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**MINISTERU GHAT-TRASPORT
U L-INFOSTRUTTURA**

**L-ghotja tal-Gvern fuq ix-xiri ta' vetturi li
jahdmu bl-elettriku estiza ghan-negozji u
l-organizzazzjonijiet mhux governattivi**

Il-Gvern flimkien ma' Transport Malta, qed jestendi għall-komunità tan-negozju u għall-organizzazzjonijiet mhux governattivi registrati l-iskema ta' għotja fis-sehħ fuq ix-xiri ta' vetturi li jahdmu bl-elettriku biex jincentiva x-xiri ta' vetturi M1 u N1 li jahdmu bl-elettriku u kwadricikletti li jahdmu bl-elettriku, bil-ħsieb li jonqos l-għadd ta' vetturi qodma mill-użu fit-toroq. L-iskema oriġinali publikata permezz tan-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern Nru 150 fl-14 ta' Frar, 2014, fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern u emendata bin-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern Nru 351 tal-4 ta' April, 2014 li kienet maħsuba għal individwi privati li jużaw il-vetturi għal użu personali u mhux għal kiri jew kumpens jew b'rabta man-negozju tagħhom, għadha fis-sehħ u allura tkompli tiffirma parti minn din l-iskema.

Għaċ-ċarezza, l-iskema (li hija soġġetta għal diversi kondizzjonijiet) hija kif ġej:

(i) Għal individwi privati, l-ghotja se tammonta għal:

a) €4,000 fir-rigward ta' persuni li jirreġistraw vettura M1 li taħdem bl-elettriku;

b) €5,000 fir-rigward ta' persuni li jirreġistraw vettura M1 li taħdem bl-elettriku u fl-istess waqt inehħu mir-reġistrazzjoni vettura M1 oħra li jkollha għall-anqas 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura;

c) €1,500 fir-rigward ta' persuni li jirreġistraw kwadricikletta li taħdem bl-elettriku.

(ii) Għall-organizzazzjonijiet mhux governattivi, l-ghotja se tammonta għal:

a) €4,000 fir-rigward ta' għaqdiet mhux governattivi li jirreġistraw vettura M1 li taħdem bl-elettriku;

b) €5,000 fir-rigward ta' għaqdiet mhux governattivi li jirreġistraw vettura M1 li taħdem bl-elettriku u fl-istess waqt inehħu mir-reġistrazzjoni vettura M1 oħra li jkollha għall-anqas 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura;

c) €1,500 fir-rigward ta' għaqdiet mhux governattivi li jirreġistraw kwadricikletta li taħdem bl-elettriku.

(iii) Għall-komunità tan-negozju, l-ghotja se tammonta għal:

No.

**MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT
AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Extending the Government grant
on the purchase of electric vehicles for
the Business Community and NGOs**

The Government in conjunction with Transport Malta is extending to the Business Community and registered Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) the current grant scheme in force on the purchase of Battery Electric Vehicles to incentivise the purchase of electric M1 and N1 vehicles and electric quadricycles whilst at the same time reducing the number of old motor vehicles from the road. The original scheme published in virtue of Government Notice No. 150 of the 14th February 2014 in the Government Gazette and amended by Government Notice No. 351 of 4 April 2014 which was intended for private individuals who make use of vehicles for their personal use and not for hire or reward or in connection with their business, is still in force and thus continues to form part of this new scheme.

For clarity, the scheme (subject to various conditions) is as follows:

(i) For private individuals, the grant will amount to:

a) €4,000 to persons registering an electric M1 vehicle;

b) €5,000 to persons registering an electric M1 vehicle and de-registering another M1 vehicle which is at least 10 years old from year of manufacture;

c) €1,500 to persons registering an electric quadricycle.

(ii) For non-government organisations, the grant will amount to:

a) €4,000 to NGO's registering an electric M1 vehicle;

b) €5,000 to NGO's registering an electric M1 vehicle and de-registering another M1 vehicle which is at least 10 years old from year of manufacture;

c) €1,500 to NGO's registering an electric quadricycle.

(iii) For the business community, the grant will amount to:

a) €4,000 fir-rigward tan-negozji li jirreġistraw vettura M1 jew N1 li taħdem bl-elettriku;

b) €5,000 fir-rigward tan-negozji li jirreġistraw vettura M1 jew N1 li taħdem bl-elettriku u fl-istess waqt inehħu mir-reġistrazzjoni vettura M1 jew N1 oħra li jkollha għall-anqas 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura; li hija reġistrata, iggaraxxjata jew li għandha liċenzja biex tintuża fit-triq sad-data li fiha ssir l-applikazzjoni għall-ghotja;

c) €1,500 fir-rigward tan-negozji li jirreġistraw kwadriċikletta li taħdem bl-elettriku.

L-iskema għandha titqies li daħlet fis-seħħ fl-1 ta' Jannar, 2015, u hija fuq bażi tal-ewwel jinqeda l-ewwel. L-iskema tibqa' miftuha sakemm jiġi eżawrit il-baġit allokat għaliha.

L-ISKEMA

1. Interpretazzjoni

Għall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, sakemm ir-rabta tal-kliem ma tkunx teħtieġ xort'oħra:

'applikant' tfisser il-persuna li tkun qiegħda tapplika għall-ghotja taħt din l-iskema, u li, filwaqt li tkun persuna li hi residenti Malta, tkun ix-xerrej ta' vettura M1 jew N1 li taħdem bl-elettriku jew kwadriċikletta li taħdem bl-elettriku kif imfissra hawn taħt;

'applikazzjoni' tfisser l-applikazzjoni li ssir għal ghotja taħt din l-iskema;

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

'bejjieġh' tfisser agent jew negozjant kif imfisser taħt din l-iskema;

'ċertifikat ta' konformità' tfisser id-dokument stabbilit fl-Anness IX tad-Direttiva 2007/46/KE, maħruġ mill-manifattur u li jiċċertifika li vettura li tappartjeni għas-serje tat-tip approvat skont dik id-Direttiva tikkonforma mal-atti regolatorji kollha fil-mument tal-produzzjoni tagħha;

'ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura' tfisser iċ-ċertifikat ta' reġistrazzjoni ta' vettura maħruġ mill-Awtorità li jiċċertifika li l-vettura bil-mutur hija reġistrata;

'faċilità ta' trattament awtorizzata' għandha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha fir-Regolamenti dwar ir-Reġistrazzjoni u l-Liċenzjar ta' Vetturi bil-Mutur (LS368.02);

'ghotja' tfisser l-ghotja li qiegħda tingħata taħt din l-

a) €4,000 to businesses registering an electric M1 or N1 vehicle;

b) €5,000 to businesses registering an electric M1 or N1 vehicle and de-registering another M1 or N1 vehicle which is at least 10 years old from year of manufacture; and which is registered, garaged or licensed to be used on the road until the date of application for the grant;

c) €1,500 to businesses registering an electric quadricycle.

The scheme is deemed to have come into effect on the 1st January 2015 and is on a first come first serve basis. The scheme shall remain open until the allocated budget is exhausted.

THE SCHEME

1. Interpretation

For the purpose of the scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

'applicant' means the person applying for the grant under this scheme and who, apart from being a person residing in Malta, is the purchaser of an electric M1 or N1 vehicle or of an electric quadricycle as defined hereunder;

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

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

'seller' means an agent or dealer as defined under this scheme;

'certificate of conformity' means the document set out in Annex IX of Directive 2007/46/EC, issued by the manufacturer and certifying that a vehicle belonging to the series of the type approved in accordance with that Directive complies with all regulatory acts at the time of its production;

'vehicle registration certificate' means the vehicle registration certificate issued by the Authority providing proof of registration of the motor vehicle.

'authorised treatment facility' has the same meaning as assigned to it in the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL368.02);

'grant' means the grant being given under this scheme

iskema lix-xerrej ta' vettura li tkun tissodisfa r-rekwiżiti tal-paragrafu 4 (ii);

'kumpanija reġistrata' tfisser kull kumpanija kummerċjali reġistrata f'Malta mal-Awtorità Maltija għas-Servizzi Finanzjarji ;

'kwadricikletta li taħdem bl-elettriku' tfisser vettura tal-kategorija L7e kif imfissra fl-Artikolu 1 tad-Direttiva 2002/24/KE li għandha x'taqsam mal-approvazzjoni tat-tip ta' vetturi bil-mutur b'żewġ roti jew bi tliet roti, kif emendata; il-kwadricikletta għandu jkollha karatteristiċi ta' sigurtà nkluz iċ-ċintorin tas-sigurtà, tista' tgħabbi ta' żewġ persuni (kompriz is-sewwieq) u tista' tintuża għas-sewqan fit-triq;

'Malta' tfisser il-gżejjer Maltin;

'Ministru' tfisser il-Ministru reponsabbli għat-trasport;

'negozjant' jew 'agent' tfisser persuna jew entità awtorizzata biex timporta, tbiegħ jew tixtri vetturi bil-mutur;

'negozju' tfisser kull kumpanija kummerċjali, komprizi soċjetajiet bi sħubija, reġistrata f'Malta mal-Awtorità Maltija għas-Servizzi Finanzjarji jew persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-liġi nazzjonali jew kooperattiva;

'organizzazzjoni mhux governattiva' tfisser kull organizzazzjoni mhux governattiva li hija reġistrata uffiċjalment mal-Kunsill Malti għas-Servizzi Volontarji;

'persuna' tfisser persuna fiżika;

'persuna reġistrata li taħdem għal rasha' tfisser, għall-fini ta' din l-iskema, kull persuna li toqgħod f'Malta u li hija reġistrata mal-Korporazzjoni għax-Xogħol, mad-Dipartiment tat-Taxxa, mad-Dipartiment tal-VAT u li għandha liċenzja ta' kummerċ mid-Dipartiment tal-Kummerċ;

'persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna fiżika li jkollha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu maħruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti oħra tal-Identità (Kap. 258) jew li jkollha permess ta' residenza jew ittra maħruġa mill-uffiċċju tal-espatrijazzjoni fil-Ministeru għall-Affarijiet Barranin;

'sid reġistrat' tfisser il-persuna jew l-impriza li f'isimha vettura tkun giet reġistrata mill-Awtorità;

'Stat Membru' tfisser Stat Membru tal-Unjoni Ewropea;

'taxxa ta' reġistrazzjoni' tfisser it-taxxa ta' reġistrazzjoni mitluba u miġbura skont l-Att dwar ir-Reġistrazzjoni u l-Liċenzjar ta' Vetturi bil-Mutur (Kap. 368);

to the purchaser of a motor vehicle which satisfies the requirements of paragraph 4 (ii);

'registered company' means any commercial company registered in Malta with the Malta Financial Services Authority;

'electric quadricycle' means an L7e category vehicle as defined in Article 1 of Directive 2002/24/EC relating to the type-approval of two or three-wheel motor vehicles, as amended; the quadricycle needs to have safety features including seat belts, be a two passenger vehicle (including driver and can be used on the road);

'Malta' means the islands of Malta;

'Minister' means the Minister responsible for transport;

'dealer' or 'agent' means a person or entity authorised to import, sell or buy motor vehicles;

'business' means any commercial company including partnerships registered in Malta with the Malta Financial Services Authority or a self-employed person in accordance to National Law or a cooperative society;

'non-government organisations' means any Non-Government Organisation (NGO) officially registered with the Malta Council for Voluntary Services;

'person' means a natural person;

'registered self employed' means, for the purpose of this scheme, any person who resides in Malta and is registered with the Employment Corporation, the Inland Revenue Department, the Value Added Tax Department and have a trade licence from the Trade Department;

'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 Identity Documents Act (Cap. 258) or who has a residence permit or a letter issued from the expatriate office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

'registered owner' means the person or undertaking in whose name a motor vehicle is registered by the Authority;

'Member State' means a Member State of the European Union;

'registration tax' means the registration tax charged and levied in terms of the Motor Vehicles Registration and Licensing Act under the laws of Malta (Cap. 368);

‘tneħħija mir-registrazzjoni’ tfisser, għall-fini ta’ din l-iskema, it-tneħħija permanenti ta’ vettura bil-mutur mir-registrazzjoni tagħha ma’ Transport Malta u wara, dik il-vettura ma għandha qatt terġa’ tiġi registrata biex tintuża fit-triq f’Malta;

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

‘użu privat’ tfisser kull użu li ma jkunx għal kiri jew kumpens jew b’rabta man-negozju ta’ dak l-individwu;

‘vettura li taħdem bl-elettriku’ tfisser vettura M1 jew N1 li taħdem b’mutur jew aktar li jaħdem b’enerġija elettrika maħżuna f’batteriji; vettura li taħdem bl-elettriku *range extender* tfisser vettura li jkollha magna *range extender* li tiċċarġja l-batterija sabiex ittawwal l-awtonomija tal-magna. Il-magna *range extender* taħdem biss meta l-livell tal-batterija jaqa’ f’punt speċifiku, u għalhekk taġixxi bħala ġeneratur sabiex tipproduċi l-elettriku, u b’hekk testendi d-distanza vjaġġ normali ta’ vettura li taħdem bl-elettriku iżda għall-fini tal-ġhotja, ir-REEV jista’ jkollu awtonomija garantita fuq batterija ta’ għall-anqas 130km fuq *charge* purament elettriku qabel ma *r-range extender* jibda jaħdem b’mod awtomatiku bħala sapport wara li l-batterija tinhela. Il-vetturi kollha m’għandhomx ikunu itwal minn 5,000mm kif ċertifikati fiċ-ċertifikat ta’ konformità;

‘vettura li tneħħiet mir-registrazzjoni’ tfisser vettura M1 jew N1 bil-mutur li tneħħietilha r-registrazzjoni;

‘vettura M1’ tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr ta’ passiġġieri, li tista’ ġgorr mhux aktar minn tmien passiġġieri minbarra s-sewwieq;

‘vettura N1’ tfisser vettura bil-mutur użata għall-ġarr tal-merkanzija u li l-ogħla massa tagħha ma tkunx aktar minn 3.5 tunnelli;

‘vettura użata’ tfisser vettura bil-mutur li tkun diġà registrata;

‘xerrej’ tfisser persuna, persuna tan-negozju jew organizzazzjoni mhux governattiva li tkun qieghda tixtri l-vettura minn pajjiż ieħor jew mingħand l-aġent jew negozjant, u dik il-vettura tiġi registrata f’isimha u li tkun il-persuna li tapplika għall-ġhotja taħt din l-iskema.

2. Għal min tapplika l-iskema

2.1 L-iskema għal ġhotja fuq ix-xiri ta’ karozza li taħdem bl-elettriku jew kwadricikletta li taħdem bl-elettriku tapplika għal kull persuna residenti f’Malta, u wkoll għal imprizi kummerċjali u organizzazzjonijiet mhux governattivi jekk

‘de-registered’ means, for the purpose of this scheme, the permanent removal of a motor vehicle from its registration with Transport Malta and thereafter, that motor vehicle shall never be registered again to be used on the road in Malta;

‘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;

‘private use’ means for use by a private individual and not for hire or reward or in connection with such individual’s business;

‘electric vehicle’ means an M1 or N1 vehicle fully powered by one or more electric motors using electrical energy stored in batteries; a range extender electric vehicle means a vehicle having a range extender engine which recharges the battery to prolong the autonomy of the engine. The range extender engine will only be engaged when the battery level drops at a specific point, thus acting as a generator to produce electricity, thus extending the normal range of the electric vehicle provided that for the purpose of the grant, the REEV can have a guaranteed autonomy on a battery of a minimum 130km on pure electric charge before the range extender is automatically engaged as a back-up after the battery runs out. All vehicles shall have a length that does not exceed 5,000mm as certified on the certificate of conformity;

‘de-registered vehicle’ means an M1 or N1 vehicle which has been de-registered;

‘M1 vehicle’ means, for the purposes of this scheme, a motor vehicle used for the carriage of persons and which may carry no more than eight passengers in addition to the driver;

‘N1 vehicle’ means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods and having a maximum mass not exceeding 3.5 tonnes;

‘used motor vehicle’ means a motor vehicle that has been registered;

‘purchaser’ means a person, business person or a non-government organization buying the vehicle from another country or from the local agent or dealer, having that vehicle registered in his name and being the applicant for the grant under this scheme;

2. Area of applicability

2.1 The scheme for a grant for the purchase of an electric car or electric quadricycle applies to any person residing in Malta, as well as commercial undertakings and non-government organisations and if that person or entity is

dik il-persuna jew entità tapplika għal għotja ta' €5,000, dik il-persuna jew entità tkun is-sid reġistrat ta' vettura M1 jew N1 li għandha mill-anqas 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura, sakemm dik il-vettura tibqa' hekk reġistrata jew garaxxjata jew bil-liċenzja sad-data tal-applikazzjoni għall-għotja, u li titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni fil-ħin li tiġi reġistrata l-vettura li taħdem bl-elettriku.

2.2. L-iskema, soġġetta għal diversi kondizzjonijiet imsemmija f'din in-Notifikazzjoni, tikkonsisti f'għotja kif ġej:

Fir-rigward ta' individwu privat:

a) €4,000 fir-rigward ta' persuni li jirreġistraw vettura M1 li taħdem bl-elettriku;

b) €5,000 fir-rigward ta' persuni li jirreġistraw vettura M1 li taħdem bl-elettriku u fl-istess waqt inehħu mir-reġistrazzjoni vettura M1 oħra li jkollha għall-anqas 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura;

c) €1,500 fir-rigward ta' persuni li jirreġistraw kwadriċikletta li taħdem bl-elettriku.

Fir-rigward ta' organizzazzjonijiet mhux governattivi:

a) €4,000 fir-rigward ta' għaqdiet mhux governattivi li jirreġistraw vettura M1 li taħdem bl-elettriku;

b) €5,000 fir-rigward ta' ta' għaqdiet mhux governattivi li jirreġistraw vettura M1 li taħdem bl-elettriku u fl-istess waqt inehħu mir-reġistrazzjoni vettura M1 oħra li jkollha għall-anqas 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura;

c) €1,500 fir-rigward ta' għaqdiet mhux governattivi li jirreġistraw kwadriċikletta li taħdem bl-elettriku.

Fir-rigward ta' negozji:

a) €4,000 fir-rigward tan-negozji li jirreġistraw vettura M1 jew N1 li taħdem bl-elettriku;

b) €5,000 fir-rigward tan-negozji li jirreġistraw vettura M1 jew N1 li taħdem bl-elettriku u fl-istess waqt inehħu mir-reġistrazzjoni vettura M1 jew N1 oħra li jkollha għall-anqas 10 snin mis-sena tal-manifattura; li hija reġistrata, iggaraxxjata jew li għandha liċenzja biex tintuża fit-triq sad-data li fiha ssir l-applikazzjoni għall-għotja;

c) €1,500 fir-rigward tan-negozji li jirreġistraw kwadriċikletta li taħdem bl-elettriku.

Kull individwu privat u organizzazzjoni mhux governattiva tkun intitolata tixtri vettura waħda taħt din l-iskema bl-ogħla għotja tkun €5,000.

Min-naħa l-oħra, kumpanija reġistrata, soċjetà bi shubija,

applying for the €5,000 grant, that person or entity shall be the registered owner of an M1 or an N1 vehicle which is at least 10 years old from year of manufacture, provided that such vehicle shall continue to be so registered, garaged or licensed until the date of application for the grant, and is de-registered at the time of the registration of the electric vehicle.

2.2. The scheme, subject to various conditions referred to in this Notice, consists of a grant as follows:

For private individual:

a) €4,000 to persons registering an electric M1 vehicle;

b) €5,000 to persons registering an electric M1 vehicle and de-registering another M1 vehicle which is at least 10 years old from year of manufacture;

c) €1,500 to persons registering an electric quadricycle.

For non-government organisations:

a) €4,000 to NGOs registering an electric M1 vehicle;

b) €5,000 to NGOs registering an electric M1 vehicle and de-registering another M1 vehicle which is at least 10 years old from year of manufacture;

c) €1,500 to NGOs registering an electric quadricycle.

For businesses:

a) €4,000 to businesses registering an electric M1 or N1 vehicle;

b) €5,000 to businesses registering an electric M1 or N1 vehicle and de-registering another M1 or N1 vehicle which is at least 10 years old from year of manufacture; and which is registered, garaged or licensed to be used on the road until the date of application for the grant

c) €1,500 to businesses registering an electric quadricycle.

Every private individual and NGO shall be entitled to the purchase of one vehicle under this scheme with a maximum grant of €5,000.

On the other hand, a registered company, partnership,

kooperattiva jew persuna registrata li taħdem għal rasha kif imfissra f'din in-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern tkun intitolata għal għotja massima ta' €10,000, li tista' tkopri tahlita ta' tipi differenti ta' vetturi kif imfisser f'din in-Notifikazzjoni.

Eżempju, kumpanija tista' tressaq applikazzjoni li tkopri total ta' sitt kwadricikletti b'għotja totali ta' €9,000 jew tahlita ta' vetturi M1, N1 u L7e sakemm l-għotja totali ma tkunx aktar minn €10,000.

3. Kif għandha ssir l-applikazzjoni u d-dokumenti li għandhom jiġu pprezentati

(i) Applikazzjoni għal għotja taħt din l-iskema għandha ssir jew mill-aġent/negozjant jew mix-xerrej wara l-ħruġ ta' fattura mill-aġent/negozjant lix-xerrej fil-formola stabbilita fl-iskema li tinsab ma' din l-iskema u għandu jkun fiha dak it-tagħrif, dettalji u dokumenti kollha kif meħtieġa fl-imsemmija formola u skont din l-iskema.

(ii) L-applikazzjonijiet għandu jkollhom magħhom dawn id-dokumenti li ġejjin:

(a) kopja ta' dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu tal-applikant jew permess ta' residenza jew ittra maħruġa mill-uffiċċju tal-espatrijazzjoni;

(b) kopja taċ-ċertifikat ta' konformità, li jkun juri n-numru tax-*chassis* u t-tul tal-vettura fir-rigward biss ta' vetturi ġodda u kwadricikletti ġodda;

(c) iċ-ċertifikat tar-registrazzjoni oriġinali u d-dokument tal-valutazzjoni oriġinali maħruġa mit-Taqsima Teknika tal-Awtorità fir-rigward ta' vetturi użati u kwadricikletti użati;

(d) dokument ta' qerda maħruġ mill-facilità ta' trattament awtorizzata li jkun jiċċertifika li l-vettura li se tiġi skrappjata tkun ġiet meqruda fil-facilità ta' trattament awtorizzata (din hija applikabbli jekk vettura oħra tkun se tiġi skrappjata);

(e) fir-rigward ta' kumpanija jew soċjetà bi sħubija, kopja vera attestata tal-Artikoli ta' Assoċjazzjoni jew ċertifikat tal-VAT;

(f) fir-rigward ta' persuna li taħdem għal rasha jew kooperattiva, kopja vera attestata taċ-ċertifikat tal-VAT;

(g) fir-rigward ta' organizzazzjoni mhux governattiva, kopja vera attestata ta' ċertifikat maħruġ mill-Kunsill Malti għas-Servizz Volontarju.

(iii) Applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti kollha rilevanti, għandhom jiġu pprezentati jew mibgħuta mill-aġent jew negozjant f'isem l-applikant lit-Taqsima tal-Liċenzjar ta' Vetturi, Hornworks Ditch, Il-Furjana, Sala Ċ, bejn is-7.30 a.m. u nofsinhar fil-ġranet tax-xogħol, flimkien mad-dokumenti u ċertifikati rilevanti l-oħra

cooperative society or a registered self-employed as defined in this Government Notice shall be entitled to a maximum grant of €10,000, which can be in the form of a combination of different types of vehicles as defined in this Notice.

Example, a company may apply for a total of six quadricycles with a total grant of €9,000 or a mix of M1, N1 and L7e vehicles as long as the total grant does not exceed €10,000.

3. Manner of application and supporting documents

(i) An application for a grant under this scheme shall be made either by the agent/dealer or by the purchaser following the issue of an invoice by the agent/dealer to the purchaser, in the form set out in the schedule to this scheme and shall contain all the information, details and documents as required in the said form and in terms of this scheme.

(ii) Applications shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(a) copy of a legally valid identification document of the applicant or a residence permit or letter issued by the expatriate office;

(b) a copy of the Certificate of Conformity, detailing the chassis number and length of the vehicle in the case of new vehicles and new quadricycles only;

(c) the original registration certificate and the original valuation printout issued from the Authority's Technical Unit in the case of used vehicles and quadricycles;

(d) a destruction certificate issued by the approved destruction facility certifying that the vehicle which is being scrapped has been destroyed in the approved destruction facility (applicable if another vehicle is being scrapped);

(e) in the case of a company or partnership, a certified true copy of the Articles of Association or VAT certificate;

(f) in the case of self-employed or a cooperative society, a certified true copy of the VAT certificate;

(g) in the case of an NGO, a certified true copy of certificate issued by the Malta Council for Voluntary Service.

(iii) Applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted/sent by the agent or dealer on behalf of the applicant to the Vehicle Licensing Unit, Hornworks Ditch, Floriana, Hall C, between 7.30 a.m. and noon during working days, together with all other relevant documents required for the registration of the

kollha mehtieġa għar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura, kompriża l-formola ta' applikazzjoni għal għajnuna mill-Istat.

4. Eligibbiltà

(i) Sabiex ikun eliġibbli, applikant għandu jkun konformi jew mas-subtaqsima 2.1 jew mas-subtaqsima 2.2 tat-Taqsima 2.

(ii) Biex tikkwalifika, il-vettura li taħdem bl-elettriku (vettura M1 jew N1 vehicle):

(a) għandha tkun ġdida jew użata u ma jkollhiex aktar minn 24 xahar mid-data tal-ewwel reġistrazzjoni u mhux aktar minn 12,000 km fuq l-odometru;

(b) ma tkunx giet reġistrata f'Malta qabel l-1 ta' Jannar, 2015;

(c) ikollha liċenzja għal użu privat jew użu b'konnessjoni mal-ghoti ta' servizzi volontarji jew attività ta' negozju;

(d) ma tkunx itwal minn 5,000mm kif ċertifikata fiċ-Ċertifikat ta' Konformità fir-rigward ta' vetturi ġodda; jew

(e) ma tkunx itwal minn 5,000mm kif ċertifikata fid-dokument tal-valutazzjoni oriġinali mahruġa mit-Taqsima Teknika tal-Awtorità fir-rigward ta' vetturi użati.

(ii) Biex tikkwalifika, kwadriċikletta li taħdem bl-elettriku:

a) għandha tkun ġdida jew użata u ma jridx ikollha aktar minn 24 xahar mid-data tal-ewwel reġistrazzjoni tagħha u mhux aktar minn 12,000km fuq l-odometru;

b) ma tridx tkun giet reġistrata mal-Awtorità qabel l-1 ta' Jannar, 2015;

c) għandha tinħarġilha liċenzja biex tintuża biss għal skop privat.

(iv) Biex tikkwalifika għall-ghotja ta' €5,000, il-vettura bil-mutur li tkun se titneħħa mir-reġistrazzjoni:

(a) għandu jkollha mill-anqas għaxar (10) snin fid-data meta ssir l-applikazzjoni, bl-età tal-vettura tiġi determinata billi mis-sena kalendarja fid-data meta ssir l-applikazzjoni titnaqqas is-sena tal-manifattura murija fiċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura;

(b) għandha tkun reġistrata jew garaxxjata u nħarġilha liċenzja mill-Awtorità f'isem l-applikant fid-data tal-applikazzjoni kif ikun juri ċ-ċertifikat tar-reġistrazzjoni tal-vettura jew kif kkonfermat mill-Awtorità;

vehicle, including the State aid application form.

4. Eligibility

(i) To be eligible, an applicant shall conform to subsection 2.1 or 2.2 of Section 2.

(ii) To qualify, the electric vehicle (M1 or N1 vehicle) shall:

(a) be either new or used and having not more than 24 months from date of first registration and not more than 12,000 km on the odometer;

(b) not have been registered in Malta before the 1st January, 2015;

(c) be licensed for private use or used in connection with the provision of voluntary services or the activity of a business;

(d) have a length that does not exceed 5,000mm as certified on the Certificate of Conformity in the case of new vehicles; or

(e) have a length that does not exceed 5,000mm as certified on the original valuation printout issued from the Authority's Technical Unit in the case of used vehicles.

(ii) To qualify, the electric quadricycle shall:

a) be either new or used and have not more than 24 months from date of first registration and not more than 12,000km on the odometer;

b) not have been registered with the Authority before the 1st January, 2015;

c) be licensed for private use.

(iv) To qualify for the €5,000 grant, the motor vehicle to be de-registered shall:

(a) be at least ten (10) years old on the date of application, the age of the vehicle being determined as the calendar year as on the date of application less the year of manufacture as certified on the vehicle registration certificate;

(b) have been registered, garaged or licensed with the Authority in the name of the applicant on the date of application, as shown on the vehicle's registration certificate or as confirmed by the Authority;

(c) tkun trid tiġi mnehhija mir-reġistrazzjoni qabel ma tiġi reġistrata l-vettura ġdida;

(d) la darba titneħha mir-reġistrazzjoni, il-vettura għandha tiġi skrapjata skont id-dispożizzjonijiet tat-Taqsima VIII tar-Regolamenti dwar ir-Reġistrazzjoni u l-Liċenzjar ta' Vetturi bil-Mutur (LS368.02).

5. Il-ħlas tal-ġhotja

Fejn l-applikant jikkwalifika għall-ġhotja, l-ammont tal-ġhotja jitnaqqas minn Transport Malta mill-ammont ta' taxxa tar-reġistrazzjoni li tkun dovuta fuq dik il-vettura partikolari li tkun qiegħda tiġi reġistrata f'isem ix-xerrej. L-ammont li jkun tnaqqas mit-taxxa tar-reġistrazzjoni jiġi kopert permess ta' trasferiment ta' ammont ekwivalenti. L-ġhotja tithallas xorta waħda jekk l-applikant ikollu eżenzjoni mit-taxxa tar-reġistrazzjoni u, f'każ bħal dak, isiru arrangamenti finanzjarji separati.

L-ġhotja li tingħata lix-xerrej m'għandhiex titqies bħala dħul għall-finijiet tal-*income tax*. Negożji li japplikaw għall-ġhotja xorta waħda jistgħu jibbenefikaw minn incentivi li huma fis-seħħ fir-rigward ta' vetturi li jaħdmu bl-elettriku għall-finijiet ta' taxxa.

Kumpanija reġistrata, soċjetà bi sħubija, kooperattiva jew persuna reġistrata li taħdem għal rasha jistgħu japplikaw għal għadd ta' ġhotjiet iżda l-ammont totali li jingħata ma jkunx aktar minn €10,000 waqt li tkun għadha għaddejja l-iskema filwaqt li l-NGO's ikunu intitolati għax-xiri ta' vettura waħda taħt din l-iskema bl-ogħla ġhotja tkun €5,000.

6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li tkun ġiet preżentata mill-applikant kemm-il darba ma tkunx ġiet mimlija kollha u ma jkunx ġew preżentati magħha d-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma tkunx ġiet mimlija sew u ma jkollhiex magħha d-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, it-talba għall-ġhotja ma tiġix proċessata sakemm ma tiġix provduta l-informazzjoni li tkun nieqsa. L-Awtorità għandha tikteb lill-aġent/negożjant jew lill-applikant dwar l-informazzjoni li tkun meħtieġa.

7. Rifuzjoni tal-ġhotja jekk il-vettura tiġi trasferita

Il-vettura bil-mutur ġdida mixtrija mill-applikant għall-ġhotja għandha tibqa' reġistrata f'ismu għal perjodu ta' mill-anqas sitta u tletin (36) xahar mid-data tal-ewwel reġistrazzjoni. Jekk is-sid reġistrat ta' vettura ġdida li għaliha jkun ingħata ġhotja taħt din l-iskema jittrasferixxi, għal xi raġuni li ma jkunx trasferiment *causa mortis* lil xi werriet, l-imsemmija vettura lil terza persuna qabel jiskadi l-perjodu ta' sitta u tletin xahar, hu jkun irid irodd lura l-ġhotja netta li jkun irċieva lill-Awtorità.

(c) be de-registered prior to the registration of the new vehicle;

(d) once de-registered, the motor vehicle shall be destroyed in accordance with the provisions of Part VIII of the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles Regulations (SL368.02).

5. Payment of Grant

Where an applicant qualifies for the grant, the grant shall be deducted by Transport Malta from the total amount of registration tax due on that particular vehicle being registered in the name of the purchaser. The registration tax will then be topped up with the equivalent amount by means of a transfer. The grant would still be payable when the customer enjoys an exemption from registration tax and, in such a case, separate financial arrangements are made.

The grant given to the purchaser shall not be assessed as income for income tax purposes. Businesses applying for the grant can still benefit from incentives in place with respect to the purchase of Battery Electric Vehicles for tax purposes.

A registered company, partnership, cooperative society or a registered self-employed can apply for a number of grants but the total of the grant shall not exceed €10,000 for the duration of the scheme whilst NGO's shall be entitled to the purchase of one vehicle under this scheme with a maximum grant of €5,000.

6. Validity of application

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. The Authority shall write to the agent/dealer or applicant and advising him of the information required.

7. Refund of grant if the vehicle is transferred

The new motor vehicle purchased by the applicant for the grant shall remain registered in his name for a period of at least thirty-six (36) months from the date of first registration. If the registered owner of a new motor vehicle on which a grant has been provided under this scheme transfers the said vehicle, for any reason other than a transfer *causa mortis* to a heir, to a third party before the expiry of the thirty-six month period, then that person shall refund the grant received to the Authority.

8. Tul tal-iskema

Din l-iskema tibqa' fis-sehh sal-31 ta' Diċembru, 2015 sakemm din l-iskema ma tiġix modifikata jew mitmuma qabel iż-żmien permezz ta' Notifikazzjoni fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern. L-iskema tiġi terminata b'mod awtomatiku meta l-ammont totali ta' għotjiet jilhaq l-ammont ta' €100,000. Madankollu, il-Gvern jista' jittermina l-iskema fi kwalunkwe żmien billi jagħti avvizz bil-quddiem.

L-iskema tista' tiġgedded kif jitqies li hu meħtieġ mill-Ministru permezz ta' Notifikazzjoni fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

9. Għajnuna mill-Istat

Għall-fini ta' applikanti li jwettqu attività ekonomika, din l-iskema qed tiġi implimentata b'konformità mar-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (KE) Nru 1407/2013 tat-18 ta' Diċembru, 2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-Għajnuna de minimis, Gurnal Uffiċjali L352/1 tal-24 ta' Diċembru 2013. Kumpaniji, persuni li jaħdmu għal rashom u organizzazzjonijiet mhux governattivi li jwettqu xi attività ekonomika u li japplikaw għal dawn l-għotjiet għandhom jiżguraw li huma fil-limiti tal-Għajnuna mill-Istat u għandhom jimlew il-formola mehmuża dwar Għajnuna mill-Istat.

10. Emendi għall-iskema

Il-Ministru responsabbli għat-trasport ikollu d-dritt li jagħmel kull tibdil f'din l-iskema permezz ta' Notifikazzjoni fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

11. Talbiet b'qerq

Jekk jinstab li talbiet għall-għotja jkun saru b'qerq, il-Ministeru responsabbli għat-trasport jista' jissostitwixxi proċeduri kriminali kontra dawk responsabbli. Fil-każ li jkun sar ħlas żbaljat għal talba, il-Ministeru responsabbli għat-trasport jirriserva d-dritt li jirkupra l-flus imħallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll fir-rigward ta' negozji u organizzazzjonijiet mhux governattivi speċjalment fir-rigward ta' dikjarazzjonijiet marbuta ma' Għajnuna mill-Istat. Il-kumpaniji għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni li jagħtu tkun korretta.

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8. Duration of scheme

This scheme shall remain into force until the 31st December 2015 unless modified or terminated beforehand by a Notice in the Government Gazette. The scheme shall be automatically terminated when the total amount of the grants reach the amount of €100,000. Notwithstanding, Government may terminate the scheme at any time by giving prior notice.

The scheme may be renewed as deemed necessary by the Minister by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

9. State Aid

For the purpose of applicants that carry out an economic activity, this scheme will be implemented in accordance with the provisions of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18th December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid, Official Journal L 352/1 of 24 December 2013. Companies, self-employed persons and NGOs that carry out an economic activity applying for these grants should make sure that they are within the limits of State Aid and will have to fill the attached form on State Aid.

10. Amendments to the scheme

The Minister responsible for transport shall have the right to make any amendments to this scheme by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

11. Fraudulent claims

Where a fraudulent claim arises, the Minister responsible for transport may institute criminal proceedings against those responsible. In the event of an incorrect payment of a claim, the Ministry responsible for transport reserves the right to recover funds paid in error. This also applies to Businesses and NGOs, especially with respect to State Aid declarations. Companies are to make sure that the information provided is correct.

17th February, 2015

DIKJARAZZJONI DWAR GĦAJNUNA MILL-ISTAT (*DE MINIMIS*)

Għotja mill-Gvern fuq ix-xiri ta' vetturi li jaħdmu bl-elettriku għan-negozji u l-organizzazzjonijiet mhux governattivi

Nru ta' Referenza ta' TM:

Jekk l-applikazzjoni li giet ipprezentata tiġi approvata, il-proġett jibbenefika minn għajjnuna tal-Istat *de minimis* skont ir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (KE) Nru. 1998/2006 tal-15 ta' Diċembru, 2006 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 87 u 88 tat-Trattat għall-Għajjnuna *de minimis*.

Ir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (KE) Nru. 1998/2006 jippermetti li intrapriża tircievi ammont massimu aggregat f'għajjnuna *de minimis* ta' €200,000 taht kull miżura ta' għajjnuna *de minimis*, fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali. Dan il-limitu massimu aggregat huwa applikabbli fil-prinċipju għas-setturi ekonomiċi kollha hliet għas-settur tat-trasport stradali li għalih hemm limitu aktar baxx ta' €100,000 fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin fiskali konsekuttivi. Is-setturi tal-biedja u s-sajd huma soġġetti għal limiti u kriterji differenti. Għall-fini ta' din id-dikjarazzjoni l-frazi 'impriza' tinkludi wkoll kumpanniji li huma, direttament jew indirettament, tal-istess kumpannija prinċipali jew li huma kontrollati mill-istess kumpannija prinċipali, kif ukoll intrapriži 'msieħba' u 'relatati' rilevanti kif imfissra fl-Anness I tar-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (KE) Nru 800/2008. Barra minn hekk 'sena fiskali' tfisser is-sena fiskali kif użata għall-finijiet ta' taxxa mill-intrapriża konċernata.

Il-limitu massimu jkun jinkludi l-għajjnuna Statali kollha mogħtija taht din l-iskema u kull miżura oħra ta' għajjnuna Statali mogħtija taht ir-regola tad-*de minimis*. Kull għajjnuna *de minimis* mogħtija li teċċedi l-limitu stabbilit għandha tkun irkuprata, bl-interess, mingħand l-intrapriża li tkun qiegħda tircievi l-għajjnuna.

Dan li ġej huwa elenku tal-forom possibbli ta' għajjnuna Statali:

- Għajnuniet minn korpi pubbliċi
- Self jew garanziji ta' self b'rati favorevoli
- Benefiċċji tat-taxxa
- Rinunzja jew differiment ta' drittijiet jew interessi li jkunu normalment dovuti
- Assistenza dwar il-*marketing* u r-riklamar
- Konsulenza, taħriġ u sapport ieħor provdut bla ħlas jew b'rata mnaqqsa
- Għajjnuna għal investiment fi proġetti jew riċerka u assistenza għall-iżvilupp
- Xiri jew kiri ta' proprjetà mmobbli b'rata li tkun inqas minn dik tas-suq.

Kull għajjnuna minn korp pubbliku tista' potenzjalment tikkostitwixxi għajjnuna Statali. Jekk ikollok xi dubji dwar jekk għajjnuna pubblika li tircievi hijiex għajjnuna *de minimis*, int għandek tikkuntattja lill-aġenzija jew dipartiment li mingħandu tkun irċevejt l-għajjnuna biex tiżgura jekk hijiex għajjnuna *de minimis* jew le.

DIKJARAZZJONI

Niddikjara li ammont komprensiv ta' għajjnuna *de minimis* li rċevejt s'issa matul is-sena fiskali kurrenti u matul is-sentejn fiskali ta' qabel din kien ta':

Sena Fiskali 2011	Sena Fiskali 2012	Sena Fiskali 2013	TOTAL
€	€	€	€

Analizi statistika tas-sors, tip u ammont tal-għajjnuna *de minimis* kollha li rċevejna kif ukoll dik li saret applikazzjoni għaliha mingħand l-Istat, hija pprezentata hawn wara.

STATE AID DECLARATION (*DE MINIMIS*)

----- Government grant on the purchase of Battery Electric Vehicles for the Business Community and NGOs -----

If the submitted application is approved, the project will benefit from *de minimis* State aid in line with Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to *de minimis* aid.

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1407/2013 allows a 'single undertaking' to receive an aggregate maximum amount of *de minimis* aid of €200,000 under all *de minimis* aid measures, over a period of three 'fiscal years'. This aggregate maximum threshold applies in principle to all economic sectors with the exception of a 'single undertaking' performing road freight transport for hire or reward for which a lower *de minimis* threshold of EUR 100 000 over any period of three 'fiscal years' applies. The agriculture and fisheries sectors are subject to different thresholds and criteria. For the purpose of this declaration the term 'single undertaking' shall have the meaning as established in Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1407/2013. Moreover 'fiscal year' means the fiscal year as used for tax purposes by the undertaking concerned.

This maximum threshold would include all State aid granted under this scheme and any other State aid measure granted under the *de minimis* rule. Any *de minimis* aid received in excess of the established threshold will have to be recovered, with interest, from the undertaking receiving the aid.

The following is an indicative list of the possible forms of State aid:

- Grants from public bodies
- Loans or loan guarantees at favourable rates
- Tax benefits
- Waiving or deferral of fees or interest normally due
- Marketing and advertising assistance
- Consultancy, training and other support provided either free or at a reduced rate
- Aid for investment in environmental projects or research and development assistance
- Purchase, rent or lease of immovable property at less than market rate.

Potentially any assistance from a public body may constitute State aid. Should you have any doubts whether any public assistance received is *de minimis* aid, you should contact the agency or department from which the assistance was received in order to ascertain this.

DECLARATION

I declare that a comprehensive amount of *de minimis* aid received to date during the current fiscal year and the previous two fiscal years is:

Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	TOTAL
€	€	€	€

A breakdown of the source, type and amount of all *de minimis* aid received as well as that applied for from any State aid grantor, is presented overleaf.

