

Swiss Social Security System

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Abbr.	Full name	What is this?	Benefits	How is it paid?
AHV	Alters- und Hinterlassenen- Versicherung	State old age and life insurance	Old age annuity; annuity for widows/widowers and orphans	10.25% of the salary; paid half by employer and half by employee
IV	Invaliden- Versicherung	State disability insurance	Annuity in case of disability	Included in the AHV (10.25% mentioned above)
EO	Erwerbsersatz- Ordnung	Salary replacement during military service; maternity compensation	Payment per day during military service; 14-week income compensation for gainfully employed women	Included in the AHV (10.25% mentioned above)
ALV	Arbeits- Losen- Versicherung	Unemployment insurance	Unemployment benefits, depending on how long you have worked in Switzerland	2.2% of the salary; paid half by employer and half by employee
BVG	Berufliche Vorsorge- Gesetz	Company pension fund	Old age, disability and death benefits (in addition to AHV)	Percentage of the salary; normally paid half by employer and half by employee (ca. 7.0-18.0%, depending on the various factors)
UVG	Unfall- Versicherung- Gesetz	Accident insurance	Medical costs and income replacement in case of accident	See BU and NBU
BU	B erufs- U nfall	Compulsory accident insurance for work-related accidents	Medical costs and income replacement	Percentage of the salary, depending on type of work; paid by employer (ca. 0.1%)
NBU	Nicht- Berufs- Unfall	Accident insurance for non-work-related accidents; compulsory for employees, who work more than 8 hours a week	Medical costs and income replacement	Percentage of the salary, depending on type of work; normally paid by employee (ca. 1.0-2.0%)
KTG	Kranken- Tag- Geld	Income protection in case of illness (not compulsory)	Income replacement	Percentage of the salary; normally paid half by employer and half by employee (ca. 1.0-3.0%)
FAK	Familien- Ausgleichs- Kasse	Family allowances	Family and children allowances	1.2-1.5% of the salary; paid by employer

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