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**ACQUISITION AND TERMINATION OF THE RIGHT  
TO A PRE-RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE**

The article is devoted to the issue of pre-retirement allowances provided by the Act of 30 April 2004. The Author discusses general and specific requirements for becoming entitled to this benefit. According to the act the first ones include: having the status of unemployed, receiving unemployment benefits for a period of at least six months and submitting an appropriate request to the pension authority. Among the specific conditions the most important are: the reasons of employment termination, the period that is left to becoming eligible for retirement and the age of a person applying for a pre-retirement allowance. The Author analyzes legal provisions concerning the termination of the right to a pre-retirement allowance. In this respect, she discusses situations in which the right of a beneficiary expires or becomes suspended. With regard to the first ones the act mentions the acquisition of pension rights, reaching the retirement age or taking the farm into possession. Among the circumstances causing the suspension of the right are: becoming entitled to a pension because of inability to work, becoming entitled to a disability pension or obtaining the higher income than 70% of an average salary.