

Gross average salary per economy and social security contributions – rates applicable in 2003

Law 632/2002 approving the social security budget for 2003 has been published on 3 December 2002. The law mentions the following:

1. Social security contribution rates for 2003 have been updated as follows:
 - **34%** for *normal* working conditions;
 - **39%** for *particular* working conditions;
 - **44%** for *special* working conditions.
2. The gross average salary used to substantiate the social security budget in 2003 is **ROL 6,962,000** (approx. USD 208). As of 1 January 2003 the social security contributions, both for employees and for employers, shall be capped at five times ROL 6,962,000 and the calculation methodology remains the same as for 2002.
3. The death benefit amount paid from the social security budget:
 - **ROL 6,962,000** for insured persons or pensioners;
 - **ROL 3,481,000** for family members of the insured persons or pensioners.

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