

## Financing adult learning database

<b>Name of the instrument - Local language</b>	Osnovno obrazovanje odraslih i osposobljavanje za jednostavnije poslove u zanimanjima
<b>Name of the instrument - English translation</b>	Completion of primary education for adults and training for the first simple occupation
<b>Scheme ID</b>	98
<b>Country</b>	 Croatia
<b>Reporting year</b>	2020
<b>Type of instrument</b>	Grant for individuals
<b>Sub-type of instrument</b>	Cost-related support
<b>Type of entry</b>	Single instrument

<b>Short description</b>	Employed and unemployed persons (in the age group of 15-65) without completed primary school registered in the unemployment register, applying for the grant, can receive the lump-sum payment, covering the training costs. The funding amount depends on the education period. For example, for the first educational period, the learner can receive the funding of HRK 500 (approx. EUR 67) if takes an exam based on the consultation received, HRK 1 200 (approx. EUR 161) in the case when the teaching is delivered through a consultative-constructional teaching approach, HRK 1 800 (approx. EUR 242) in the case when the learner regularly participates in the teaching process. The individual (the learner) can finish more than one educational period in one calendar year meaning that the learner can receive more than one funding for education and training in one calendar year. The funding is provided by the Croatian Ministry of Science and Education.
<b>Short description of the related instruments</b>	Not applicable

<b>Level of operation</b>	National
<b>Name of a part of the country</b>	Not applicable
<b>Name of the region (for regional instruments)</b>	Not applicable

<b>Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Relevance</b>	Key instrument
<b>Legal basis</b>	Adult Education act (National Gazette 17/2007); Act on the State Administration System (Official Gazette 150/2011, 12/2013, 93/2016, 104/2016)
<b>Objective(s) and target(s)</b>	To reduce unemployment and include school dropouts in regular schooling so that they can finish their elementary education and acquire preconditions for further learning and employment.
<b>Year of implementation</b>	2003
<b>Year of latest amendment</b>	2020
<b>Operation/management</b>	Adult education institutions that have a permit for the implementation of primary adult education provide information on the groups of participants to the county administrative departments in charge of education. Those county administrative departments require the Ministry of Science and Education approval to begin implementing the program. Once the consent is obtained, the institutions start with the implementation of the educational programme. Upon completion of each educational period, the Ministry of Science and Education covers the costs of completing primary school and training for simpler jobs in certain occupations. The Agency for Vocational and Adult Education and Training monitors the implementation and conducts training of teaching staff involved in adult education processes.
<b>Eligible group(s)</b>	Employed and unemployed (identified by the adult education institutions on the local level) persons without completed primary school registered in the unemployment register. Age group: 15-65 years.
<b>Group(s) with preferential treatment</b>	No preferential treatment
<b>Education and training eligible</b>	Primary education and education for the acquisition of the first occupation (simple jobs in an occupation), allowing to obtain a qualification of ISCED 1-3 level.
<b>Source of financing and collection mechanism</b>	Croatian Ministry of Science and Education (costs for educational programmes).
<b>Financing formula and allocation mechanisms</b>	All individuals, applying for the grant, can receive the lump-sum payment, covering the training costs. The funding amount depends on the education period. For example, for the first educational period, the learner can receive the funding of HRH 500 (approx. EUR 67) if an exam based on the consultation received is taken, HRK 1 200 (approx. EUR 161) in the case when the teaching is delivered through a consultative-constructional teaching approach, HRK 1 800 (approx. EUR 242) in the case when the learner regularly participates in the teaching process. The amount of funding increases towards the sixth

	educational period (eight-year of primary education): the learner can receive the funding of HRK 1600 if an exam based on the consultation received is taken, HRK 2 500 in the case when the teaching is delivered through a consultative-constructional teaching approach, HRK 3 400 in the case when the learner regularly participates in the teaching process. Costs for the education and training for simple jobs in an occupation vary between HRK 2 250- 2 500. Costs for education and training are paid directly to the adult education institution upon the participant's successful completion of education. Regular course attendance is also required. The individual (the learner) can finish more than one educational period in one calendar year meaning that the learner can receive more than one funding for education and training in one calendar year. To re-use the grant, the applicant has to successfully finish one educational period and enroll in the following one. The duration of one educational period is 18 weeks.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Education and training costs (tuition fees/fees for participation)
<b>Volumes of funding</b>	Overall volumes of funding available:2017: HRK 4 000 000 (approx. EUR 530 012)2018: HRK 4 000 000 (approx. EUR 539 374)2019: HRK 2 100 000 (approx. EUR 282 372)Overall volumes of funding actually disbursed2017: HRK 2 850 150 (approx. EUR 377 653)2018: HRK 2 151 550 (approx. EUR 290 123)2019: HRK 2 007 100 (approx. EUR 269 880)
<b>Beneficiaries/take up</b>	Total number of beneficiaries:2017: 1 3802018: 1 0122019: 902
<b>Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation</b>	Ministry of Science and Education
<b>Monitoring/evaluation reports available</b>	Not available
<b>Most relevant webpage - in English</b>	Not available
<b>Most relevant webpage - local language</b>	<a href="https://mzo.gov.hr/istaknute-teme/odgoj-i-obrazovanje/obrazovanje-odras...">https://mzo.gov.hr/istaknute-teme/odgoj-i-obrazovanje/obrazovanje-odras...</a>
<b>Recent changes</b>	2020.Government of Republic of Croatia, and Active Employment Policy Measures under the Croatian Employment Jurisdictions: Conditions and Ways of Using Means to Implement Measures in 2020. Changes: The Ministry of Science and Education has significantly increased the amount paid for each educational period to the adult education institution for each individual participant Financial allocations from the Croatian Employment Service side updated (e.g. transportation costs; health insurance costs). From 2020 onward, the Croatian Employment Service will cover the costs for education and training for the first occupation, from EU funds (before that the costs were covered from the State Budget). In addition, the Croatian Employment service will also cover transportation costs (maximum amount 1400);

	<p>health insurance costs, and mentorship costs for the time spent at the employer's premises (acquisition of the first simple occupation).</p> <p>Recent changes in response to COVID-19</p> <p>Yes, the measure has been disrupted due to the lower level of interest for participation due to the changes in the mode of delivery of education and training programmes. Moreover, financial resources allocated to the financing of the primary education and acquisition for the first occupation have been reallocated to the measures for job preservation in sectors highly affected by the Covid-19 outbreak. . More information available at <a href="https://gov.hr/moja-uprava/poslovanje/potpore-poslodavcima/mjere-aktivn...">https://gov.hr/moja-uprava/poslovanje/potpore-poslodavcima/mjere-aktivn...</a></p>
<p><b>Sources</b></p>	<p>Ministry of Science and Education, Adult education - financing primary education of adults:  <a href="https://mzo.gov.hr/istaknute-teme/odgoj-i-obrazovanje/obrazovanje-odras...">https://mzo.gov.hr/istaknute-teme/odgoj-i-obrazovanje/obrazovanje-odras...</a></p> <p>Croatian Employment Service: Description of the unemployment measures "Employment of unemployed":  <a href="https://mjere.hr/mjere/obrazovanje-nezaposlenih/">https://mjere.hr/mjere/obrazovanje-nezaposlenih/</a></p> <p>Ministry of Science and Education (2017) Strategic Plan for the Period 2017-2019</p> <p>Ministry of Science and Education (2018) Strategic Plan for the Period 2018-2020</p>