

VAT Compensation Scheme for Charities

(This guideline supersedes Financial Guideline 35-2024/2025 VAT Compensation Scheme for Charities)

1. Introduction

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 2025 based on the level of **non-public funding** they receive. Schools must exclude income and expenditure from canteens and tuck shops. The fund for the scheme will be capped at €10 million annually. The total amount of claims in each year may exceed the capped amount. If this happens, any refunds due will be paid to charities on a pro rata basis.

The scheme operates on a cash basis:

- Income received means actual monies received in the calendar year to which the claim relates.
- Expenditure paid means actual monies paid out in the calendar year to which the claim relates.

2. Claim Criteria

Claims under the scheme for the year commencing 1st January 2025 will be made in 2026 and will be paid one year in arrears. For administrative purposes, claims valued below €500 will not qualify.

Where a school's total income for 2025 comprises, for example 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. The claim must be submitted to Revenue before the 30th of June 2026.

Qualifying schools must be:

1. Registered with the Charities Regulator Authority (CRA) at the time the qualifying expenditure was incurred, and
2. Registered with Revenue and hold a charitable tax exemption (CHY) at the time the qualifying expenditure was incurred, and
3. Have tax clearance status and
4. Able to provide a set of audited accounts for the year in which the claim is being submitted.

You must retain all books, records and documents relevant to your claim for a period of six years.

Details on how to submit a claim to Revenue are available [here](#). Schools making a claim should make sure they are set up on ROS to do so ahead of time.

3. Guidance on calculating figures for the VAT Compensation Claim

- Community & Comprehensive schools

[Click here for instruction on how to calculate the claim figures.](#)

- Voluntary Secondary schools

[Click here for instruction on how to calculate the claim figures.](#)

4. Further Information

Further information or clarification on any of the issues raised in this guideline can be obtained from the FSSU.

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An Scéim um Chúiteamh CBL le haghaidh Carthanas

*(Tá an treoirlíne seo tagtha in ionad Threoirlíne Airgeadais 35-2024/2025-
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1. Réamhrá

Tugadh an Scéim um Chúiteamh CBL le haghaidh Carthanas isteach le Buiséad an Rialtais 2018. Faoin scéim sin, d'fhéadfadh scoileanna, mar charthanas, cuid dá gcostais CBL in 2025 a éileamh ar ais bunaithe ar leibhéal an **mhaoinithe neamhphoiblí** a fhaigheann siad. Ní mór do scoileanna ioncam agus caiteachas ó cheaintíní agus ó shiopaí sólaistí a chur as an áireamh. Beidh uasteorainn €10 milliún sa bhliain ar an gciste le haghaidh na scéime. Féadfaidh méid iomlán na n-éileamh i ngach bliain a bheith níos airde ná an uasteorainn. Má tharlaíonn a leithéid, is ar bhonn pro rata a íocfar aon aisíocaíocht a bheidh ag dul do charthanas.

Is ar bhonn airgid thirim a fheidhmíonn an scéim:

- Is éard is brí le hioncam a fuarthas ná airgead iarbhír a fuarthas sa bhliain féilire a mbaineann an t-éileamh léi.
- Is éard is brí le caiteachas a íocadh ná airgead iarbhír a íocadh amach sa bhliain féilire a mbaineann an t-éileamh léi.

2. Critéir Éilimh

Aon éilimh faoin scéim don bhliain dar tús an 1 Eanáir 2025, déanfar iad in 2026 agus íocfar i riaráiste aon bhliana amháin iad. Chun críocha riaracháin, diúltófar d'éilimh lena mbaineann luach níos lú ná €500.

Cuir i gcás go dtagann 70% d'ioncam iomlán scoile don bhliain 2025 ó mhaoiniú Stáit agus go bhfaightear 30% den ioncam go príobháideach, lena n-áirítear tiomsú airgid, tabhartais agus síntiúis dheonacha, féadfaidh an scoil 30% den CBL a gearradh uirthi sa bhliain a éileamh ar ais.

Ní ceadmhach an CBL a éileamh ach amháin ar chaiteachas a bhí chun tairbhe na scoile go díreach. Is gá an t-éileamh a chur isteach tráth nach déanaí ná an 30 Meitheamh 2026.

Ní mór do scoileanna incháilithe:

1. A bheith cláraithe leis an Údarás Rialála Carthanas (ÚRC) ag an tráth a tabhaíodh an caiteachas incháilithe; agus
2. A bheith cláraithe leis na Coimisinéirí Ioncaim agus díolúine chánach do charthanas (CHY) a bheith acu ag an tráth a tabhaíodh an caiteachas incháilithe; agus
3. Imréiteach cánach a bheith acu; agus
4. A bheith in ann cuntais iniúchta a sholáthar i leith na bliana a bhfuil an t-éileamh á chur isteach ina leith.

Ní mór duit gach leabhar, taifead agus doiciméad a bhaineann le d'éileamh a choinneáil go ceann tréimhse sé bliana.

Tá sonraí maidir le conas éileamh a chur isteach chuig na Coimisinéirí Ioncaim ar fáil [anseo](#). Ba cheart do scoileanna atá ag déanamh éilimh a chinntiú roimh ré go bhfuil siad socraithe ar ROS chun é sin a dhéanamh.

3. Treoir maidir le figiúirí a ríomh don Éileamh Cúitimh CBL

- Pobalscoileanna agus Scoileanna Cuimsitheacha

[Clliceáil anseo chun treoir a fháil ar an gcaoi le figiúirí éilimh a ríomh.](#)

- Iar-Bhunscoileanna Deonacha

[Clliceáil anseo chun treoir a fháil ar an gcaoi le figiúirí éilimh a ríomh.](#)

4. Tuilleadh eolais

Is féidir tuilleadh eolais nó soiléiriú a fháil ar aon cheann de na saincheisteanna sa treoirlíne seo ach dul i dteagmháil le FSSU.

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