


Name of the instrument in English	Government Maintenance Grant
Country	 Malta
Type of instrument	Grants for individuals

Level of operation	National
Part of the country where the instrument applies	nap
Region(s) in which the instrument applies	nap
Sector(s) in which the instrument applies	nap
Legal basis	Subsidiary legislation 340.222 Technician Apprenticeship scheme, http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&itemid=... and Chapter 343 Employment and Training Services Act, https://jobsplus.gov.mt/fileprovider.aspx?fileId=1730
Year of introduction	1990
Year of termination	No foreseen end to the instrument (on-going)
Governance (management, operation, monitoring and evaluation)	MCAST is in charge of implementing apprenticeship. The maintenance grant is managed by the Ministry of Education and Employment, which is also responsible for ensuring that apprentices follow the course (those who drop out stop receiving the grant).
Eligible group(s)	All apprentices
Education and training eligible	The instrument supports apprenticeship and other types of education and training. It applies to EQF 3-4 levels.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	State
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	The maximum amount that an apprentice may receive per year is EUR 3,827.72. Apprentices are asked to register for the maintenance grant each year and to present evidence that they are still enrolled in the programme (those who drop out stop receiving the grant). The funds are disbursed to all eligible applicants on the basis of the legal entitlement. The grant is transferred to learner's bank account.

Eligible costs	Various costs. Apprentices may use the grant (allowance) as they wish.
Volumes of funding	In academic year 2015/2016, the public funding amounted to EUR 1,263,261. No EU funding involved.
Beneficiaries/take up	In academic year 2015/2016, 983 apprentices benefited from the grant (i.e. all eligible apprentices)
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	The main monitoring that is involved is that of ensuring that any apprentices who drop out stop receiving the maintenance grant.
Recent or planned changes	The structure of apprenticeship was changed but not the rates of payments. At the time of this research, new legislation was open for consultation and was to be drafted. It would change the payment mechanism for apprentices/regulate rates of payment.
Sources	http://education.gov.mt/en/Documents/Public%20Consultations/Work%20Base...

Related apprenticeship schemes

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