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## Meal Allowance: New Exemption Thresholds for 2026

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### Update with retroactive effect from 1 January

Ordinance No. 51-B/2026, of 30 January, has been published, establishing the updated meal allowance for Public Administration employees.

The meal allowance has now been set at € 6.15. This update has a direct impact on the IRS and Social Security exemption limits applicable to all employers, which are now as follows:

- € 6.15 – for meal allowance paid in cash
- € 10.46 – for meal allowance paid via card / meal vouchers;

The Ordinance entered into force on 31 January 2026, with retroactive effect from 1 January 2026.

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