

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Ammattitutkintostipendi
Name of the instrument - English translation	Scholarship for qualified employees
Scheme ID	82
Country	 Finland
Reporting year	2015
Type of instrument	Grant for individuals
Type of entry	Single instrument

Short description	Persons with at least five years of working history in Finland, independent of their current employment status can apply for this grant. The eligible education and training activities include all kinds of vocational examinations.
Short description of the related instruments	nap

Level of operation	National
Name of a part of the country	nap
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	nap
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	nap
Relevance	Key scheme
Legal basis	Laki Koulutusrahastosta (Act on the Education Fund)
Year of implementation	2002
Year of latest amendment	2013
Operation/management	Scholarship for qualified employees is provided by the Education Fund, which is administered by the social

	partners of the Finnish Labour market. The Education Fund is financed by the Unemployment Insurance Fund and the State, and its operations are monitored by the Financial Supervisory Authority.
Eligible group(s)	Persons with at least 5 years of working history in Finland before passing the tests. It doesn't matter whether the applicant is unemployed, employed or on study leave.
Group(s) with preferential treatment	None
Education and training eligible	Vocational examinations.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	Education Fund, funded by the Unemployment Insurance Fund and the State
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	<p>If the tests of competence are passed after 1 August 2013, the amount of the scholarship will be EUR 390.</p> <p>If the qualification the person has got is his or her first qualification, the amount of the scholarship will be EUR 450. The qualifications and degrees the person may have gotten abroad do not count in this respect. The scholarship is tax-free. It is transferred directly to the individual who has passed a test (reimbursement principle). It must be applied within a year after passing the tests.</p>
Eligible costs	Fees and other costs related to education and training
Volumes of funding	In 2014, the Education Fund paid out a total of EUR 9 300 000 for scholarships for qualified employees.
Beneficiaries/take up	In 2014, the scholarship was granted to 23 231 people.
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	The Education Fund.
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	na
Most relevant webpage - in English	http://www.koulutusrahasto.fi/en/scholarshipforqualifiedemployee/
Most relevant webpage - local language	http://www.koulutusrahasto.fi/fi/ammattitutkintostipendi/
Sources	http://www.koulutusrahasto.fi/fi/ammattitutkintostipendi/