

PPLI Funding scheme for MFL teachers with a shortfall in Teaching Council registration criteria



Aim

The aim of the scheme is to increase MFL teaching capacity in post-primary schools in Ireland.

Target group

The target group consists of MFL teachers who have a shortfall in Teaching Council registration criteria for a foreign language on the post-primary curriculum.

Teachers may be internationally qualified, or they may have done a degree in Ireland which is missing credits in a particular area.

Funding mechanism

The MFL teacher chooses the Higher Education Institute (HEI) module/s which address the shortfall, the completion of which must result in Teaching Council recognition in a foreign language. The teacher must apply for PPLI funding before they register for the HEI module(s). The funding is approved on the basis of the projected outcome (i.e., Teaching Council registration in the foreign language). **Funding will only be released in the form of a reimbursement subsequent to Teaching Council registration in the foreign language (up to a maximum of 15 credits).** Budgetary limitations may affect the allocation of individual funding.

Applicant and reimbursement criteria

1. **NOTE: Applicants accessing currently any other publicly funded programmes are NOT eligible to apply**
2. The scheme cannot be used to fund undergraduate degrees or Professional Master of Education (PME) degrees. The teacher must have a degree in or have completed modules in their target foreign language, and already have or be actively completing a MFL teaching qualification (PME or equivalent)
3. The scheme covers credits obtained subsequent to approval of funding by PPLI
4. The MFL teacher does not have to have an existing Teaching Council number nor be currently working in the system
5. The MFL teacher must seek PPLI funding before registering for the HEI modules
6. The MFL teacher will be reimbursed subsequent to registration with the Teaching Council in the language in which they have a shortfall in registration criteria
7. A maximum of 15 credits will be reimbursed although the **MFL teacher may access modules of any number of credits.** The MFL teacher sources and manages all aspects of accessing and completing the modules. Modules can be accessed in any of the HEIs in the Republic of Ireland
8. The HEI delivering the modules must certify the reimbursement form with the relevant information
9. Only module fees and books/course materials are covered. NO travel, subsistence, childcare or other costs will be covered
10. The MFL teacher completes a PPLI evaluation form upon the completion of the process

How to apply for funding

1. The application must be submitted before registering for the HEI module(s)
2. Apply at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCSHORTFALLFUNDING>
3. Funding will be approved as applications are received
4. The scheme is open for modules starting and finishing at any time after 1st January 2021

Queries

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