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What is Kurzarbeit and how does it affect me?

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My company mentioned Kurzarbeit. Should I be worried?

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✓ Accepted answer

Kurzarbeit = short-time work. Your employer reduces hours temporarily instead of laying off. You receive **Kurzarbeitergeld** (60% of net pay, 67% with children) from Agentur für Arbeit for reduced hours. Your job is PROTECTED. Health insurance continues. You should file a Steuererklärung — you'll likely get money back.