

We are re-opening career counselling sessions, and re-applying the requirements for your job search

In accordance with the re-opening of Denmark we at the Akademikernes A-kasse also open up for some of our activities, and there will again be specific requirements as to your active job search. With this letter we will give you an overview of what it means to you.

Re-applying the requirements for your job search

The requirement for applying for 1-2 jobs a week, and updating your Joblog at Mit AKA minimum once a week will be effected as of today.

However, at Akademikernes A-kasse we are aware that the crisis of the work market, that we are still experiencing, might make it harder to live up to this demand. It is, therefore, important for us to stress that there are many ways of applying for a job, and simultaneously fulfill the requirement of applying for 1-2 jobs a week. Among others, unsolicited job search or networking with a specific person with competences to hire, are both valid and extremely useful ways of job searching; ways that we fully approve and encourage.

Mandatory phone meetings

We are starting up our welcome meetings and career counselling sessions again. However, in this re-opening phase all meetings will be in the form of phone meetings.

These phone meetings are mandatory, and, thus, it might affect your benefits if you do not attend the meeting. Therefore, do make sure that your phone number is updated at [Mit AKA](#).

If you have recently become unemployed

In case you have recently become unemployed you have to fill out a [ledighedserklæring](#) at Mit AKA; this form is your application for benefits. Hereafter, you will receive a message from us at Mit AKA with an invitation for a welcome meeting in the form of a phone meeting. In the message you will find a description of the things you have to do before the meeting.

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If you became unemployed during the lockdown or in the beginning of March

if you became unemployed during the lockdown you have not yet had a welcome meeting with us. We will, therefore, soon send you a message at Mit AKA with an invitation for a welcome meeting in the form of a phone meeting. In our message you will find a description of the things you have to do before the meeting.

If you became unemployed before the 1st. of March

In case you were to have a mandatory career counselling session during the lockdown period you will soon get an invitation from us via Mit AKA. In about 4 weeks from now we will, moreover, start booking other mandatory career counselling sessions. Concerning self-booking you will again from the 15th. of August be able to book mandatory meetings with us.

With regards to voluntary career counselling sessions you are always welcome to book a meeting at Mit AKA.

Job activation and referrals

There are geographic differences with regards to attending job activation offers. If you live in *Western Denmark* you will again be required to attend job activation offers and employment incentive measures in person as well as accept job referrals for concrete jobs. Agreements on job activation offers will be made with your jobcentre.

If you live in *Eastern Denmark* you will primarily have to attend digital job activation offers. With regards to subsidized work and internships in private companies you will, though, have to attend in person.

However, across the country it will still be taken into account if you belong to a group with particular risk of infection with Corona, and, thus, you will not have to appear in person. Moreover, you will also still be eligible for benefits if you will not be able to appear in person for meetings and job activation offers due to lack of child care.

Your unemployment benefits period is still extended with 4 months

The re-opening of meetings and requirements with regards to your job search does not influence the extension of your unemployment benefits period; i.e. the suspension of the use of unemployment benefits from the 1st. of March – 30th. of June 2020 is still in effect. Therefore, your unemployment period will per the 30th. of June be the same as it was on the 1. of March or from the specific date you acquired the right to unemployment benefits. The same goes for supplementary benefits.

If you have any questions you might find answers through our [FAQ: Covid-19 and unemployment insurance](#). Otherwise, feel free to call us or send us a message via Mit AKA.

Sincerely
Akademikernes A-kasse