefit, if severance pay is also granted	

# **DIVERSITY OF SITUATIONS**

SEVERANCE	UI/EI	SEVERANCE PAY AFFECTS EI/UI	REMARKS
Ο	Ο		Thailand
Х	Ο		Vietnam (progressively phased out)
		Ο	France, USA, Canada (Delay or reduced the amount of EI, no overlapping)

# **ACTIVE LABOUR MARKET POLICIES**

All schemes:

- are equipped with employment service centers which offer job counseling and placement services,
- provide vocational training and skills development grants

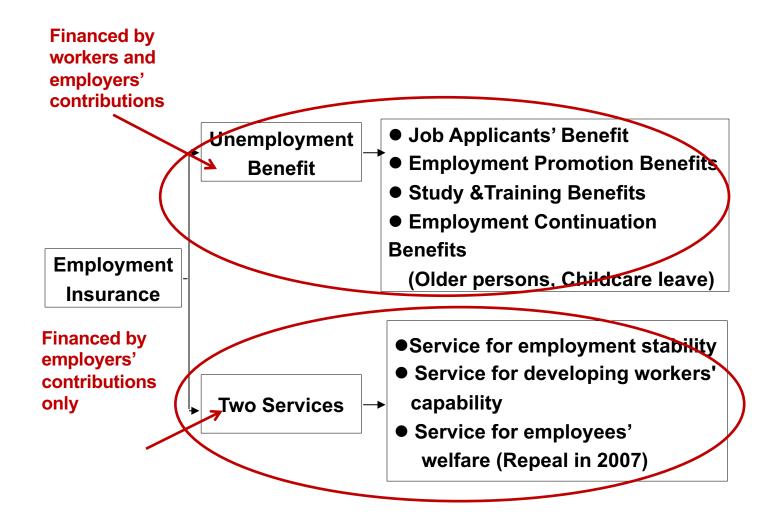
Examples of ALMPs	Countries
Integrated system	Japan, Rep. of Korea, Canada
VT, job support beyond entitlements	France, Mongolia, Japan
Work sharing programmes	Canada, Denmark, France, Germany
Labour mobility allowance	Germany, Japan
Re-employment lump-sum	Japan, Rep. of Korea, Viet Nam
Employment stabilization programmes (re- training/wages subsidies)	Japan, Rep. of Korea,
Support to create own-business	France
Preventive counseling	United States

#### **FUNDING ALMPS**

- Two distinct objectives, two separate funds...
- Two sources of contribution

	Unemployment benefits		ALMP		
	Employees	Employers	Employees	Employers	Government
Japan	0.3	0.3		0.3	2.5% of payment
Korea	0.65	0.65		0.25 (<150) to 0.65 (>1000)	

#### THE JAPANESE MODEL



# Thank you

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