

L.N. 259 of 2002

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

Migrant Workers (Child Education) Regulations, 2002

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 47 of the Education Act, the Minister of Education has made the following regulations:-

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Migrant Workers(Child Education) Regulations, 2002. Citation, applicability and commencement.

(2) These regulations shall apply to the children of migrant workers of compulsory school age.

(3) These regulations shall come into effect on a date to be established by the Minister in the Gazette.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires - Interpretation.

“Agreement” means an agreement between states or between groups of states to which Malta is a party, reciprocally granting to citizens of such states or their dependents the right to enter, remain and reside in and leave the country of such state, to move freely within such states for such period as may be established in the agreement and to work or establish, provide or receive services therein; and “Agreement State” and “citizen of an Agreement State” shall be construed accordingly; and where a state is a party to such an Agreement subject to modifications and adaptations, a citizen of an Agreement State shall also be subject to such modifications or adaptations as may be prescribed;

“children of migrant workers” means any child residing in Malta for whom school attendance is compulsory under Maltese law and who is a dependent of a migrant worker;

“migrant worker” means any person who carries out or has carried out an activity in Malta as an employed or self-employed person who is a citizen of an Agreement State;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for education;

“State school” means any state financed, controlled and managed school for students of compulsory school age;

“teacher” means any person holding a valid teacher’s warrant who is employed by a recognized educational establishment to teach children of compulsory school age.

Provision of free instruction.

3. (1) It shall be the duty of the State to take appropriate measures to ensure that free tuition is given to children of migrant workers in a State school in order to facilitate their initial reception in the educational environment and the school system of Malta as the host State, including, in particular, the teaching, as adopted to the specific needs of such children, of any of the official languages Malta.

(2) The State shall take measures, within reasonable limits, to facilitate the eventual re-integration of the children of migrant workers into their Agreement States of origin, by promoting the teaching of both the mother tongue and the culture of the country of origin of such children in cooperation with such country of origin.

Provision of teacher training.

4. The Minister shall take all necessary measures for the adequate training of teachers providing tuition to the children of migrant workers.