

Regulations on scholarships

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

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Timeline

2020 Legislative process

2021 Completed

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Background

In 2016, the ceiling of monthly performance and one-off support scholarships for vocational education and training (VET) learners was increased from EUR 71 to EUR 150.

The 2019 State Audit Office's report *What does affect the amount of scholarship awarded to VET learners?* found the procedure and criteria for awarding scholarships as being too general, leading to application disparity at VET provider level.

Objectives

To ensure that all VET providers apply a common procedure and criteria for awarding scholarships.

Description

Regulations on scholarships have been amended to ensure the principle of equality and provide for a clear procedure for awarding scholarships, thus ensuring that all VET providers apply common basic criteria for eligibility and amount of scholarships. The regulations set the criteria, purpose and procedure for awarding scholarships and their amount.

2020 Legislative process

In 2020, the Regulations on scholarships were amended.

2021 Completed

The minimum monthly scholarship for VET students was increased from EUR 10 to EUR 15. VET providers established a scholarship fund, calculating an average of at least EUR 20 per month for each learner (previously EUR 14).

The measure is operational and runs as a regular practice.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Education and Science

Target group

Learners

Learners in upper secondary, including apprentices
Learners from other groups at risk of exclusion (minorities, people with fewer opportunities due to geographical location or social-economic disadvantaged position)

Thematic categories

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Financial and non-financial incentives to learners, providers and companies
Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness in education and training

Subsystem

IVET

Further reading

[Scholarship rules \[Noteikumi par stipendijam\]](#)

Related policy developments

2024 Implementation

Inclusive VET for the young at risk of early leaving

The ESF project Support for reducing early school leaving (PUMPURS) aims at reducing the number of learners leaving education and training early.

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Type of development

Practical
measure/Initiative

Subsystem

IVET

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