

Admission to MA

MA accepts graduates in humanities, natural science, social science and computer science. People with other educational backgrounds who work within these fields are also eligible to join.

Graduate admission

If you have taken an education lasting at least 3 semesters full-time that is within MA's subject area and that has entitled you to student grant (S.U.), you can become a member. To qualify to join MA as a graduate you must have been a resident in Denmark immediately before you started your education and no later than 14 days after completion.

To apply as a graduate, we need a written or electronic application from you no later than 14 days after you have graduated - go to our website, ma-kasse.dk. You are also welcome to apply for membership 2-3 months before you graduate to ensure membership from your date of graduation. Once you have been accepted in MA as a graduate, you are entitled to unemployment benefits one month after graduation.

Joining once employed

If you work in a field covered by MA, you can join regardless of whether or not you have a Masters degree. However, you must be resident and work in Denmark. To be entitled to unemployment benefits once you have joined MA following employment you must have been a member of MA or another unemployment insurance fund for at least a year and had a job corresponding to at least one year's full time work (1,924 paid hours over the past three years) while you were a member of the unemployment insurance fund(s).

Admission for the self-employed

If your main occupation is your own business, and if you have a connection to MA's specialist area, either through your educational background or your work, you can join MA. You can become a member as soon as you have started your business. As a member of MA, you are guaranteed unemployment benefits if you close your business completely. Furthermore, you must fulfil the employment requirements and be a member of an unemployment insurance fund (MA or other).

Apply at ma-kasse.dk

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8000 Århus C

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Join the
Masters Unemployment Insurance Fund (MA)



You have your rights at MA

An unemployment insurance fund insures you against loss of income should you become unemployed. As a member of MA you are entitled to unemployment benefit from us if you are unemployed. The alternative to unemployment benefit is cash benefit (kontanthjælp), which is normally much less than unemployment benefit and is also dependent on a total assessment of your financial and personal circumstances.

At MA we know your employment options

MA is an unemployment insurance fund for the highly educated. We understand your educational background and the many different forms of employment and work sectors where you can find a job, regardless of whether you have graduated in humanities, natural science, social science or computer science. This is the main strength of MA and one that benefits you as a member.

Good advice is always on hand at MA

At MA, we prioritise job seeking activities highly. We are one of the unemployment insurance funds in Denmark that spends most resources and time on helping our unemployed members move on. Our services here are outstanding, whilst our subscription fee remain competitive.

2011 rates

	Without early retirement pension contribution	With early retirement pension contribution
Monthly subscription	453	900
Monthly unemployment benefit	13,606	16,597

All of the above amounts are gross amounts in Danish kroner. Unemployment benefits are taxable but the subscription is tax deductible on your tax return. Please note that the early retirement pension contribution is voluntary.



With MA you get financial help ...

As a new graduate you are entitled to receive unemployment insurance at a special graduate rate one month after the completion of your education. New graduates are also entitled to paid holiday benefits.

... and help to find the right job

It takes some time for most new graduates to get established in the world of work. Often they start with part-time jobs, freelance jobs or project contracts. MA can help you be better prepared to find the most suitable job. We hold information meetings, job seeking courses and specialized theme events.

At the information meetings you are given an introduction to job seeking and the unemployment benefit system with the options and rules you should be aware of. Job seeking workshops explore researching and networks and provide good advice on how to write job applications. You can try a practise job interview or join a job club. At MA's specialised theme events you can find out more about the labour market of the future, hear about other graduates' job experiences and learn about what employers are looking for in the recruitment process.

Feedback on your application and CV

If you have written your CV but are still unsure about whether you have presented your skills convincingly, MA can help. We offer individual and personal feedback on your application and CV both in Copenhagen and in our regional offices in Odense, Århus and Aalborg.

You can use MA – regardless of where in Denmark you live

If you have questions or are unsure about something, you are always welcome to call or visit us, both at our head office in Copenhagen and at our regional offices in Odense, Århus and Aalborg. At all of our offices you will find a range of facilities for members. These include PCs with internet access, printers, photocopiers, reference works and meeting rooms for job clubs.

Visit us at ma-kasse.dk

