

L.N. 180 of 1999

**EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SERVICES ACT
(CAP. 343)**

**Extended Skill Training Scheme (Amendment)
Regulations, 1999**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Employment and Training Services Act, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Social Policy, after consulting the Employment and Training Corporation, and with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, has made the following regulations:—

Citation and
commencement.

L.N. 73 of 1998.

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Extended Skill Training Scheme (Amendment) Regulations, 1999 and shall be read and construed as one with the Extended Skill Training Scheme Regulations, 1998, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

(2) These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st October, 1999.

Substitutes
regulation 9 of the
principal
regulations.

2. For regulation 9 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:—

“Maintenance
grants and
wages.

9. (1) An apprentice under this Scheme shall be entitled to a maintenance grant and a wage as follows:—

(a) during the broad-banded year of the apprenticeship—

(i) a grant of Lm140 paid on a once-only basis to cover expenses related to the purchase of educational equipment,

(ii) a fixed maintenance grant of Lm40 per month made available during the academic year (October to June), and

(iii) a grant of Lm100 per month from July to September;

(b) during the First Year of specialisation of apprenticeship –

(i) a maintenance grant of Lm40 per month for twelve months paid by the Government, and

(ii) a wage of Lm1,070 per annum paid by the employer;

(c) during the Second Year of specialisation of apprenticeship –

(i) a maintenance grant of Lm40 per month for twelve months paid by the Government, and

(ii) a wage of Lm1,120 per annum paid by the employer;

(d) during the Third Year of specialisation of apprenticeship –

a wage of Lm1,650 per annum paid by the employer.

(2) The wage payable by the employer shall be paid at regular intervals according to the practice of the establishment.

(3) From the first year of specialisation of apprenticeship onwards, apprentices will be entitled to half the annual statutory bonus payable in accordance with section 29 of the Conditions of Employment (Regulation) Act. The bonus is payable by the employer.

(4) Regulations 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of these regulations shall apply from the first year of the specialisation of apprenticeship onwards.

(5) Maintenance grants are paid to apprentices who –

(a) are Maltese citizens and with at least one parent being a Maltese citizen,

(b) have resided in Malta for a period of not less than five years from the date of commencement of the apprenticeship.

(6) Apprentices shall not be entitled to the maintenance grant during the period July to September of the broad-banded year of the apprenticeship unless they attend for practical training at an establishment approved by the Corporation.

(7) Apprentices who absent themselves from the theoretical tuition at school shall have their maintenance grant deducted accordingly.

(8) Apprentices who absent themselves from practical training shall have their wage deducted by their employer accordingly.

(9) Apprentices who are required to repeat a year of the apprenticeship, shall not be entitled to the maintenance grant during the year that they repeat. However, they will be entitled to the wage issued by the employer provided they attend for practical training.”.