

Nru. 550**MINISTERU GĦAT-TRASPORT,
L-INFRASTRUTTURA U X-XOGĦLIJJIET
PUBBLIĊI****Skema tal-Gvern biex tippromwovi
l-użu tal-LPG fil-vetturi**

Il-Ministeru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi, flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta, qed iniedi skema ta' għotja ta' flus biex tippromwovi l-użu tal-LPG fil-vetturi. Din hija miżura oħra favur l-ambjent maħsuba biex ikomplu jonqsu l-emissjonijiet mit-traffiku fit-toroq.

Sogġetta għall-kundizzjonijiet ta' hawn taht, se jithallsu l-ammonti tal-għotja li ġejjin:

€400 meta vettura li taħdem bil-petrol tal-Kategorija M1 jew N1 tiġi mmodifikata sabiex tkun tista' topera bl-LPG jew bil-petrol;

€900 meta vettura li taħdem bid-diesel tal-Kategorija M1 jew N1 tiġi mmodifikata sabiex tkun tista' topera bl-LPG u bid-diesel simultanjamant;

€1,000 meta vettura li taħdem bid-diesel tal-Kategorija M2 jew N2 tiġi mmodifikata sabiex tkun tista' topera bl-LPG u bid-diesel simultanjamant;

€1,500 meta vettura li taħdem bid-diesel tal-Kategorija M3 jew N3 tiġi mmodifikata sabiex tkun tista' topera bl-LPG u bid-diesel simultanjamant.

L-iskema tidhol fis-seħh fl-1 ta' Jannar 2024 u taghlaq fil-31 ta' Dicembru 2024, jew sakemm il-baġit allokat ta' sittin elf ewro (€60,000) jiġi eżawrit.

Persuni li mmodifikaw il-vettura tagħhom sabiex topera bl-LPG skont ir-rekwiziti stipulati f'dan id-dokument matul is-snin li għaddew u ma rċevewx għotja mill-iskemi li kienu applikabbli fil-passat, xorta jistgħu japplikaw għall-għotja. L-ammonti tal-għotjiet maħruġa jkunu dawk definiti fl-Avviz 482 għal vetturi li jahdmu bid-diesel u fl-Avviz 479 għal vetturi li jahdmu bil-petrol, kif maħruġa fid-9 ta' April 2021.

L-għotjiet taht din l-iskema għandhom jingħataw fuq bazi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel.

L-ISKEMA**1. Interpretazzjoni**

Għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, sakemm ir-rabta tal-kliem ma tkunx teħtieġ xort'oħra:

No. 550**MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND
PUBLIC WORKS****Government scheme to promote LPG
as fuel for vehicles**

THE Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works in conjunction with the Authority for Transport in Malta, is launching another grant scheme to promote the use of LPG as fuel for vehicles. This is another environment friendly budget measure aimed at reducing further emissions from road transport.

Subject to the below conditions, the following grant amounts shall be issued:

€400 when a petrol-powered Category M1 or N1 vehicle is retrofitted to operate on LPG or petrol;

€900 when a diesel-powered Category M1 or N1 vehicle is retrofitted to operate with LPG and diesel simultaneously;

€1,000 when a diesel-powered Category M2 or N2 vehicle is retrofitted to operate with LPG and diesel simultaneously;

€1,500 when a diesel-powered Category M3 or N3 vehicle is retrofitted to operate with LPG and diesel simultaneously.

The scheme came into effect as of the 1st of January 2024 and closes on the 31st of December 2024, or until the allocated budget of sixty thousand Euro (€60,000) is exhausted.

Persons who have modified their vehicle to operate using LPG in compliance with the requirements set out in this document during the past years and have not received a grant from the applicable grant schemes in the past, may still apply for the grant. The amount of the grants awarded will be those defined in Notice 482 for diesel-powered vehicles and Notice 479 for petrol-powered vehicles dated 9th April 2021.

The grants in this scheme shall be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

THE SCHEME**1. Interpretation**

For the purposes of the scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

'applikant' tfisser il-persuna li tkun qiegħda tapplika għall-ghotja taht din l-iskema u li, filwaqt li tkun persuna residenti f'Malta jew impriza stabbilita f'Malta, ikollha l-vettura registrata f'isimha;

'applikazzjoni' tfisser l-applikazzjoni li ssir għal ghotja taht din l-iskema;

'ċertifikat tat-tagħmir' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat maħruġ minn persuna kompetenti wara t-tagħmir ta' vettura bil-mutur b'sistema ta' provvista ta' LPG;

'ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni ta' vettura maħruġ minn Transport Malta li jiċċertifika li l-vettura bil-mutur hija rreġistrata u f'isem min il-vettura hija rreġistrata;

'emissjoni ta' duħħan' tfisser l-emissjonijiet vizibbli minn magna tat-tqabbid bil-kompressjoni (diesel);

'ghotja' tfisser l-ghotja li qiegħda tingħata taht din l-iskema lil applikant li jissodisfa r-rekwiżiti tat-taqsim 4;

'impriza stabbilita f'Malta' tfisser entità kummerċjali stabbilita f'Malta, inkluż persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-Liġi Nazzjonali, fundazzjoni jew soċjetà kooperattiva;

'impriza waħda' tinkludi, għall-iskopijiet ta' din l-iskema, l-intraprizi kollha li jkollhom bejniethom mill-inqas waħda mir-relazzjonijiet li ġejjin:

a) intrapriza waħda li jkollha l-maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-vot tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'intrapriza oħra;

b) intrapriza waħda li jkollha d-dritt tahtar jew tneħhi maġġoranza tal-membri tal-korp amministrattiv, maniġerjali jew supervizorju ta' intrapriza oħra;

c) intrapriza waħda li jkollha d-dritt teżerċita influwenza dominanti fuq intrapriza oħra skont kuntratt li tkun daħlet fih flimkien ma' dik l-intrapriza jew skont dispożizzjoni fil-memorandum jew statut ta' assoċjazzjoni tagħha;

d) intrapriza waħda, illi tkun azzjonista fi jew membru ta' intrapriza oħra, tikkontrolla waħedha, skont ftehim ma' azzjonisti oħra fi jew membri ta' dik l-intrapriza, maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-voti tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'dik l-intrapriza.

L-intraprizi li jkollhom waħda mir-relazzjonijiet imsemmija fil-punti minn (a) sa (d) permezz ta' intrapriza waħda jew aktar, għandhom ukoll jitqiesu bħala impriza waħda.

'imprizi fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser imprizi attivi fil-produzzjoni, l-i-proċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura;

'applicant' means the person applying for a grant under this scheme and who, apart from being a person residing in Malta or an undertaking established in Malta, has the vehicle registered in his/her name;

'application' means the application made for a grant under this scheme;

'certificate of retrofitting' means the certificate issued by a competent person after the retrofitting of a motor vehicle with an LPG feeding system;

'vehicle registration certificate' means the vehicle registration certificate issued by Transport Malta providing proof of registration of the motor vehicle and in whose name the vehicle is registered;

'smoke emissions' means the visible emission from a compression-ignition (diesel) engine;

'grant' means the grant being given under this scheme to an applicant who satisfies the requirements of section 4;

'undertaking established in Malta' means a commercial entity established in Malta, including a self-employed person in accordance with National Law, a foundation or a cooperative society;

'Single undertaking' includes, for the purposes of this scheme, all enterprises having at least one of the following relationships with each other:

a) one enterprise has a majority of the shareholders' or members' voting rights in another enterprise;

b) one enterprise has the right to appoint or remove a majority of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory body of another enterprise;

c) one enterprise has the right to exercise a dominant influence over another enterprise pursuant to a contract entered with that enterprise or pursuant to a provision in its memorandum or articles of association;

d) one enterprise, which is a shareholder in or member of another enterprise, controls alone, pursuant to an agreement with other shareholders in or members of that enterprise, a majority of shareholders' or members' voting rights in that enterprise.

Enterprises having any of the relationships referred to in points (a) to (d) above through one or more other enterprises shall also be considered to be a single undertaking.

'undertakings in the fishery and aquaculture sector' means undertakings active in the production, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products;

'LPG' tfisser gass taż-żejt likwifikat bi speċifikazzjonijiet skont MSA EN 589 użat għall-propulsjoni ta' vetturi bil-mutur;

'Malta' tfisser il-gżejjer Maltin;

'persuna' tfisser persuna fiżika;

'persuna kompetenti' tfisser:

Fil-każ ta' sistema ta' provvista ta' LPG mghammra fuq vettura li taħdem bil-petrol, il-persuna li hija approvata mir-Regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Enerġija u l-Ilma biex twettaq xogħol, superviżjoni u ċertifikazzjoni relatati mal-użu tal-LPG f'vetturi bil-mutur;

Fil-każ ta' sistema ta' provvista ta' LPG mghammra fuq vettura li taħdem bid-diesel, il-persuna rikonoxxuta bħala tali mill-manifattur tat-tagħmir approvat.

'persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna fiżika li jkollha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu maħruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti oħra tal-Identità (Kap. 258) jew li jkollha permess ta' residenza jew ittra maħruġa mill-uffiċċju tal-espatrijazzjoni fil-Ministeru għall-Affarijiet Barranin;

'prodotti agrikoli' tfisser il-prodotti elenkati fl-Anness I tat-Trattat, bl-eċċezzjoni tal-prodotti tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura li jaqgħu fl-ambitu tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 1379/2013 tal-Parlament Ewropew u tal-Kunsill (ĠU L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 1);

'prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura' tfisser il-prodotti definiti fl-Artikolu 5, il-punti (a) u (b) tar-Regolament (UE) Nru 1379/2013;

'ir-Regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Enerġija u l-Ilma' tfisser ir-regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Enerġija u l-Ilma responsabbli għas-servizzi relatati mal-enerġija u l-ilma u sabiex jipprovdi dwar affarijiet ancillari għal dan jew konnessi ma' dan;

'sid registrat' tfisser il-persuna li f'isimha vettura tkun giet irregistrata minn Transport Malta;

'sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG' tfisser sistema li tinkludi tagħmir, tankijiet, software u kwalunkwe komponent ieħor maħsub biex jaħżen, jipprovdi, ikejjel u b'xi mod ieħor jimmaniġġja l-LPG f'vettura bil-mutur;

'Transport Malta' tfisser l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta stabbilita bl-Att dwar l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Kap. 499);

'valur tal-emissjonijiet ta' duħħan' jirreferi għall-kejl tad-duħħan maħruġ minn magna tat-tqabbid bil-kompresjoni

'LPG' means liquefied petroleum gas with specifications according to MSA EN 589 used for the propulsion of motor vehicles;

'Malta' means the islands of Malta;

'person' means a natural person;

'competent person' means:

in case of LPG Feeding systems installed on petrol powered vehicles, the person who is approved by the Regulator for Energy and Water Services to carry out work, supervision and certification related to the use of LPG on motor vehicles;

in case of LPG Feeding systems installed on diesel powered vehicles, the person recognised by the manufacturer of the type approved retrofit kit;

'person residing in Malta' means a natural person who either holds a legally valid identification document issued in terms of the Identity Card and other Identity Documents Act (Cap. 258) or who has a residence permit or a letter issued from the expatriate office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

'agricultural products' means products listed in Annex I to the Treaty, with the exception of fishery and aquaculture products falling within the scope of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 354 28.12.2013, p.1);

'fishery and aquaculture products' means the products defined in Article 5, points (a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013;

'Regulator for Energy and Water Services' means the Regulator responsible for services relating to energy and water, and to make provision with respect to matters ancillary thereto and connected therewith;

'registered owner' means the person in whose name a motor vehicle is registered by Transport Malta;

'LPG feeding system' means a system including equipment, tanks, software and any other component intended to store, feed, meter and in any other way handle LPG within a motor vehicle;

'Transport Malta' means the Authority for Transport in Malta set up under the provisions of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act (Cap. 499);

'smoke emissions value' refers to the measurement of smoke emitted by a compression-ignition (diesel) engine (also

(diesel) (imsejjah ukoll bhala 'l-valur K') permezz ta' miter tal-opacità użat fi stazzjon awtorizzat għat-testijiet ta' affidabilità stradali skont ir-Regolamenti dwar Testijiet biex Jiċcertifikaw li Vetturi bil-Mutur huma Tajba għat-Triq (L.S. 65.15);

'vettura tal-Kategorija M1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-passiġġieri u li tista' ġgħorr mhux iktar minn tmien (8) passiġġieri apparti s-sewwieq;

'vettura tal-Kategorija M2' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-passiġġieri li tinkludi aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra s-sedil tas-sewwieq u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx hames (5) tunnellati;

'vettura tal-Kategorija M3' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-passiġġieri li tinkludi aktar minn tmien (8) sedili minbarra s-sedil tas-sewwieq u li għandha massa massima ta' aktar minn hames (5) tunnellati;

'vettura tal-Kategorija N1' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha piż massimu permissibbli li ma jaqbiżx it-tliet tunnellati u nofs (3.5 tunnellati);

'vettura tal-Kategorija N2' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima li ma taqbiżx seba' tunnellati u nofs (7.5 tunnellati);

'vettura tal-Kategorija N3' tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li għandha massa massima ta' aktar minn seba' tunnellati u nofs (7.5 tunnellati);

'vettura bil-mutur' tfisser vettura tal-Kategorija M1, N1, M2, N2, M3 jew N3.

2. Għal min tapplika l-iskema

2.1. L-iskema tapplika għal persuna residenti f'Malta jew impriza stabbilita f'Malta.

2.2. Regoli dwar l-Għajnuna mill-Istat

Fil-każ ta' applikazzjonijiet għal għotja taht din l-iskema minn imprizi, l-assistenza se tingħata f'konformità ma' wiehed mir-Regolamenti *de minimis* li ġejjin:

(a) Għal imprizi li huma attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 1408/2013 tat-18 ta' Dicembru 2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajnuna *de minimis* fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 352/9, 24.12.2013), kif amendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2019/316 tal-21 ta' Frar 2019 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 1408/2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar

referred-to as the 'K value') by means of an opacity meter used within an authorized vehicle roadworthiness testing station in terms of the Motor Vehicle Roadworthiness Test Regulations (S.L.65.15);

'Category M1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the transport of persons, and which may carry no more than eight (8) passengers in addition to the driver;

'Category M2 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons comprising more than eight (8) seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum mass not exceeding five (5) tonnes;

'Category M3 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons comprising more than eight (8) seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum mass exceeding five (5) tonnes;

'Category N1 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding three and a half (3.5) tonnes;

'Category N2 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass exceeding three and a half (3.5) tonnes but not exceeding seven and a half (7.5) tonnes;

'Category N3 vehicle' means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass exceeding seven and a half (7.5) tonnes;

'motor vehicle' means a Category M1, N1, M2, N2, M3 or N3 vehicle.

2. Area of applicability

2.1. The scheme applies to a person residing in Malta or an undertaking established in Malta.

2.2. State aid rules

In the case of grant applications under this scheme by undertakings assistance will be provided in line with one of the following *de minimis* Regulations:

(a) For undertakings that are active in the primary production of agricultural products: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1408/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to *de minimis* aid in the agriculture sector (OJ L 352/9, 24.12.2013), as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/316 of 21 February 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to *de*

il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-ghajjnuna de minimis fis-settur tal-agrikoltura (ĠU L 511, 22.2.2019) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2391 tal-4 ta' Ottubru 2023 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 717/2014, (UE) Nru 1407/2013, (UE) Nru 1408/2013 u (UE) Nru 360/2012 fir-rigward tal-ghajjnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali ta' ghajjnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriza waħda, il-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(b) Għal imprizi li huma attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 717/2014 tas-27 ta' Ġunju 2014 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-ghajjnuna de minimis fis-settur tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura (ĠU L 190/45, 28.6.2014), kif emendat bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2020/2008 tat-8 ta' Diċembru 2020 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 702/2014, (UE) Nru 717/2014 u (UE) Nru 1388/2014, fir-rigward tal-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħhom u aġġustamenti rilevanti oħra (ĠU L 414/15, 9.12.2020), bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2022/2514 tal-14 ta' Diċembru 2022 li jemenda r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tiegħu (ĠU L 326, 21.12.2022) u bir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2391 tal-4 ta' Ottubru 2023 li jemenda r-Regolamenti (UE) Nru 717/2014, (UE) Nru 1407/2013, (UE) Nru 1408/2013 u (UE) Nru 360/2012 fir-rigward tal-ghajjnuna de minimis għall-ipproċessar u l-kummerċjalizzazzjoni ta' prodotti tas-sajd u tal-akkwakultura, u r-Regolament (UE) Nru 717/2014 fir-rigward tal-ammont totali ta' ghajjnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriza waħda, il-perjodu ta' applikazzjoni tagħha u kwistjonijiet oħra (ĠU L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(c) Għal imprizi li huma attivi fis-setturi l-oħra kollha: Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2831 tat-13 ta' Diċembru 2023 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għal ghajjnuna de minimis (ĠU L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

L-ammont totali ta' ghajjnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriza waħda m'għandux jaqbeż il-limiti stabbiliti fir-Regolamenti *de minimis* applikabbli indikati hawn fuq. Skont l-attività tal-applikant, il-limiti *de minimis* huma kif ġej:

(a) Għal imprizi attivi fil-produzzjoni primarja ta' prodotti agrikoli, l-ammont totali ta' ghajjnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriza waħda m'għandux jaqbeż l-€20,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

(b) Għal imprizi jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji attivi fis-settur tas-sajd u l-akkwakultura, l-ammont totali ta' ghajjnuna *de minimis* mogħtija lil impriza waħda m'għandux jaqbeż it-€30,000 fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali;

minimis aid in the agriculture sector (OJ 51 I/1, 22.2.2019) and by Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2391 of 4 October 2023 amending Regulations (EU) No 717/2014, (EU) No 1407/2013, (EU) No 1408/2013 and (EU) No 360/2012 as regards de minimis aid for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, and Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking, its period of application and other matters (OJ L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(b) For undertakings that are active in the fishery and aquaculture sector: Commission Regulation (EU) No. 717/2014 of 27 June 2014 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid in the fishery and aquaculture sector (OJ L 190/45, 28.6.2014), as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/2008 of 8 December 2020 amending Regulations (EU) No 702/2014, (EU) No 717/2014 and (EU) No 1388/2014, as regards their period of application and other relevant adjustments (OJ L 414/15, 9.12.2020), by Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2514 of 14 December 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards its period of application (OJ L 326, 21.12.2022) and by Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2391 of 4 October 2023 amending Regulations (EU) No 717/2014, (EU) No 1407/2013, (EU) No 1408/2013 and (EU) No 360/2012 as regards de minimis aid for the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, and Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 as regards the total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking, its period of application and other matters (OJ L, 2023/2391, 05.10.2023);

(c) For undertakings that are active in all other sectors: Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

The total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking must not exceed the thresholds established in the applicable *de minimis* Regulation outlined above. The applicable *de minimis* thresholds are as follows:

a) For undertakings active in the primary production of agricultural products, the total amount of *de minimis* aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €20,000 over any period of three fiscal years;

b) For undertakings/voluntary active in the fishery and aquaculture sector, the total amount of *de minimis* aid granted to a single undertaking shall not exceed €30,000 over any period of three fiscal years;

(c) Għall-imprizi l-oħra kollha, l-ammont totali ta' għajjnuna *de minimis* m'għandux jaqbez il-€300,000 għal kull impriza waħda fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin.

Dan il-limitu massimu jkun jinkludi l-għajjnuna kollha mill-Istat mogħtija taħt din l-iskema ta' għajjnuna u kwalunkwe miżura oħra ta' għajjnuna mill-Istat mogħtija taħt ir-Regolament *de minimis* inkluż dik riċevuta u/jew applikati għalihom minn kwalunkwe entità għajr Transport Malta fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin skont liema regolament *de Minimis* ikun jgħodd. Kwalunkwe għajjnuna *de minimis* riċevuta li taqbez il-limitu applikabbli stabbilit se jkollha tiġi rkuprata, bl-imghax, mill-impriza li tirċievi l-għajjnuna.

L-applikanti kollha li jwettqu attività ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE għandhom jimlew u jissottomettu, flimkien mal-formola tal-applikazzjoni, formola ta' dikjarazzjoni *de minimis* iffirmata li tindika l-imprizi kollha li jiffurmaw parti mill-impriza waħda relatata mal-impriza applikanti, u kwalunkwe għajjnuna *de minimis* riċevuta u/jew applikati għalihom mill-impriza waħda matul il-perjodu applikabbli ta' tliet snin skont ir-Regolament *de minimis* applikabbli. Din id-dikjarazzjoni għandha tkun iffirmata u kkonfermata wkoll minn awditur jew accountant bil-warrant.

2.3. L-applikant irid ikun is-sid reġistrat ta' vettura bil-mutur li:

(a) hija rreġistrata ma', u lliċenzjata minn, Transport Malta f'isem l-applikant fid-data tat-tagħmir u fid-data tas-sottomissjoni tal-applikazzjoni għall-ghotja;

(b) giet immodifikata biex taħdem bl-LPG minn persuna kompetenti; u

(c) fil-każ ta' vettura li taħdem bil-petrol:

tkun giet mgħammra b'sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG li tikkonforma mar-rekwiżiti ta' UN ECE 67 jew UN ECE 115 u giet approvata minn awtorità tal-approvazzjoni tat-tip awtorizzata skont ir-Regolament (UE) 2018/858, u li tippermetti lill-vettura taħdem bl-użu tal-petrol jew LPG;

(d) fil-każ ta' vettura li taħdem bid-diesel:

i. tkun giet mgħammra b'sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG approvata minn awtorità tal-approvazzjoni tat-tip ta' kwalunkwe Stat Membru tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-użu fuq il-kategorija tal-vettura kkoncernata, u li tippermetti li l-magna tal-vettura taħdem b'diesel u LPG fl-istess hin biż-żewġ fjuwils jitkejlu separatament;

ii. għandha miter viżibbli li jippermetti lill-ufficjali ta' Transport Malta, jew lid-delegati tagħhom, jikkonfermaw li l-vettura qed tithaddem b'mod regolari bl-użu ta' fjuwil gassuż;

c) For all other undertakings, the total amount of *de minimis* aid shall not exceed €300,000 per single undertaking over any period of three years.

This maximum threshold would include all State aid granted under this aid scheme and any other State aid measure granted under the *de minimis* Regulation including that received and/or applied for from any entity other than Transport Malta over a period of three years established according to the applicable *de minimis* Regulation. Any *de minimis* aid received in excess of the established applicable threshold will have to be recovered, with interest, from the undertaking receiving the aid.

All applicants that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are to fill in and submit, together with the application form, a signed *de minimis* declaration form indicating all undertakings forming part of the single undertaking related to the applicant undertaking, and any *de minimis* aid received and/or applied for by the single undertaking during the applicable three-year period established according to the applicable *de minimis* Regulation. This declaration shall also be signed and confirmed by a warranted auditor or accountant.

2.3. The applicant must be the registered owner of a motor vehicle which:

(a) is registered with and licensed by Transport Malta in the name of the applicant on the date of retrofitting and on the date of application for the grant,

(b) has been retrofitted to operate with LPG by a competent person, and

(c) In the case of a petrol-powered vehicle:

has been equipped with an LPG feeding system that complies with the requirements of UN ECE 67 or UN ECE 115 and has been approved by an approving authority as the kind authorized in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/858, and that allows the vehicle to operate using petrol or LPG;

(d) In the case of a diesel-powered vehicle:

i. has been retrofitted with an LPG feeding system approved by a type-approval authority of any European Union Member State for use on the category of the vehicle concerned, and allowing the vehicle's engine to operate with diesel and LPG simultaneously with both fuels being metered separately;

ii. has a visible meter allowing Transport Malta officers, or their delegates, to confirm that the vehicle is being regularly run using gaseous fuel;

iii. kellha l-valur tal-emissjoni tad-duhhan tagħha mnaqqas b'mill-inqas ħamsa u għoxrin fil-mija (25%) bħala riżultat tat-tagħmir tas-sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG.

3. Kif għandha ssir l-applikazzjoni u d-dokumenti li għandhom jiġu ppreżentati

(a) Applikazzjoni għal għotja taht din l-iskema għandha ssir mis-sid registrat wara li l-vettura bil-mutur tiġi mgħammra b'sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG minn persuna kompetenti. Formola tal-applikazzjoni għandha tiġi ppreżentata għal kull vettura li tiġi mgħammra. Is-sid registrat tal-vettura għandu jippreżenta l-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH060 u għandu jinkludi kull informazzjoni, dettalji u dokumenti mitluba fl-istess formola u skont din l-iskema.

(b) Il-formoli tal-applikazzjoni jistgħu jitniżzlu mis-sit elettroniku ta' Transport Malta jew jingabru mill-uffiċċji ta' Transport Malta f'Rahaġ Ġdid, Haġ Lija jew Ghawdex.

(c) Applikazzjonijiet li jikkonċernaw vetturi li jaħdmu bil-petrol għandhom ikunu ffirmati u ttimbrati mill-persuna kompetenti u għandhom ikunu akkumpanjati bid-dokumenti u l-pagament li ġejjin:

i. kopja taċ-ċertifikat tat-tagħmir maħruġ mill-persuna kompetenti;

ii. iċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni oriġinali tal-vettura (il-logbook);

iii. ħlas amministrattiv ta' għaxar ewro (€10), pagabbli lil Transport Malta, għall-ħruġ ta' ċertifikat ġdid tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura;

iv. Formola tad-diskrepanza mill-VRT.

(d) Applikazzjonijiet li jikkonċernaw vetturi li jaħdmu bid-diesel għandhom ikunu ffirmati u ttimbrati mill-persuna kompetenti u għandhom ikunu akkumpanjati bid-dokumenti u l-pagament li ġejjin:

i. Kopja taċ-ċertifikat tal-approvazzjoni tas-sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG li tkun ġiet installata maħruġ minn Awtorità tal-approvazzjoni tat-tip ta' kwalunkwe Stat Membru tal-Unjoni Ewropea f'isem il-manifattur tal-istess sistema;

ii. Kopja tal-istruzzjonijiet għall-kalibrizzjoni u installazzjoni ppubblikati mill-manifattur tas-sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG;

iii. fil-każ meta ċ-ċertifikat tal-approvazzjoni msemmi hawn fuq ma jkunx japplika għall-użu tal-LPG, dikjarazzjoni mill-manifattur li s-sistemi li jkunu se jinbieghu fis-suq Malti se jkunu addattati biex jaħdmu bl-LPG;

iii. had its smoke emission value reduced by at least twenty five percent (25%) because of the retrofitting of the LPG feeding system.

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

(a) An application for a grant under this scheme shall be made by the registered owner of a vehicle following the retrofitting of an LPG feeding system on that vehicle by a competent person. One application form shall be submitted for each retrofitted vehicle. The registered owner shall submit the application form VEH060 and shall include all the information, details and documents as required in the said form and in terms of this scheme.

(b) Application forms may be downloaded from Transport Malta's website or collected from Transport Malta's offices in Paola, Lija, or Gozo.

(c) Applications concerning petrol-powered vehicles shall be signed and stamped by the competent person and shall be accompanied by the following documents and payment:

i. a copy of the certificate of retrofitting issued by the competent person;

ii. the original vehicle's registration certificate (logbook);

iii. an administrative fee of ten Euro (€10), payable to Transport Malta, for the issue of a new registration certificate;

iv. VRT discrepancy form.

(d) Applications concerning diesel-powered vehicles shall be signed and stamped by the competent person and shall be accompanied by the following documents and payment:

i. a copy of the approval certificate for the retrofitted feeding system issued by a Type-Approval Authority of any European Union Member State on behalf of the manufacturer of the same system;

ii. A copy of the calibration and installation instructions published by the manufacturer of the LPG feeding system;

iii. in the case where the above-mentioned approval certificate does not apply for the use of LPG, a declaration from the manufacturer of the systems stating that the systems to be sold on the Maltese market will be adapted to operate with LPG;

iv. dikjarazzjoni mill-manifattur tas-sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG li tirrikonoxxi lill-persuna li jkun għammar il-vettura bħala persuna kompetenti;

v. kopja taċ-ċertifikat tat-tagħmir maħruġ mill-persuna kompetenti;

vi. iċ-ċertifikat tar-registrazzjoni oriġinali tal-vettura (il-logbook);

vii. riżultat tat-test tal-emissjonijiet tal-VRT maħruġ meta l-vettura mmodifikata taħdem bid-diesel biss (Riżultat Diesel Biss);

viii. riżultat tat-test tal-emissjonijiet tal-VRT maħruġ meta l-vettura mmodifikata taħdem b'żewġ fjuwils (Riżultat-Dual-Fuel);

ix. hlas amministrattiv ta' għaxar ewro (€10), pagabbli lil Transport Malta, għall-hruġ ta' ċertifikat ġdid tar-registrazzjoni tal-vettura.

(e) Applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu pprezentati mill-applikant bejn is-07.30 ta' filgħodu u s-1.00 ta' wara nofsinhar, matul il-ġranet tax-xogħol, jew jintbagħtu bil-posta lid-Dipartiment dwar il-Liċenzjar ta' Sewwieqa u Vetturi (DVLU) ta' Transport Malta fil:-

i. Livell 1, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Raħal Ġdid, PLA1211; jew

ii. Malta Transport Centre, Triq il-Pantar, Ħal Lija, LJA2021; jew

iii. Direttorat tal-Liċenzji u Testijiet Għawdex, Pjazza San Frangisk, ir-Rabat, Għawdex.

4. Eligibbiltà

4.1 Biex ikun eligibbli, l-applikant għandu jkun konformi mat-Taqsima 2.

4.2 Biex tikkwalifika, il-vettura bil-mutur:

(a) għandha tkun irregistrata f'isem l-applikant fid-data li fiha ssir l-installazzjoni u fid-data tal-applikazzjoni għall-għotja; u

(b) għandha tkun konformi mat-Taqsima 2.

4.3 Applikanti jkunu intitolati għal massimu ta' għaxar (10) għotjiet taħt din l-iskema.

5. Hlas tal-għotja

5.1. Meta applikant jikkwalifika għall-għotja, dik l-għotja għandha tithallas direttament lil dak l-applikant.

iv. A declaration by the manufacturer of the LPG Feeding System recognising the person who retrofitted the vehicle as a competent person;

v. a copy of the certificate of retrofitting issued by the competent person;

vi. the original vehicle's registration certificate (logbook);

vii. a VRT emissions test result issued when the retrofitted vehicle is running on Diesel only (Diesel-Only Result);

viii. a VRT emissions test result issued when the retrofitted vehicle is running on Dual-Fuel mode (Dual-Fuel Result);

ix. an administrative fee of ten Euro (€10), payable to Transport Malta, for the issue of a new vehicle registration certificate.

(e) Applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted by the applicant during working days between 07:30 and 13:00 or mailed to Transport Malta's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Unit (DVLU) at:

i. Level 1, A3 Towers, Arcade Street, Paola, PLA1212;

ii. Malta Transport Centre, Pantar Road, Ħal Lija, LJA2021; or

iii. Licensing and Testing Services Gozo Directorate, St. Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo.

4. Eligibility

4.1. To be eligible, an applicant shall conform with Section 2.

4.2. To qualify, the motor vehicle:

(a) shall be registered in the applicant's name on the date of conversion and the date of application for the grant; and

(b) shall conform with Section 2.

4.3. Applicants shall be entitled for up to ten (10) grants under this scheme.

5. Payment of Grant

5.1. Where an applicant qualifies for the grant, such grant shall be paid directly to that applicant.

5.2. Il-ħlas għandu jiġi affettwat biss jekk l-applikant ma kienx jilħaq il-limiti stabbiliti fir-Regolament *de minimis* kif speċifikat fit-taqsima 2.2.

5.3. L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu sostnuti b'evidenza li l-kont bankarju indikat għall-ħlas huwa miżmum, biss jew flimkien, mill-applikant jew minn konjuġi tal-applikant.

6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

6.1. Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li giet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma tkunx mimlija b'mod sħiħ u ma tkunx akkumpanjata mid-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timtelax b'mod korrett u d-dokumenti rilevanti mhumiex inkluzi, it-talba għall-għotja m'għandhiex tiġi pproċessata sakemm tiġi pprovduta l-informazzjoni nieqsa. Transport Malta għandha tikteb lill-applikant billi tavżah bl-informazzjoni meħtieġa.

6.2. L-Awtorità m'għandhiex tinzamm responsabbli għal xi telf ta' għotjiet jew opportunitajiet li jirriżultaw mis-sottomissjoni ta' applikazzjoni mhux kompluta jew skorretta.

7. Rifuzjoni tal-għotja jekk it-tagħmir jitneħħa jew jiġi diżattivat

7.1. Persuna jew impriza li tirċievi għotja taħt din l-iskema tkun obligata li tagħti lura din l-għotja lil Transport Malta jekk f'perjodu ta' mill-inqas sitta u tletin (36) xahar mid-data tal-approvazzjoni tal-għotja:

(a) Is-sid ta' vettura li tkun giet mghammra b'sistema ta' provvista tal-LPG jagħmel talba lil Transport Malta biex tneħħiha s-sistema; jew

(b) Ikun ippruvat li din is-sistema kienet imneħħija, imbagħbsa, jew diżattivata b'xi mod.

7.2. Barra minn hekk, fil-każ ta' vetturi li jahdmu bid-diesel biss, dan l-obbligu ta' rifuzjoni għandu japplika wkoll jekk:

(a) ikun ippruvat li din is-sistema ma kinitx qed tintuża kif xieraq kif muri mill-apparat tal-kejl tas-sistema; jew

(b) jirriżulta li l-apparat tal-kejl tas-sistema tneħħa jew gie mbagħbas; jew

(c) l-istiker tas-sigurtà tkun tneħħiet.

8. Tul ta' żmien tal-iskema

8.1. Din l-iskema għandha tibqa' fis-seħħ sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2024, sakemm ma tkunx modifikata jew mitmuma minn qabel b'Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern. Din l-iskema ta' għotja għandha titqies bħala mitmuma meta jintuża l-baġit

5.2. Payment shall be affected only if the applicant would not have reached the limits established in the applicable *de minimis* Regulation as specified in section 2.2.

5.3. Applications shall be supported by evidence that the bank account indicated for payment is held, solely or jointly, by the applicant or by a spouse of the applicant.

6. Validity of application

6.1 An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted by the applicant unless it is completed in full and is accompanied by all the relevant documents. If the application is not completed correctly and the relevant documents are not included, the claim for the grant shall not be processed until the missing information is provided. Transport Malta shall write to the applicant advising him of the information required.

6.2 The Authority shall not be held responsible for any loss of grants or opportunities resulting from the submission of an incomplete or incorrect application.

7. Refund of grant if the retrofitting is removed or disabled

7.1. A person or undertaking who receives a grant under this scheme shall be obliged to refund such grant to Transport Malta if within a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of the grant's approval:

(a) the owner of a vehicle on which an LPG feeding system had been retrofitted makes a request to Transport Malta to have the system removed; or

(b) It is proven that this system was either removed, tampered with, or disabled in any way.

7.2. Moreover, in the case of diesel-powered vehicles only, this refund obligation shall also apply if:

(a) it is proven that this system was not being used appropriately as evidenced from the system's metering device; or

(b) it results that the system's metering device has been removed or tampered with; or

(c) the security sticker has been removed.

8. Duration of scheme

8.1. This scheme shall remain in force until the 31st of December 2024 unless modified or terminated beforehand by a Notice in the Government Gazette. This grant scheme shall be considered as terminated when the respective budget is used.

rispettiv. Minkejja dan, il-Gvern jista' jtemm l-iskema fi kwalunkwe hin billi jagħti avviz minn qabel.

8.2. L-iskema tista' tiġġedded kif meqjus neċessarju mill-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi permezz ta' Avviz fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

9. Emendi għall-iskema

9.1. Il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jkollu d-dritt li jagħmel kwalunkwe emenda għal din l-iskema permezz ta' Avviz fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Talbiet b'qerq

10.1. Meta tinqala' talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew proceduri kriminali. F'każ ta' hlas hażin ta' talba, il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport jirriżerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mħallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll għal imprizi u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika, speċjalment fir-rigward tad-dikjarazzjonijiet tal-Għajjnuna mill-Istat. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni provvduta hija korretta.

11. Persuni kompetenti

11.1. Lista aġġornata tal-persuni li huma approvati mir-Regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Energija u l-Ilma biex iwettqu xogħol, superviżjoni u ċertifikazzjoni relatati mal-użu tal-LPG f'vetturi bil-mutur tista' tinstab fuq is-sit elettroniku tar-Regolatur għas-Servizzi tal-Energija u l-Ilma kif ġej:

(http://downloads.rews.org.mt/files/1698667f-4dda-41a2-8dcd-c3b97614df62_65e6018b-4e84-4931-876a-957a8f976fe4.pdf).

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**MINISTERU GĦAT-TRASPORT,
L-INFRASTRUTTURA U X-XOGĦLIJET
PUBBLIĊI**

**Għotjiet mill-Gvern għax-xiri ta' Vetturi Aċċessibbli
għas-Siġġijiet tar-Roti biex jintużaw għat-Trasport ta'
Passiġġieri b'Kiri jew b'Kumpens**

Il-Ministeru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi, flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta, qed joffri incentiv f'forma ta' għotja finanzjarja għal-liċenzjar ta' vetturi ġodda aċċessibbli għas-siġġijiet tar-roti sabiex ikun

Notwithstanding, Government may terminate the scheme at any time by giving prior notice.

8.2. The scheme may be renewed as deemed necessary by the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

9. Amendments to the scheme

9.1. The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall have the right to make any amendments to this scheme by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

10. Fraudulent claims

10.1. Where a fraudulent claim arises, the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall report the matter to the Police for criminal procedures to be instituted. In the event of an incorrect payment of a claim, the said Minister reserves the right to recover funds paid in error. This also applies to undertakings and voluntary organisations that carry out an economic activity, especially with respect to the State Aid declaration. Applicants are to make sure that the information provided is correct.

11. Competent persons

11.1. An updated list of the persons who are approved by the Regulator for Energy and Water Services to carry out work, supervision and certification related to the use of LPG on motor vehicles may be obtained from the website of the Regulator for Energy and Water Services:

(http://downloads.rews.org.mt/files/1698667f-4dda-41a2-8dcd-c3b97614df62_65e6018b-4e84-4931-876a-957a8f976fe4.pdf).

26th April, 2024

No. 551

**MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT,
INFRASTRUCTURE AND
PUBLIC WORKS**

**Government Grant on the purchase of
Wheelchair-Accessible Vehicles to be used for the
Transport of Passengers for Hire or Reward**

The Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works, together with the Authority for Transport in Malta, is offering an incentive in the form of a financial grant for the licensing of new wheelchair-accessible vehicles to offer any