

## iGlobal Law 2021 Annual Update: Switzerland

Legal Change	Effective Date	Action required
Paternity Leave The father will be entitled to 2 weeks' leave after the birth of his child if he (1) is the legal father at the time of birth or (2) becomes the legal father within six months after birth.  The leave must be taken within 6 months after the child's birth. The father is entitled to paternity allowance within six months after the birth.  It does not reduce holiday entitlement and is not considered a period of protection against dismissal.	January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2021.	Ensure HR is aware of the change.
Continued Pay for Short-term Absences Where the employee is caring for a family member or partner who is ill.  Maximum 3 days per case and 10 days per calendar year.	January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2021.	Ensure HR is aware of the change.
Up to 14 Weeks' Paid Leave if the Employee is Entitled to a Care Allowance because their Child's Health is Seriously Affected due to Illness or Accident.  Period of protection against dismissal for 6 months from the receipt of the first indemnity.  It does not reduce holiday entitlement.	July 1 <sup>st</sup> 2021.	Ensure HR is aware of the change.
Obligation to Carry Out an Equal Pay Analysis for Companies Employing at Least 100 people.  In addition there is an obligation to inform the employees and shareholders of the result of the analysis.	July 1 <sup>st</sup> 2021.	The first equal pay analysis must be completed by June 30st 2021.  In addition there is an obligation to verify the analysis by an independent body by June 30st 2022.
Obligation to Announce Job Openings  In Professions with an Unemployment Rate of 5% or more there may be an obligation to announce job openings on the Website <a href="www.job-room.ch">www.job-room.ch</a> or at the Competent Regional Employment Office.	January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2021.	Verify if this obligation is applicable to your company in 2021.  See <a href="https://www.job-room.ch">www.job-room.ch</a>
Short-time Work  Swiss government decided to extend the maximum period for short-time work compensation (allowing eligible companies to claim covers 80% of the recognizable loss of	September 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020 until December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2021.	Note the change.



earnings; maximum insured income is CHF 148'200 per year) from 12 to 18 months in order to avoid further rise of unemployment due to COVID. The waiting period is reduced from 3 to 1 day.	
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