

#### INTRODUCTION TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

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## **BASIC CONCEPT**

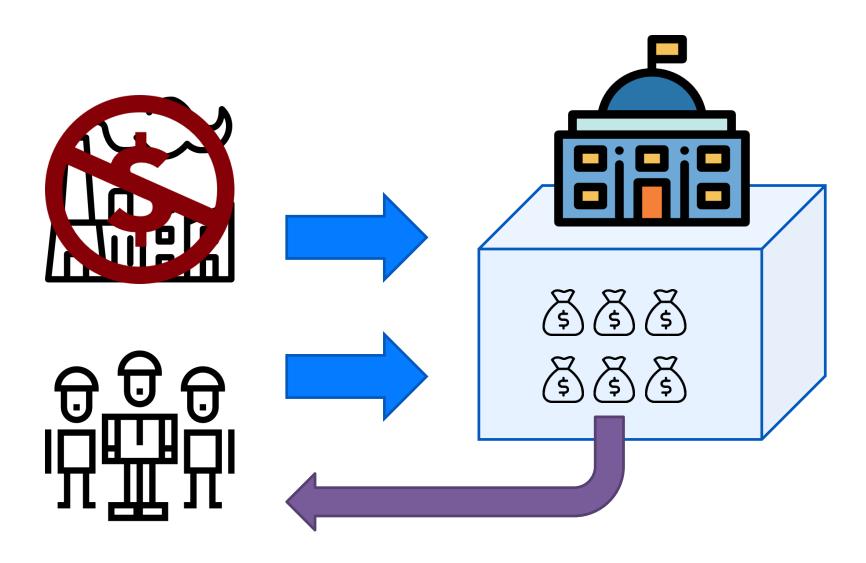
## WHO IS UNEMPLOYED?







### **EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**



#### PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Employment counselling and job placement Vocational training and re-training Public work programmes Work-sharing and job subsidies Entrepreneurship support

# HOW CAN SOCIAL SECURITY STANDARDS HELP?

#### INTERNATIONAL LABOUR STANDARDS

C102

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

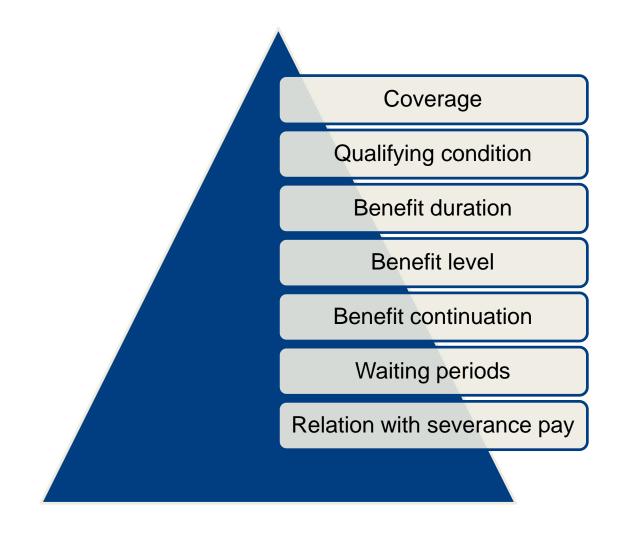
C168

 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

### **BENEFIT LEVEL**

Convention 102	Convention 168
Periodical and temporary	Periodical and temporary
At least 45% of previous wage	At least 50% of previous wage

## **BENEFIT DURATION**

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

### **QUALIFYING CONDITION**

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

#### **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 7 days

## **CONTRIBUTION**

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

#### **RELATION WITH SEVERANCE PAY**

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

# Thank you

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