

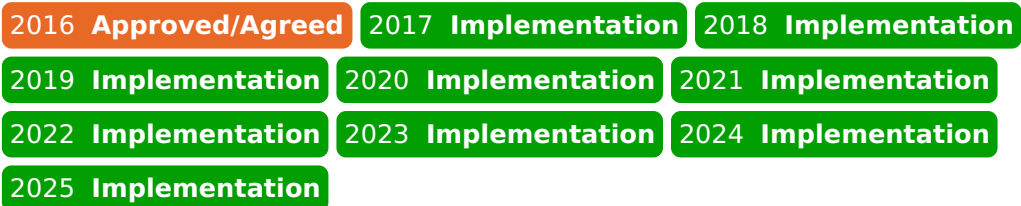
# Skills kits programme

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 MALTA

## Timeline



ID number 28665

## Background

Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST) introduced this programme to widen the opportunities for those youths who have no formal qualification after finishing compulsory education. This would also contribute to reducing early school leaving and the NEETS rate.

## Objectives

To give young people an opportunity to continue their education and/or find employment.

## Description

To enable learners to explore different vocational areas, MCAST launched in October 2016 the Skills kits programme, an introductory level programme at MQF/EQF level 1. The kits cover various vocational areas (such as art, hairdressing, beauty, basic web design, caring for others, animal care, sport, installation of low voltage devices, and cultures) as well as personal and employability skills. Each kit comprises 20 hours of instruction. Learners can choose the number of kits to study (up to 30 per year) and their own combination. Learners who successfully complete 30 kits obtain the MCAST introductory skills certificate and are eligible to progress to level 2.

This programme also includes a number of *skills kits* that focus on Maltese and English at a basic level, targeting foreign nationals who need basic skills in such languages.

### 2016 Approved/Agreed

The skills kits programme was approved.

### 2017 Implementation

### **2018 Implementation**

MCAST continued offering and providing the programme during the academic year 2018/19.

### **2019 Implementation**

MCAST continued offering and providing the programme during the academic year 2019/20.

### **2020 Implementation**

In March 2020, the *Skills kits* programme was put on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions and school closures.

In December 2020, six new *skills kits* were developed targeting education on using online platforms. These have been launched and are being promoted.

### **2021 Implementation**

Although the Skills kits were on offer, these had to be halted due to COVID-19 closure.

### **2022 Implementation**

MCAST continued offering Skills kits programme during the academic year.

### **2023 Implementation**

The measure was operational and ran as regular practice.

### **2024 Implementation**

The measure was operational and ran as regular practice.

### **2025 Implementation**

The measure was operational and ran as regular practice.

## **Bodies responsible**

- Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST)

## **Target group**

### **Learners**

Young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs)

## **Thematic categories**

### **Modernising VET offer and delivery**

Modernising VET standards, curricula, programmes and training courses

Acquiring key competences

### **Transparency and portability of VET skills and qualifications**

Learners' possibilities of accumulation, validation and recognition of learning outcomes acquired non-formally and informally

### **Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation**

Permeability between IVET and CVET and general and vocational pathways, academic and professional higher education

Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness in education and training

## **Subsystem**

IVET

## **Further reading**

[Newspaper article about Skills kits](#)

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[Cedefop ReferNet Malta \(2018\). Malta: skills kits offer opportunity for furthering education](#)

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[MCAST Prospectus 2019/20](#)

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[Skills kits programme \(course description\):](#)

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