

(iii) tkun tkeċċiet mill-Pulizija jew mill-Forzi Armati jew mis-servizz tal-ħabs minhabba xi reat jew xi nuqqas iehor fl-imġiba; jew

(iv) tkun uffiċjal pubbliku jew membru tal-Pulizija jew Forzi Armati jew tas-servizz tal-ħabs; jew

(b) dwar xi tagħrif li jkun ta' interess pubbliku; jew

(c) meta l-applikant ma jkollux il-kwalifiki meħtieġa kif jista' jkun preskritt bl-Att jew tahtu.

It-3 ta' November, 2020

Nru. 1287

**MINISTERU GHALL-FINANZI U S-SERVIZZI
FINANZJARJI**

**Għotja ta' Rifuzjoni fuq id-Depożitu Mhallas
għall-Posponiment jew Adattament ta' Tigijiet/
Ċerimonji ta' Unjonijiet Ċivili**

B'REFERENZA għan-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern numru 921 ippublikata fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern numru 20,458 tal-10 ta' Awwissu, 2020, l-iskema ta' għotja 'Għotja ta' rifuzjoni fuq id-depożitu mhallas għall-posponiment jew adattament ta' Tigijiet/Ċerimonji ta' Unjonijiet Ċivili' qed tiġi emendata kif ġej.

Bħala parti mill-Pjan ta' Rkupru Ekonomiku tal-Gvern sabiex jittaffew id-diffikultajiet bla preċedent li xi koppji kellhom jiffaċċjaw, minhabba l-imxija tal-Covid-19, il-Ministru għall-Finanzi u s-Servizzi Finanzjarji nieda l-iskema li ġejja, fejn il-koppji li kellhom jipposponu jew jadattaw it-tieg tagħhom minhabba r-restrizzjonijiet ikkawżati mill-Covid-19 jingħataw rimborż għad-depożiti mitlufa tagħhom.

1. Tifsir

F'din l-iskema, sakemm ir-rabta tal-kliem ma teħtieġx xorta oħra:

'applikanti eliġibbli' tfisser:

a) koppja li żżewġu jew dahlu f'unjoni ċivili skont id-dispożizzjonijiet relattivi tal-Kodiċi Ċivili (Kap. 16);

b) u li ċ-ċerimonja taż-żwieġ/unjoni ċivili tagħhom kellha oriġinarjament issir bejn it-8 ta' Marzu, 2020, u l-31 ta' Diċembru, 2020, u kellha tiġi posposta jew adattata minhabba l-imxija tal-Covid-19, kif ippruvat mid-dokumentazzjoni sottomessa;

(iii) has been discharged from the Police or Armed Forces or the prison services because of any offence or other misbehaviour; or

(iv) is a public officer or a member of the police or armed forces or the prison services; or

(b) when information is available which is in the public interest; or

(c) where the applicant does not possess the necessary qualifications as may be prescribed by or under the Act.

3rd November, 2020

No. 1287

**MINISTRY FOR FINANCE
AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**Refund Grant on the Deposit Paid for
Postponement or Adaptation of Weddings/Civil
Union Ceremonies**

WITH reference to Government Notice number 921, published in Government Gazette number 20,458 of 10th August 2020, the grant scheme 'Refund Grant on the deposit paid for postponement of Weddings/Civil Union Ceremonies' is being amended as follows.

As part of the Government Economic Recovery Plan in order to alleviate the unprecedented difficulties which some couples were faced with, due to the Covid-19 outbreak the Minister for Finance and Financial Services has made the following scheme, whereby couples who had to postpone or adapt their wedding due to the restrictions caused by Covid-19 will get reimbursed for their forfeited deposits.

1. Interpretation

In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

'eligible applicants' means:

a) a couple who got married or entered a civil union, in terms of the relative provisions of the Civil Code (Cap. 16);

b) whose wedding/civil union ceremony was originally due to be held between 8th March, 2020, and 31st December, 2020, and had to be postponed or adapted due to Covid-19 outbreak, as proven by the submitted documentation;

c) minhabba l-posponiment jew adattament taċ-ċerimonja taż-żwieġ/unjoni ċivili tagħhom tilfu d-depożitu li ħallsu fuq oġġetti u servizzi relatati mat-tiegħ/ċerimonja tal-unjoni ċivili tagħhom, kif ippruvat mid-dokumentazzjoni.

‘applikazzjoni’ tfisser l-applikazzjoni li ssir għall-għotja taht din l-iskema;

‘data effettiva’ tfisser it-8 ta’ Marzu, 2020;

‘Malta’ tfisser il-Gżejjer Maltin;

‘Stat Membru’ tfisser Stat Membru tal-Unjoni Ewropea;

‘Unjoni Ewropea’ għandha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha fl-artikolu 2 tal-Att dwar l-Unjoni Ewropea (Kap. 460), u tinkludi n-Norveġja, l-Izlanda u Liechtenstein;

“depożitu mitluf” tfisser depożitu mħallas lil fornituri ta’ oġġetti u servizzi għall-provvista ta’ oġġetti u servizzi relatati ma’ ċerimonja taż-żwieġ/unjoni ċivili, liema depożitu ġie miżmum mill-fornitur, wara l-posponiment jew l-adattament taż-żwieġ/ċerimonja tal-unjoni ċivili minhabba restrizzjonijiet relatati mal-imxija tal-Covid-19.

‘oġġetti u servizzi relatati mal-posponiment jew l-adattament ta’ tiġijiet/ċerimonji ta’ unjoni ċivili’ tfisser dawk l-oġġetti u servizzi msemmija fl-Ewwel Skeda li tinsab ma’ din l-iskema;

‘persuna residenti f’Malta’ tfisser persuna fiżika li jkollha dokument ta’ identifikazzjoni legalment maħruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti oħra tal-Identità (Kap.258) jew li jkollha permess ta’ residenza jew dokument ekwivalenti maħruġ minn awtorità nazzjonali kompetenti;

‘riċevuta fiskali’ tfisser irċevuta kif imfissra fit-Tlettax-il Skeda tal-Att dwar it-Taxxa fuq il-Valur Miżjud (Kap. 406), kif sussegwentament emendat, u tinkludi kull regolament magħmul taht l-istess Att;

‘ċerimonja taż-żwieġ/unjoni ċivili’ tfisser ċerimonja fejn żewġ persuni huma magħquda fiż-żwieġ/f’ unjoni ċivili skont id-dispożizzjonijiet relattivi tal-Kodiċi Ċivili (Kap 16).

2. Applikabbiltà

a) Din l-iskema tapplika għan-nefqa mgarrba mill-applikanti eliġibbli fuq id-depożitu mitluf imħallas għall-provvista ta’ oġġetti u servizzi relatati maċ-ċerimonja taż-żwieġ/unjoni ċivili tagħhom, li kellha tiġi posposta jew adattata minhabba restrizzjonijiet relatati mal-imxija tal-Covid-19;

c) due to postponement or adaptation of their wedding/civil union ceremony they had to forfeit the deposit paid on goods and services relating to their wedding/civil union ceremony as proven by the documentation.

‘application’ means an application made for a grant under this scheme;

‘effective date’ means 8th March, 2020;

‘Malta’ means the islands of Malta;

‘Member State’ means a Member State of the European Union;

‘European Union’ has the same meaning as is assigned to it by article 2 of the European Union Act (Cap. 460), and includes Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein;

‘forfeited deposit’ means deposit paid to supplier/ service provider for the supply of goods and services relating to a marriage/civil union ceremony, which deposit was charged by the supplier/service provider, subsequent to the postponement or adaptation of the marriage/civil union ceremony due to Covid-19 restrictions.

‘goods and services relating to the postponement or adaptation of weddings/civil union ceremonies’ means the goods and services specified in the First Schedule to this scheme;

‘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 Documents Act (Cap. 258) or who has a residence permit or equivalent documentation issued by the national competent authority;

‘fiscal receipt’ means a receipt as defined in the Thirteenth Schedule to the Value Added Tax Act (Cap. 406), as subsequently amended, and also includes any regulation made under the same Act;

‘marriage/civil union ceremony’ means a ceremony where two people are united in marriage/a civil union in terms of the relative provisions of the Civil Code (Cap. 16).

2. Area of applicability

a) This scheme applies to expenditure incurred by eligible applicants due to forfeited deposit paid for the supply of goods and services relating to their marriage/civil union ceremony, which had to be postponed or adapted due to Covid-19 restrictions;

b) Iċ-ċerimonja posposta/adattata taż-żwieġ/unjoni ċivili saret/ sussegwentement saret, liema funzjoni twettqet f'Malta u fejn, fid-data taż-żwieġ/unjoni ċivili, mill-inqas wieħed mill-applikanti huwa persuna residenti f'Malta.

3. Infiq li għandu jiġi rrapportat

In-nefqa li għandha tiġi rrapportata hija fir-rigward tad-depożitu mħallas u mitluf minhabba posponiment jew adattament taż-żwieġ/unjoni ċivili għall-provvista ta' oġġetti u servizzi indikati fl-Ewwel Skeda li tinsab ma' din l-iskema.

4. Kif wieħed japplika u dokumenti li għandhom jiġu pprovduti

Applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema għandhom isiru biss permezz ta' portal/s elettroniku/ċi uffiċjali li jistgħu jiġu indikati għal dan l-iskop minn żmien għal żmien.

Għal dan il-għan, l-applikant għandu jipprovdi d-dettalji tal-irċevuta tad-depożitu mħallas u d-dettalji tar-riċevuta fiskali finali ta' oġġetti u s-servizz provdut għaċ-ċerimonja tat-tieġ/unjoni ċivili li saret/sussegwentement saret u kull dokumentazzjoni oħra meħtieġa hekk kif meħtieġ fuq il-portal indikat.

Izda id-dokumentazzjoni elenkata hawn taħt għandha tinzamm mill-applikant għal perjodu ta' mhux inqas minn sentejn mid-data tal-applikazzjoni u preżentati lill-Uffiċċju tal-Kummissarju tat-Taxxi meta mitluba għal skop ta' verifika:

- a) kopja tal-fatturi oriġinali u l-irċevuta tad-depożitu mħallas;
- b) kopja tal-irċevuta fiskali finali ta' oġġetti u servizz provduti, għaċ-ċerimonja tat-tieġ/unjoni ċivili li nżammet/sussegwentement inżammet;
- c) fejn applikabbli, kopja tal-kuntratti oriġinali flimkien ma' emendi;
- d) dikjarazzjoni tal-bejjiġġ/fornitur tas-servizz li zamm id-depożitu oriġinali.

F'każ fejn d-dokumenti ma jiġux preżentati meta mitluba l-applikant ikun obligat li jirrifondi l-ammont li jkun inġhata taħt l-iskema u f'każ ta' applikazzjoni frawdolenti tittieħed azzjoni kriminali kontri skont il-Kodiċi Kriminali (Kap. 9).

Ikunu jikkwalifikaw biss għall-għotja msemija fis-sezzjoni 5 ta' din l-iskema dawk l-applikazzjonijiet li jkunu jikkonformaw mad-dispożizzjonijiet ta' din l-iskema.

b) The postponed/ adapted marriage/ civil union ceremony was held/ subsequently held, which function was performed in Malta and where, on the date of marriage/civil union, at least one of the applicants is a person residing in Malta.

3. Expenditure to be reported

The expenditure to be reported is in respect to the deposit paid and forfeited due to wedding/ civil union postponement or adaptation for the supply of goods and services indicated in the First Schedule to this scheme.

4. Manner of application and supporting documents

Applications under this scheme shall be made only via the official electronic portal/s which may be indicated from time to time for this purpose.

For this purpose, the applicant shall furnish the details of the receipt of the deposit paid and details of the final fiscal receipt of goods and service provided, for the actual wedding/civil union ceremony held/subsequently held and any further documentation required to be submitted as required on the indicated portal.

Provided that, the below listed documentation are kept by the applicant for a period of not less than two years from the date of application and produced upon request to the Office of the Commissioner for Revenue for verification purposes:

- a) copy of the original invoices and the receipt of the deposit paid;
- b) copy of final fiscal receipt of goods and service provided, for the actual wedding/civil union ceremony held/ subsequently held;
- c) where applicable, a copy of the original contracts and subsequent amendments;
- d) declaration of the vendor/service provider that he kept original deposit.

Failure to produce any such documents upon request, the applicant will be obliged to refund the amount paid under the scheme and in the case of a fraudulent application criminal action in terms of the Criminal Code (Cap. 9) will be taken against him.

Only those applications that are found to conform to the provisions of this Scheme shall be eligible for payment of the grant referred to in section 5 of this scheme.

Applikazzjoniet taht din l-iskema, inkluzi d-dettalji tad-dokumenti mehtiega, ghandhom isiru sa mhux aktar tard minn sitt xhur (180 gurnata) mid-data taz-zwieg/tač-čerimonja tal-unjoni čivili. Applikazzjonijiet milqugħa 'tard', jigiiferi wara dawn is-sitt xhur jigu kkunsidrati bhala aplikazzjonijiet invalidi.

5. Ghotja li tithallas taht din l-iskema

Applikanti li huma eligibbli jistgħu japplikaw għall-ghotja ta' darba biss ta' massimu ta' €2,000 fuq ir-rifuzjoni ta' depożitu mħallas u mitluf, minħabba l-posponiment jew adattament ta' żwieg/čerimonja tal-unjoni čivili minħabba l-imxija tal-Covid-19.

6. Hlas tal-ghotja

L-ghotja tigi kkreditata fil-kont tal-bank kif indikat mill-applikant fl-applikazzjoni.

7. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

Applikazzjoni ma tkunx meqjusa valida jekk:

a) ma tkunx shiħa u dettaljata f'kull aspekt materjali tagħha;

b) ma jkollhiex meħmuż magħħa d-dokumentazzjoni jew dettalji kollha rilevanti;

c) ma tkunx ipprovduta lill-Uffičėju tal-Kummissarju tat-Taxxi fi žmien sitt xhur mid-data tat-tieg/tač-čerimonja tal-unjoni čivili kif stipulat f'Sezzjoni 4 ta' din l-iskema.

8. Tul tal-iskema

Din l-iskema tibqa' fis-seħħ, għal tul definit, li tibda mid-data effettiva u tintemm ladarba l-allokkazzjoni ta' €2 miljun tkun ezawrita, sakemm din l-iskema ma tkunx immodifikata /mitmuma permezz ta' Avviz fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

9. Emendi għall-iskema

Il-Ministru għall-Finanzi u s-Servizzi Finanzjarji iżomm id-dritt li jagħmel kull tibdil f'din l-iskema bil-pubblikazzjoni ta' dan it-tibdil fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

10. Dispożizzjonijiet Tranzitorji

Applikazzjonijiet taht din l-iskema għall-infiq fuq provvisti ta' oġġetti u servizzi li jsiru minn aplikanti eligibbli fuq id-depożitu ta' oġġetti u servizzi relatati mat-tieg/čerimonja ta' unjoni čivili, liema funzjoni originali twettqet/kellha titwettaq bejn id-data effettiva u d-data tal-pubblikazzjoni ta' din in-Notifikazzjoni, għandom jitqiesu bhala aplikazzjonijiet validi taht din l-iskema.

Applications under this scheme, including the details of documents required, should be submitted by not later than six months (180 days) from the date of the marriage/civil union ceremony. Applications received 'late', that is after the six-month period, shall be deemed to be invalid applications.

5. Grant payable under the scheme

Eligible applicants may apply for a once-only grant of a maximum of €2,000 reimbursing forfeited deposit paid due to postponement or adaptation of wedding/ Civil union ceremony due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

6. Payment of grant

The grant will be credited to the bank account indicated by the applicant in the application.

7. Validity of application

An application shall not be deemed to be valid unless:

a) it is full and complete in all material aspects;

b) it is accompanied by all the relevant documentation or details as required;

c) is furnished to the Office of the Commissioner for Revenue by not later than six months from the date of the wedding/civil union ceremony as is stipulated in Section 4 of this scheme.

8. Duration of the scheme

This scheme shall remain in force, for a definite duration, that will commence from the effective date and end once the allocation of €2 million is exhausted, unless this scheme is not modified/terminated by means of a Notice in the Government Gazette.

9. Amendments to the scheme

The Minister for Finance and Financial Services reserves the right to make any amendments to this scheme by the publication of the said amendments in the Government Gazette.

10. Transitory Provisions

Applications made under this scheme relating to the expenditure incurred by eligible applicants, on the deposit of supply of goods and services relating to their wedding/civil union ceremony, which original function was held/was due to be held between the effective date and the date of publication of this Notice, shall be deemed to be valid applications under this scheme.

L-EWWEL SKEDA

Kategoriji ta' servizzi u oġġetti relatati ma' tiġijiet/ċerimonji ta' unjoni ċivili.

Klawsola 3

1. Hairdresser – Beautician – Make-up artist
2. Ilbiesi tal-għarusa/partner inklużi tal-bridesmaids/pageboys
3. Kiri ta' hwejjeg: tal-għarus/partner, xhieda, bestman, ushers, eċċ.
4. Karozza tal-għarusa/partner u karozzi oħra tal-kiri bix-xufier
5. Fjuri u rranġar ta' fjuri.
6. Servizzi awdovizivi: video-audio recordings – fotografija
7. Servizzi ta' kant/kor/mużiċisti fiċ-ċerimonja taż-żwieġ/ fiċ-ċerimonja tal-unjoni ċivili
8. Servizzi ta' kantanti/mużiċisti /bands/disco fit-tieg/ fiċ-ċerimonja tal-unjoni ċivili
9. Kiri tal-post fejn isir it-tieg/ċerimonja tal-unjoni ċivili
10. Catering, xorb u servizzi ta' waiters inkonnesjoni mat-tieg/maċ-ċerimonja tal-unjoni ċivili
11. Servizzi ta' event organiser
12. Spejjeż oħra – souvenirs, invitati, eċċ.

It-3 ta' Novembru, 2020

Nru. 1288

**ATT DWAR IL-HADDIEMA
D-DEHEB U L-HADDIEMA L-FIDDA
(ARGENTIERA)
(KAP. 46)**

IL-KUMMISSARJU tat-Taxxi Interni jgħarraf illi, fid-data li tidher hawn taht, il-prezz tad-deheb u l-fidda li fuqu huma bbażati l-valutazzjonijiet magħmulin mill-Konslu għall-Haddiema d-Deheb u l-Haddiema l-Fidda ġie ffixsat għall-finijiet tal-artikolu 14 tal-imsemmi Att kif ġej:

Data	Deheb Pur Gramma <i>Pure Gold Grams</i>	Fidda Pura Gramma <i>Pure Silver Grams</i>
3.11.2020	€52.321	€0.683

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FIRST SCHEDULE

Categories of supplies of goods and services connected with weddings/civil union ceremonies.

Clause 3

1. Hairdresser – Beautician – Make-up artist
2. Bridal/Partner wear including bridesmaids/pageboys
3. Hire of suits: bridegroom/partner, witnesses, best man, ushers, etc.
4. Bridal/Partner car and other chauffeur hired cars
5. Flowers and floral arrangements
6. Audio visual services: video-audio recordings – photography
7. Services of singer/choir/musicians at wedding /civil union ceremony
8. Services of singers/musicians/bands disco at wedding/civil union reception
9. Hire of wedding/civil union reception venue
10. Catering, beverages and waiter services at wedding/civil union reception
11. Services of an event organiser
12. Other expenses – souvenirs, invites, etc.

3rd November, 2020

No. 1288

**GOLDSMITHS AND
SILVERSMITHS
ACT
(CAP. 46)**

THE Commissioner of Inland Revenue notifies that, on the date shown hereunder, the price of gold and silver on which valuations made by the Consul for Goldsmiths and Silversmiths are based has been fixed for the purposes of article 14 of the said Act as follows:

3rd November, 2020