

Programme “Bridge” - State contribution for installments of loans secured with property in a main residence

A few words on the Programme

In support of the borrowers who have been affected due to the situation that has arisen from the pandemic of COVID-19, we participate in the program called "BRIDGE" which has been designed and implemented by the Greek State in accordance with the provisions of law 4714/2020 (Government Gazette A148 / 31.07.2020) as in force.

Through this program, which is valid until 31/10/2020, a contribution payment is provided by the State, in respect to loan installments of all types of loans to individuals or legal entities, which are secured by mortgaged property of the main residence and eligible are individuals who either the same or their spouse or dependent member has been proven to be affected by the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the duration of the State contribution will not exceed 9 months as from the date of approval of the application.

The application can be submitted electronically until the deadline of **October 31, 2020** on the digital platform of the General Secretariat of Information Systems and Public Administration [Γενική Γραμματεία Πληροφοριακών Συστημάτων και Δημόσιας Διοίκησης (Γ.Γ.Π.Σ.Δ.Δ)] in collaboration with the Special Secretariat for Private Debt Management [Ειδική Γραμματεία Διαχείρισης Ιδιωτικού Χρέους (Ε.Γ.Δ.Ι.Χ.)] (www.keyd.gov.gr/covid19-gefyra/). The entrance to the platform is done with authentication through codes / credentials of the General Secretariat of Information Systems and Public Administration.

Mortgage, consumer as well as business loans with mortgage security of the main residence may fall under the conditions set by law 4714/2020.

Depending on the category of delayed payments or not in which the loan was on 29/02/2020, this falls under one of the following three categories.

Category A	Serviced loans or loans with a delay of up to 90 days on 29.02.2020.
Category B	Loans with a delay of more than 90 days on 29.02.2020 and without meeting the conditions of Category A.
Category C	Loans with a delay of more than 90 days on 29.02.2020 and in addition have been terminated until 29.02.2020.

The State contribution can reach up to 90% of the monthly installment of the loan with a maximum limit of € 600 per sum due. The percentage of the State contribution is reduced every quarter by 10%.

Loan category	Maximum Monthly Contribution Amount	Percentage of contribution on the monthly installment		
		1st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter
Category A	€600 per eligible debt	90%	80%	70%
Category B	€500 per eligible debt	80%	70%	60%
Category C	€300 per eligible debt	60%	50%	40%

Other Conditions

The persons who have been defined by law 4714/2020 as affected by the pandemic crisis in accordance with the specific terms and conditions (such as financial assistance, reduction of salary or rent, etc.) that stipulates Law 4714/20120 per category of persons will have the opportunity to apply for participation in the program.

- private sector employees
- freelancers or natural persons engaged in individual business activity
- unemployed or long-term unemployed
- natural persons, property owners,
- partners of personal or capital companies
- beneficiaries who received aid in the form of a repayable advance

The applicant should have a right in rem, exclusive or ideal share, full or partial ownership small or usufruct at any rate, in the property which should be his/her main residence and located in Greece which secures the loan.

The loan should not be subject to special regime regulation as defined in the law below or have guarantee of the Greek State for the debt eligible contribution and should not have at the time of the application other active state aid for this debt always as per more specifically defined in law 4714/2020.

To meet the income and property criteria of the Program depending on the loan categories as defined in Law 4714/2020 and in the table in the respective category below.

Criteria

For each Loan Category there are ceilings related to income and property criteria. These limits are presented in the table below

Loan Category	Main Residence Value	Total outstanding capital of accrued interest at the date of application	Family Income	Total value of deposits & investments	Total value of real estate property*	Total value of private cars acquired in the last 3 years
Category A	up to €300.000	up to €300.000	up to €57.000 (Applicant's personal income up to €24,000 Spouse income up to €18,000 Additional €5,000 per dependent member, up to 3 dependent members)	up to €40.000	up to €600.000	up to €80.000
Category B	up to €250.000	up to €250.000	up to €45.000 (Applicant's personal income up to €17,000 Spouse income up to €13,000 Additional €5,000 per dependent member, up to 3 dependent members)	up to €25.000	up to €500.000	up to €80.000
Category C**	up to €200.000	up to €130.000	up to €36.000 (Applicant's personal income up to € 12,500 Spouse income up to €8.500 Additional €5.000 per dependent member, up to 3 dependent members)	up to €15.000	up to €280.000	up to €80.000

* Real estate property of applicant, spouse and dependent members

** Especially for category C in case of **co-debtor / guarantor** each of them must meet the following: real estate property up to €280,000, individual annual income up to €12,500 and be considered affected according to the specific terms and conditions (such as financial aid, reduction of salary or rent, etc.) as defined by law 4714/2020 per category of persons.

The conditions of submission, approval or rejection of the application by the State, as well as any subsequent procedures are specifically defined, inter alia, in law 4714/2020 as applicable.

Obligations of the Debtor

During the period of payment of the State contribution, the debtor is obliged to pay on time the amount borne by him.

After the completion of the payment of the State contribution, the debtor is obliged to pay the installments of his debt in due time at the time they are payable during the entire monitoring period per category by the State, which is defined as follows:

Category A	6 months
Category B	12 months
Category C	18 months

In case of non-compliance with the above obligations, the debtor is forfeited from the State's contribution payment, the contribution payment for the future is stopped and amounts that have already been paid are sought/returned. Especially for non-payment during monitoring period, the debtor's forfeiture from the State's contribution occurs retroactively and the contribution amount is sought in its entirety.