

MINISTRY FOR FINANCE AND EMPLOYMENT

A Once-Only Grant for persons who were formerly licensed Port Workers between 4th April, 1973 and 1st June, 2007 and who were not so licensed after such period.

IN ORDER to implement one of the measures identified in Budget for the year 2021, the Prime Minister, the Minister for Finance and Employment and the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, have developed the following Scheme that aims to provide a once only grant for persons who were formerly employed as licensed port workers between 4th April, 1973 and 1st June, 2007 and who were not so licensed after such period.

SCHEME

1. Interpretation

In this Scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Malta” means the Maltese Islands;

“applicant/s” means an individual resident in Malta who was formerly employed as a licensed port worker between 4th April, 1973 and 1st June, 2007 and was not so licensed after this period.

“effective period” means the period between 4th April 1973 and 1st June 2007.

2. Area of applicability

This Scheme applies to applicants enrolled in the Port Pension and Contingency Fund during the effective period. Applicants so enrolled shall only be entitled to a once only grant.

The Scheme also applies to the heirs of such port workers if such port workers are deceased when the application for the once only grant under the Scheme is made.

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

(i) Applications under this Scheme shall be made on the application form set out in the Schedule to this Scheme and shall contain all the information and details as required in the said form and in terms of this Scheme.

(ii) In the case of applications under this Scheme made by the heirs of the same *decujus*, the application shall be made by the heirs. **Where there is more than one heir, there shall be made one joint application by the heirs.** Together with the application, there shall be produced a declaration made by a notary public, in which declaration there shall be declared who the heir or heirs of the *decujus* is or are, and who is the sole heir authorized to receive payment on behalf of all heirs, on condition that the *decujus* was eligible to apply for the Scheme. The Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects reserves the right to request the production of other documents besides the documents herein mentioned.

(iii) Only those applications that are found to conform with the provisions of this Scheme shall be eligible for payment of the grant.

(iv) Applications under this Scheme, including the documents that are to be attached to the application, shall be sent by mail to the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Block A, Francesco Buonamici Street, Floriana FRN 1700 by not later than **31st July, 2021**.

(v) Persons who had applied under the Scheme issued in the Government Gazette on 2nd May, 2017, 17th April, 2018, 26th April 2019 and on 8th May 2020 and who later received payments in view of their eligibility under that same Scheme, will be contacted by the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects in due course, to confirm the relevant details.

(vi) In the case of the demise of an eligible applicant or authorized heir who received payment under the previous calls for applications in 2017 / 2018 / 2019 /2020, a fresh application under this new call has to be submitted by the heirs in the manner explained in sub-clause 3 (ii) above.

4. Grant payable under this scheme

Eligible applicants who were members in the Port and Contingency Fund during the effective period, including their heirs where applicable, may apply for a once-only grant

5. Payment of Grant

The amount of the grant will be paid to the eligible applicant by cheque or via a direct credit transaction in his/her Bank Account. In the case of cheques, these shall be posted to the address shown on the application form. No interest shall run on the amount of the grant due to the applicant.

It is a condition of this scheme that by accepting the grant the applicant shall be renouncing to any other future claim related to this scheme and shall withdraw any case presently instituted against Government, Authority or Government entity.

The Scheme may be spread over a number of years with separate calls for application being issued from time to time. Each call for applications shall be subject to a separate verification process. The details shall be announced with each call which may be issued.

6. Validity of application

An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted unless it is full and complete in all material respects and unless it contains all the information and is accompanied by all the documentation requested therein.

7. Review of decisions

An applicant whose application for the payment of the grant under the Scheme is not acceded to shall be informed by the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects of such refusal by means of a registered letter.

An applicant who feels aggrieved from the decision taken has the right to request a revision of the said decision within twenty-one (21) days from the receipt of the decision. The request for a revision, together with a copy of the refusal letter, shall be sent within the established period by means of a registered letter addressed to the Director Finance and Administration, Ministry for Transport Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Block A, Francesco Buonamici Str, Floriana FRN 1700.

The review of the decision shall be done by the Grant Review Board, which Board shall be set up following an order issued by the Minister responsible for Finance and Employment and published in the Government Gazette. The decision of the Grant Review Board shall be final and there shall be no appeal from the decision of the Board.

8. Amendments to the Scheme

The Minister responsible for Finance and Employment shall have the right to make any amendments to this Scheme by the publication of the said amendments in the Government Gazette.

MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS



Application Form – 2021

Application for a once-only grant for persons who were formerly licensed as Port Workers between 4th April, 1973 and 1st June, 2007 and were not so licensed after such period.		
Information requested in sections 1.1 to 1.3 to be filled in all applications. Information requested in sections 2.1 to 2.7 to be filled <i>only</i> if the person on behalf of whom the application is being made is still alive		
1.1	Name and surname of applicant or person on behalf of whom application is being made	
1.2	Identity Card number	
1.3	License No.	
2.1	Name and/or number of residence	
2.2	Name of Street	
2.3	Locality	
2.4	Postcode	
2.5	Telephone Number	
2.6	Mobile Number	
2.7	Bank IBAN Number	
Information requested in sections 3.1 to 4.7 to be filled only if the person on behalf of whom the application is being made is deceased*		
3.1	Name and surname of heir authorized to apply	
3.2	Identity Card number	
4.1	Name and/or number of residence	
4.2	Name of street	
4.3	Locality	
4.4	Postcode	
4.5	Telephone number	
4.6	Mobile number	
4.7	Bank IBAN Number	

**In the case of applications made by heirs of deceased applicants, a declaration made by a notary public is required to be submitted with the application form, in which declaration there shall be declared who the heir/heirs are and who is the sole heir authorized to receive payment on behalf of all heirs. Only the name and details of the authorized heir to receive payment shall be filled in sections 3.1 to 4.6.*

This application is to be sent **by post**, to the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Block A, Francesco Buonamici Str, Floriana FRN 1700 by not later than **31st July 2021**.

Important Information

The personal information provided in this form is protected and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

The use of the Bank IBAN number, must be filled only by the eligible applicant who is going to receive the grant as the Beneficiary or by the authorized applicant who is going to receive the grant in the name of all heirs. The IBAN number is to be utilised for the payment of the 2021 scheme only.

In the event of an incorrect payment of a claim, the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects reserves the right to recover funds paid in error. Where a fraudulent claim arises, the Minister responsible for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects may initiate criminal proceedings against those responsible.

The information shown on the application form will be used by the Ministry for Finance and Employment and the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects.

Declaration

I declare that the details and the information in this application are correct and that I am eligible to receive a once-only grant in the Scheme for persons who were formerly licensed port workers between 4th April, 1973 and 1st June, 2007 and who were not so licensed after this period.

I declare that this claim under this particular scheme is final and that by accepting this grant I am renouncing to any other future claim under this particular scheme and withdraw any case or cases, presently instituted against Government, Authority or Government entity.

I understand that giving false and misleading information in connection with this application form is a serious offence and may result in a requirement to repay the full grant and to face criminal proceedings.

Signature of Applicant/
Authorized heir

I.D. No.

Date