

Increased financial support to VET learners

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 ESTONIA

Timeline



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Background

Dropout rates have been relatively high in VET (21.2% in 2019) and the proportion of learners with a low socio-economic background is higher in VET compared with general education.

Objectives

The aim of increasing financial support for VET learners is to prevent their dropout because of financial reasons.

Description

In 2015, the study allowance for VET students was increased to prevent dropout for economic reasons. The terms and conditions for travel allowances were changed to remedy previous unequal access to this benefit. In 2016, accommodation allowances (up to EUR 50 per month) were introduced, in particular for VET learners in schools with no dormitory facilities, and for learners with special educational needs. As of December 2018, the target group benefiting from compensation for purchase of a school lunch was enlarged to all students without upper secondary education.

2015 Implementation

2016 Implementation

2017 Implementation

2018 Implementation

2019 Implementation

The measure was operational and ran as a regular practice.

2020 Implementation

In 2020, VET students whose study time was extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic received a study allowance proportionate to the extended study time.

2021 Completed

The measure was operational and ran as a regular practice.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Education and Research

Target group

Learners

Learners in upper secondary, including apprentices
Adult learners

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 CVET

Further reading

[Regulation on the procedure and scope of reimbursement of travel expenses for students of public schools \(in Estonian\)](#)

[Study allowances and study loans act](#)

Related policy developments

2022 Completed

Amending the financing principles of VET (until 2022)

The financing model for VET has been renewed and amendments to the Vocational Education Institutions Act were adopted in 2018. They came into force in 2019. Financing principles were changed to increase VET institutions' motivation and autonomy.

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