

## How to Navigate Social Security Contributions in Portugal for Individuals

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### **Who Contributes?**

Both employed individuals and self-employed individuals contribute to Portugal's social security system. The contribution rates and methods differ slightly based on your employment status.

### **Employee Contributions**

- Rate: Generally, 11% of your gross salary is automatically deducted by your employer (note that your employer contributes 23.75%).
- Coverage: Provides access to healthcare, unemployment benefits, pensions, and other social benefits.

## Self-Employed Contributions

- Rate: Typically ranges from 21.4% to 35%, depending on your profession and chosen contribution regime.
- On a quarterly basis a Social Security declaration must be submitted which declares the revenue of the previous quarter. Based on this amount, the Social Security contribution is calculated.
- Method: Contributions are paid monthly through designated channels such as Multibanco, ATMs or online banking.
- Coverage: Similar to employee contributions, offering access to various social benefits.

## Special Cases

- Voluntary Social Insurance: Individuals not automatically covered can make voluntary contributions to gain access to social benefits.

## Remember and Contact Information

Contribution rates may change annually, based on government regulations.

Work place insurance may be required for occupational accidents, depending on your profession.

Deadlines for self-employed contributions must be adhered to, in order to avoid penalties.

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