

Financial Guideline 2018/2019 - 05

Community & Comprehensive and Voluntary Secondary schools

VAT Compensation Scheme for Charities

As registered Charities, schools are exempt from VAT under Irish and EU VAT law. This means that they do not charge VAT on their services and cannot claim back VAT incurred on goods and services that they purchase.

The Government Budget 2018 introduced the Charities VAT Compensation Scheme. Under the scheme, schools as charities may be able to reclaim some element of their VAT costs arising in 2018 **based on the level of non-public funding they receive**. This will take effect from 1 January 2018 and will be paid one year in arrears. Claims under the scheme cannot be made until 2019.

For example, where a school's total income for 2018 comprises 70% funding from the State and 30% is privately sourced income including fundraising, voluntary subscriptions and donations, the school may claim 30% of the VAT they have been charged for the year. The VAT claimed must be on expenditure that is for the benefit of the school directly.

A capped fund of €5 million will be available for the entire scheme in 2019. The scheme, including the amount provided in the fund, will be subject to review after three years.

Where the total amount of claims in a given year exceeds the €5 million capped amount, charities will be paid on a pro rata basis, e.g. where the total value of claims by all charities in 2019 amounts to €10 million, each charity will receive 50% of their claim.

Claims under the scheme cannot be made until 2019 as it will take some time for Revenue to establish IT and administrative systems.

Qualifying schools must be:

1. registered with the Charities Regulator and
2. have tax clearance and
3. provide a set of audited accounts for the year in which the claim is being submitted.

For administrative purposes, claims valued below €500 will not qualify.

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An Scéim um Chúiteamh CBL le haghaidh Carthanais

Mar Charthanais cláraithe, tá scoileanna díolmhaithe ó CBL de réir dhlí na hÉireann agus AE maidir le CBL. Ciallaíonn sé sin nach ngearrann siad CBL ar a gcuid seirbhísí agus nach féidir leo CBL arna thabhbú ar earraí agus seirbhísí a cheannaíonn siad a éileamh ar ais.

Tugadh an Scéim um Chúiteamh CBL le haghaidh Carthanais isteach le Buiséad an Rialtais 2018. Faoin scéim sin, féadfaidh scoileanna, mar charthanais, cuid dá gcostais CBL in 2018 a aiséileamh **bunaithe ar leibhéal an mhaoinithe neamhphoiblí a fhaigheann siad**. Beidh an scéim sin i bhfeidhm ón 1 Eanáir 2018 agus íocfar aisti bliain amháin i riarráiste. Ní féidir éílimh a dhéanamh faoin scéim go dtí 2019.

Mar shampla, sa chás go dtagann 70% d'ioncam ionlán scoile ó mhaoiniú ón Stát agus go bhfuil 30% de ina ioncam arna fháil go príobháideach lena n-áirítear tiomsú airgid, tabhartais agus suibscríbhinní deonacha, féadfaidh an scoil 30% den CBL a gearradh uirthi le haghaidh na bliana a éileamh ar ais. Ní foláir nó go mbainfeadh an CBL sin a éilítear le caiteachas a bhí chun tairbhe na scoile go díreach.

Beidh ciste ar a mbeidh uasteorainn €5 mhilliún ar fáil le haghaidh na scéime ina hiomláine in 2019. Beidh an scéim, lena n-áirítear an méid a sholáthraítear sa chiste, faoi réir athbhreithnithe tar éis trí bliana.

Sa chás go bhfuil méid ionlán na n-éileamh i mbliain ar leith níos mó ná an uasteorainn de €5 mhilliún, íocfar carthanais ar bhonn pro rata, m.sh. sa chás gurb ionann méid ionlán na n-éileamh ó na carthanais uile in 2019 agus €10 milliún, gheobhaidh gach carthanas 50% dá n-éileamh.

Ní féidir éílimh faoin scéim seo a dhéanamh go dtí 2019 mar tógfaidh sé tamall ar na Coimisinéirí Ioncaim córais TF agus riarracháin a chur ar bun.

Ní foláir nó go mbainfeadh an méid a leanas le scoileanna a cháilíonn:

1. go bhfuil siad cláraithe leis an Rialálaí Carthanais agus
2. go bhfuil imréiteach cánach acu agus
3. ní mór dóibh tacar cuntas iniúchta a sholáthar i leith na bliana ina bhfuil an t-éileamh á chur isteach.

Chun críocha riarracháin, diúltófar d'éílimh lena mbaineann luach níos lú ná **€500**.