

L-art hawn fuq imsemmija tidher immarkata bil-kulur ikħal fuq il-pjanta P.D.2023_0750 li wieħed jista' jara fuq talba fl-Awtorità tal-Artijiet, Il-Berga tal-Baviera, Il-Belt Valletta.

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

**Skema ta' Għotja, għax-xiri ta' kick scooters elettriċi
għodda minn persuni**

IL-MINISTERU għat-Trasport, Infrastruttura, u Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Transport Malta) qed jippubblika skema ta' għotja finanzjarja mmirata għal persuni residenti f'Malta sabiex tkompli tippromovi l-użu ta' kick scooters elettriċi għodda, minn hawn 'il quddiem imsejha e-kickscooters.

L-għotja hija meqjusa li dahlet fis-sehħ mill-1 ta' Marzu, 2024, u hija fuq bażi ta' min jiġi l-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel.

L-għotjiet għar-registrazzjoni ta' e-kickscooters għodda, għandhom jibqgħu fis-sehħ kif ġej sal-31 ta' Diċembru, 2024, jew sakemm il-baġit disponibbli jiġi eżawrit.

L-ISKEMA

1. Interpretazzjoni

Għall-fini ta' din l-għotja, sakemm il-kuntest ma jehtiġx mod ieħor:

'applikant' tfisser il-persuna residenti f'Malta li fuq isimha jiġi rreġistrat e-kickscooter għdid u li tapplika għall-għotja taht din l-iskema;

'applikazzjoni' tfisser l-applikazzjoni magħmula għal għotja taht din l-iskema;

'e-kickscooter għdid' tfisser e-kickscooter li qatt ma ġie rreġistrat qabel f'Malta;

'kick scooter elettriku' jew 'e-kickscooter' għandhom l-istess tifsira kif mogħtija lilhom fir-Regolament 2 tar-Regolamenti dwa il-Mikromobbiltà – L.S. 499.67;

'għotja' tfisser l-għotja li qed tingħata taht din l-iskema lil aplikant li jissodisfa r-rekwiziti tat-taqsim 4;

The abovementioned land is shown marked with the colour blue on plan P.D.2023_0750, which may be viewed on demand at the Lands Authority, Auberge de Baviere, Valletta.

(Sgd) DR JOHN VASSALLO
Chairperson of the Board of Governors
of the Lands Authority

4th March, 2024

No. 305

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

**Grant Scheme, for the purchase of new electric kick
scooters by individuals**

THE Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure, and Public Works in conjunction with the Authority for Transport in Malta (Transport Malta) is publishing a financial grant scheme aimed at persons residing in Malta to further promote the uptake of new electric kick scooters, herein after referred to as e-kickscooters.

The grant is deemed to have come into effect as of the 1st March, 2024, and is on a first come first served basis.

The grants for the registration of new e-kickscooters, shall remain into force as follows until the 31st of December, 2024, or until the available budget is exhausted.

THE SCHEME

1. Interpretation

For the purpose of this grant, unless the context otherwise requires:

'applicant' means the person residing in Malta on whose name a new e-kickscooter is registered and who applies for the grant under this scheme;

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

'new e-kickscooter' means an e-kickscooter which has never been registered before in Malta;

'electric kick scooter' or 'e-kickscooter' have the same meaning as is assigned to them in Regulation 2 of the Micromobility Regulations – S.L. 499.67;

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

'Malta' tfisser il-Gzejjer Maltin;

'persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna li jew ikollha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu maħruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti oħra tal-Identità (Kap. 258) jew li għandha permess ta' residenza jew ittra maħruġa mill-uffiċċju għall-espatrijati fil-Ministeru għall-Intern, Sigurtà Nazzjonali u Infurzar tal-Liġi;

'registrazzjoni' tfisser ir-registrazzjoni tal-e-kickscooter skont ir-Regolament 3 tar-Regolamenti dwar il-Mikromobbiltà, L.S.499.67;

'Transport Malta' tfisser l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta mwaqqfa taħt id-dispożizzjonijiet tal-Att dwar l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Kap. 499);

2. Għal min tapplika l-iskema

2.1 L-iskema għal għotja finanzjarja għax-xiri ta' e-kickscooters godda, kif definit hawn fuq, tapplika għal kull persuna residenti f'Malta.

2.2 L-ammont tal-għotja maħruġ lill-applikanti għandu jammonta għal €150 għal kull e-kickscooter.

2.3 L-applikanti huma intitolati li jirċievu massimu ta' għotja waħda (1) taħt din l-iskema.

3. Kif għandha ssir l-applikazzjoni u dokumenti ta' sostenn

3.1 Applikazzjoni għal għotja taħt din l-iskema għandha ssir mill-applikant billi jissottometti l-formola ta' applikazzjoni VEH 078 flimkien ma' kwalunkwe informazzjoni, dettalji u dokumenti meħtieġa fiha.

3.2 L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu akkumpanjati b'kopja taċ-certifikat maħruġ minn Transport Malta li jikkonferma min hu s-sid tal-e-kickscooter il-ġdid;

3.3 L-applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi mill-applikant matul il-ġranet tax-xogħol bejn is-7.30 a.m. u s-1.00 p.m. jew mibghuta bil-posta lid-Dipartiment dwar il-Liċenzjar ta' Sewwieqa u Vetturi (DVLU) ta' Transport Malta f'wieħed mill-indirizzi ta' hawn taħt:

a) L-Ewwel Livell, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Raħal Ġdid PLA 1212;

b) Malta Transport Centre, Triq il-Pantar, Ħal Lija LJA 2021; jew

c) Id-Direttorat tal-Liċenzji u Testijiet ta' Għawdex, Pjazza San Frangisk, Ir-Rabat, Għawdex.

'Malta' means the Maltese islands;

'person residing in Malta' means a 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 for Home Affairs, National Security and Law Enforcement;

'registration' means the registration of the e-kickscooter in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Micromobility Regulation, S.L.499.67;

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

2. Area of applicability

2.1 The scheme for a financial grant for the purchase of new e-kickscooters as defined above, applies to any person residing in Malta.

2.2 The grant amount issued to applicants shall amount to €150 per e-kickscooter.

2.3 Applicants are entitled to receive a maximum of one (1) grant under this scheme.

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

3.1 An application for a grant under this scheme shall be made by the applicant by submitting application form VEH 078 along with any information, details and documents required therein.

3.2 Applications shall be accompanied by a copy of the certificate issued by Transport Malta confirming ownership of the new e-kickscooter;

3.3 Applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted by the applicant during working days between 7.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. or mailed to Transport Malta's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Unit (DVLU) at:

a) Level 1, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Paola PLA 1212;

b) Malta Transport Centre, Pantar Road, Lija LJA 2021; or

c) Licensing and Testing Services Gozo Directorate, Pjazza San Frangisk, Victoria, Gozo.

4. Eligibbiltà

4.1 Biex ikun eligibbli, applikant għandu jikkonforma ma' Taqsima 2.

4.2 Biex jikkwalifika għall-ghotjiet, l-e-kickscooter għandu jkun ġdid u jkun ġie rreġistrat ma' Transport Malta mill-ewwel ta' Marzu, 2024 'il quddiem.

5. Hlas tal-Ghotja

5.1 Fejn applikant jikkwalifika għall-ghotja, l-ghotja għandha tithallas direttament f'kont bankarju miżmum biss jew b'mod kongunt mill-applikant, jew mill-konjuġi tal-applikant.

5.2 L-ghotja mogħtija lix-xerrej ma għandhiex tiġi evalwata bħala dħul għall-finijiet tat-taxxa fuq id-dħul.

5.3 Vettura hija eligibbli għal ghotja waħda biss.

6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

6.1 Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li ġiet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma timteliex bis-shih u tkun akkumpanjata mid-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timteliex tajjeb u d-dokumenti rilevanti mhumiex inkluzi, it-talba għall-ghotja m'għandhiex tiġi pproċessata sakemm tingħata l-informazzjoni nieqsa. Transport Malta għandha tikteb lill-applikant biex tavżah dwar l-informazzjoni meħtieġa.

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

7. Rifuzjoni tal-ghotja

7.1 Kwalunkwe e-kickscooter ġdid mixtri mill-applikant taħt din l-ghotja għandu jibqa' rreġistrat f'isem l-applikant għal perjodu ta' mill-inqas sitta u tletin (36) xahar mid-data tal-ewwel rreġistrazzjoni

7.2 Jekk is-sid rreġistrat ta' e-kickscooter li fuqu tkun inħarġet ghotja taħt din l-iskema jitransferixxi l-imsemmija vettura lil terza persuna, dik il-persuna għandha tħallas immedjatement lura l-ghotja li tkun irċeviet mingħand Transport Malta.

7.3 Ir-rifuzjoni msemmija f'7.2 hawn fuq m'għandhiex tkun meħtieġa fiċ-ċirkostanzi li ġejjin:

7.3.1 Meta t-trasferiment imsemmi fih ikun trasferiment causa mortis lil werriet jew lil terz jew trasferiment inter vivos favur il-miżżewġin, axxendenti u kollaterali diretti.

4. Eligibility

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

4.2 To qualify for the grants, the e-kickscooter shall be new and have been registered with Transport Malta on or after the 1st of March, 2024.

5. Payment of Grant

5.1 Where an applicant qualifies for the grant, the grant shall be paid directly to a bank account held solely or jointly by the applicant, or by the spouse of the applicant.

5.2 The grant given to the purchaser shall not be assessed as income for income tax purposes.

5.3 A vehicle is only eligible for one grant.

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 unless 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. Refunding of grant

7.1 Any new e-kickscooter purchased by the applicant under this grant shall remain registered in the applicant's name for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of first registration.

7.2 If the registered owner of an e-kickscooter on which a grant has been issued under this scheme transfers the said vehicle to a third party, then the total amount of the grant must be refunded upon transferring the vehicle to Transport Malta.

7.3 The refund mentioned in 7.2 above shall not be required in the following circumstances:

7.3.1 When the transfer mentioned therein is a transfer causa mortis to an heir or to a third party or transfer inter vivos in favour of spouses, ascendants and direct collaterals.

7.3.2 Meta t-trasferiment jinvolvi e-kickscooter mixtri taht din l-ghotja li jiġi ddikjarat li ma jistax jissewwa wara incident jew għal kwalunkwe raġuni oħra u jiġi sostitwit b'e-kickscooter ġdid, f'liema każ il-kundizzjonijiet relatati ma' din l-ghotja għandhom jiġu trasferiti lill-e-kickscooter ġdid li jissostitwixxi dak oriġinali. Ir-restrizzjoni ta' tliet snin tibda mid-data tar-registrazzjoni tal-e-kickscooter ġdid oriġinali.

7.3.3 Meta t-trasferiment jinvolvi e-kickscooter mixtri taht din l-ghotja li jintbagħat lura lill-aġent jew negozjant oriġinali għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u fejn l-aġent jew negozjant jaċċetta li jissostitwixxi l-imsemmi e-kickscooter b'e-kickscooter ġdid, f'liema każ kundizzjonijiet relatati ma' din l-ghotja għandhom jiġu trasferiti għall-e-kickscooter li jiehu post dak oriġinali. Ir-restrizzjoni ta' tliet snin tibda mid-data tar-registrazzjoni tal-e-kickscooter ġdid oriġinali.

7.4 Meta e-kickscooter mixtri taht din l-ghotja jiġi rritornat lill-aġent jew negozjant oriġinali għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u l-aġent jew negozjant ma jibdlux b'e-kickscooter ġdid iżda jirrifondi lill-applikant bil-prezz kollu mħallas għall-e-kickscooter ġdid, l-applikant għandu jirrifondi parti mill-ghotja riċevuta għall-vettura e-kickscooter skont il-perjodu li għadda mix-xiri tal-e-kickscooter u r-ritorn tiegħu lill-aġent, kif elenkat hawn taht:

- a) Inqas minn 12-il xahar: 75%;
- b) Aktar minn 12-il xahar iżda inqas minn 24 xahar: 50%;
- c) Aktar minn 24 xahar iżda inqas minn 36 xahar: 25 %.

8. Tul tal-iskema

8.1 Applikazzjonijiet taht din l-iskema għandhom jiġu aċċettati sal-31 ta' Diċembru, 2024, jew sal-eżawriment tal-fondi allokati, sakemm ma jiġux modifikati jew terminati minn qabel b'Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern. Minkejja dan, il-Gvern jista' jtemm jew jestendi l-iskema fi kwalunkwe hin billi jagħti avviż minn qabel.

8.2 L-applikazzjonijiet li jaslu saż-żmien stipulat fi 8.1 jiġstgħu jiġu pprocessati, approvati u mħallsa wara l-iskadenzi stabbiliti.

8.3 Il-fondi bbaġitjati għal din l-iskema jammontaw għal mitt elf ewro (€100,000)

8.4 L-iskema tista' tiġgedded kif jitqies mehtieg mill-Ministru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

9. Emendi lill-iskema

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

7.3.2 When the transfer involves an e-kickscooter purchased under this grant which is declared to be unrepairable following an accident or for any other reason and is replaced by a new e-kickscooter, in which case the conditions related to this grant shall be transferred to the new e-kickscooter replacing the original one. The three years restriction starts from the date of registration of the original new e-kickscooter.

7.3.3 When the transfer involves an e-kickscooter purchased under this grant which is returned to the original agent or dealer for any reason, and where the agent or dealer accepts to replace the said e-kickscooter with a new e-kickscooter, in which case the conditions related to this grant shall be transferred to the e-kickscooter replacing the original one. The three years restriction starts from the date of registration of the original new e-kickscooter.

7.4 When an e-kickscooter purchased under this grant is returned to the original agent or dealer for any reason, and the agent or dealer does not replace it with a new e-kickscooter but refunds the applicant with all or part of the price paid for the new e-kickscooter, the applicant shall refund part of the grant received for the e-kickscooter vehicle depending on the period elapsed from the purchase of the e-kickscooter and its return to the agent, as listed below:

- a) Less than 12 months: 75%;
- b) More than 12 months but less than 24 months: 50%;
- c) More than 24 months but less than 36 months: 25%.

8. Duration of scheme

8.1 Applications under this scheme shall be accepted until the 31st of December, 2024, or until the exhaustion of budgeted funds, unless modified or terminated beforehand by a Notice in the Government Gazette. Notwithstanding, Government may terminate or extend the scheme at any time by giving prior notice.

8.2 Applications received within the deadline stipulated in 8.1 may be processed, approved and paid out after the set deadlines.

8.3 The budgeted funds for this scheme amount to one hundred thousand euro (€100,000).

8.4 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 responsible 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. Talbiet b'qerq

10.1 Fejn tinqala' talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Transport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew proceduri kriminali. F'każ ta' hlas hażin ta' talba, l-imsemmi Ministru jirriserva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mhallsa bi żball. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni pprovduta hija korretta.

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. Applicants are to make sure that the information provided is correct.