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## Unemployment insurance contributions increased once again

Due to the rising unemployment levels and the reduction of reserves at Unemployment Insurance Fund, the Parliament decided on further increase of the rates of unemployment insurance contributions. On 18 June 2009, the new law was adopted that increases the maximum rates of unemployment insurance contributions allowed by law from 2% to 2.8% for employees and from 1% to 1.4% for employers. The Government adopted a decision on 2 July 2009 (published on 8 July 2009) which enforces the maximum rates already as of 1 August 2009.

The currently effective unemployment insurance contribution rates which were adopted on 30 April 2009 are applicable for a period of 1 June - 31 July 2009.