

# Get Qualified Scheme 2017-2020

The Scholarships Unit at the Ministry of Education and Employment, Malta (MEDE), is providing Maltese citizens with an incentive to pursue higher education in an area of their choice – whether in Malta or abroad – by making available to them a tax credit. This scheme is meant to enhance students' knowledge and skills, and consequently benefit the Maltese economy.

The tax credit scheme is open to students who wish to attain any college degree or its equivalent. The amount of money reimbursed is proportionate to the Malta Qualifications Framework (MQF) level (minimum MQF level 3) of their intended area of study.

Pending further notice by the Scholarships Unit, applications for the tax credit will be available until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

## Eligibility and Reimbursement Details

Students taking up studies in any field approved by the National Commission for Further and Higher Education (NCFHE) at level 3 or higher – according to the MQF grading structure – are eligible for the tax credit certification. (Other non-MQF approved areas of study will be considered on an individual basis.)

Successful students will receive a tax credit equivalent to 70% of the expenses incurred in their respective study programs. However, the maximum cap for sums disbursed varies, as it depends on the MQF level of the program. This is as follows:

MQF Level and Program Type	Maximum Cap
3 (Vocational Certificates/Diplomas/Qualification)	€1,500
4 (Vocational Certificates/Diplomas/Qualification)	€2,500
5 (Undergraduate Diploma)	€3,500
6 (Bachelor's Degree)	€12,500
7 (Post-graduate Degree, Diploma, or Certificate)	€15,000
8 (Doctorate)	€25,000

Other Courses (specialized courses which are non-MQF level-rated)	€2,000
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Tax credit reimbursement will cover any expense, including:

- Fees paid to the awarding body issuing the tax credit qualification
- Fees paid to the institution where the student has studied/trained and obtained the relevant qualification upon completion
- Examination fees, including up to one re-sit needed to complete studies.

Regarding deadlines, in order to qualify for the scheme, the student's studies must have commenced before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Also, the student must submit his or her application for the scheme no later than two years after the date marked on the program completion certificate.

For more details, please refer to [the original document issued by the Scholarships Unit, MEDE.](#)