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### NEWS REPORT

<b>Country:</b>	Spain
<b>Title:</b>	The Government approves the granting of a special social security benefit for self-employed workers with family responsibilities
<b>Date:</b>	9 April 2015
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<b><u>Context</u></b>	
<b>Issue at stake:</b>	New social security benefit for self-employed with family responsibilities
<b>Ground of discrimination:</b>	Sex
<b>Source:</b>	New legislation: Royal Decree 1/2015, of 27 February 2015, about second mechanism opportunity, reduction of financial charges and other measures of social character ( <i>Real Decreto 1/2015, de 27 de Febrero, de mecanismo de segunda oportunidad, reducción de carga financiera y otras medidas de orden social</i> )
<b>Field:</b>	Self-employment
<b>Applicable law:</b>	Royal Decree 1/2015, of 27 February 2015
<b><u>Content</u></b>	

**Legislative development:** Article 9 of the Royal Decree 1/2015 of 27 February 2015 adds an Article (the new Article 30) to the Law 20/2007 of 11 July 2015 on the Statute for the Self-Employed (*Estatuto del Trabajador Autónomo*). The new Article 30 establishes a reduction in the amount of monthly contributions self-employed persons make, applicable to those who care for a child younger than 7 or those who have a close dependent relative with duly accredited dependency. The benefit consists of a 100 % temporary reduction in the part of the monthly contribution of a self-employed person that is devoted to common contingencies. The common contingencies contribution is the highest of the self-employed monthly contributions to social security. This amendment ensures that during the maximum twelve months duration of the new benefit, self-employed persons will only be required to pay for the other minor monthly contributions.

**Key points of analysis:** The new Article 30 of the Statute for the Self Employed establishes a reduction in the social security contribution of self-employed workers with family responsibilities. For a maximum of 12 months, and as long as he/she hires a worker, a self-employed person with family responsibilities will be entitled to a reduction in his/her monthly contribution to social security payments.

**Internet link source:** Royal Decree 1/2015, of 27 February 2015, about second mechanism opportunity, reduction of financial charges and other measures of social character, available at: <http://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2015/02/28/pdfs/BOE-A-2015-2109.pdf>, accessed 1 March 2015.