
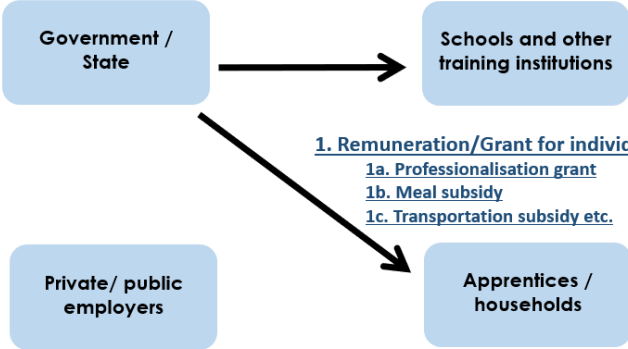


Scheme name	Apprenticeship programmes
Country	 Portugal
Duration	2.5 years
Apprentices remuneration - characteristics	<p>Type: allowance paid by the State (from EU funds); fixed amount per month</p> <p>Remuneration setting: centrally, as a share of the 'IAS (Indexante de Apoios Sociais, Social Support Index)'</p> <p>Coverage: on- and off-the-job training</p> <p>Variation(s): by family income and programme attendance</p> <p>Sources: https://www.iefp.pt/documents/10181/6489901/RE_APZ_201 and http://www.cinel.pt/appv2/Portals/0/ApoiosSociais/mapa_apoios</p>
Apprentices remuneration - amount	<p>Average regulated remuneration: for 'professionalisation grant' (see below): EUR 42.13 per month, EUR 505.56 per year</p> <p>▼ Read more ▼</p> <p>The allowance consists of professionalisation scholarship/grant and transportation and meal subsidy (in exceptional cases also accommodation and household subsidy). For details see Axis 3 - Learning, Lifelong Skills and Enhancement of Employability - Apprenticeship Programmes. Each apprentice may receive a different amount of the allowance based on family income, programme attendance and other criteria. Source: https://www.iefp.pt/documents/10181/6488057/RE_APZ_201</p> <p>Level in PPS: 50.1 per month; 601.14 per year Level in PPS per hour (average): 1.2 Share of national minimum wage: 6.81% (calculation based on the min wage of EUR 618.33 in 2016, S2)</p>
Time foreseen for on-the-job-training	<p>Between 20-50% of the overall duration of apprenticeship</p> <p>On-the-job training must alternate with the classroom-training; it may take place in blocks, for example: 900 hours of classroom-training followed by 300 hours of on-the-job training, in the 1st period of the programme; 675 hours of classroom-training followed by 550 hours of on-the-job training, in the 2nd period; and 600 hours of classroom-training followed by 650 hours of on-the-job training, in the 3rd period.</p>
Apprentice social insurance	Not applicable. There is no formal contract signed between the company and the apprentice.

Additional support for apprentice	-
Financing on-the-job training	<p>There is no formal contract signed between the company and the apprentice. The company must only provide the necessary equipment, the workspace and support through the in-company trainer. The State pays allowance to the apprentice, for details see 'Axis 3 - Learning, Lifelong Skills and Enhancement of Employability - Apprenticeship Programmes'.</p>
Financing of the scheme overall	<p>The scheme is financed by the European Social Fund and the Portuguese Government. The following activities are eligible under Axis 3: Centers for Qualification and Vocational Education (CQEP); Learning Courses, Adult Education and Training (EFA) and Recurrent Education. The total allocation for these activities is EUR 592 million (including EUR 503 million from ESF). In the period 2014-2016, 236 actions were approved out of 241 applications submitted and corresponding to a total investment of EUR 204 million (including EUR 173 million from ESF) and a commitment rate of about 1/3 of the amount available. The actions under Adult Education and Training (EFA) and Learning Courses System involved EUR 196 million.</p>
Illustration: sources of funding and financial flows	 <pre> graph TD GS[Government / State] --> STI[Schools and other training institutions] GS --> AH[Apprentices / households] PE[Private / public employers] --> AH </pre> <p>1. Remuneration/Grant for individuals: <u>1a. Professionalisation grant</u> <u>1b. Meal subsidy</u> <u>1c. Transportation subsidy etc.</u></p>
Assessment of financing arrangements	<p>Strengths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allows the development of skills and competences (particularly those which are more difficult to develop in the classroom) - Enables a smoother transition from school life to professional life - Motivates students throughout the duration of the course and keeps them engaged in the learning process - For the companies involved - higher productivity gains, and higher levels of recruitment and retention by employers <p>Weaknesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of support from companies and from chambers of commerce - Still a “negative”, second-choice type of educational pathway for most Portuguese - There should be a more balanced implementation between school- and work-based training <p>Statutory minimum wage: EUR 618.33 per month (2016,</p>

Contextual information

S2), EUR 649.83 (2017, S1 and S2)
Average yearly working time (hours) for a full time job:
1,796.60

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