



First Aid Training Support Scheme 2018

GUIDELINES

1.0 Brief of the First Aid Training Courses

One of the main priorities of the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector (MCVS) is to encourage Voluntary Organisations to invest in training and capacity building, of their members, volunteers and administrators focusing on strengthening the capability of Voluntary Organisations as part of the process of building the potential of voluntary organisations to respond to the needs of the community they serve. As part of this priority we believe that the promotion of First Aid in the community is an essential aspect in keeping both the volunteers and the members within our community safe.

This priority is aligned to the mission statement of MCVS stating:

“to support the development of a more effective and efficient voluntary and community sector in Malta and Gozo through the delivery of a range of support and capacity building services including information, advice and training.”

To support this initiative MCVS is providing financial support to Voluntary Organisations to organise training in First Aid both to their volunteers as well as within the community they work in. Many volunteers are charged with tasks and may find themselves in situations where they need to act quickly due to some medical emergency. And many times, well-meaning volunteers will offer to help, but are lacking the specific skills in the area of Basic First Aid. While enthusiasm to help is fantastic, this enthusiasm needs to be supported by formal training so that the outcomes of the aid given are positive to all involved.

1.1 Objectives of the Scheme

The main objectives of the **First Aid Training Support Scheme (FATSS)** are to:

- a)** Provide volunteers with adequate skills in First Aid that may be helpful on a personal level and in their work within the community.

- b) Help volunteers improve their skills to undertake the voluntary work skilfully, ethically and efficiently.
- c) Provide volunteers with adequate skills that may be helpful on a personal level and contribute to their personal growth, lifelong learning and enhance their *Curriculum Vitae (CV)*.
- d) Raise the level of professionalism in the services and initiatives implemented by Voluntary Organisations within the community.

2.0 Priorities, Eligibility and Procedure of the Training Initiatives Scheme

2.1 Priority 1 – First Aid Training for Volunteers

Support for Voluntary Organisations in the organisation of First Aid training initiatives which are beneficial both to the same organisation and to the community at large.

2.2 Eligibility for *Voluntary Organisations* to participate in the Scheme

- a) This Scheme allows Voluntary Organisations enrolled and compliant with the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations to participate in the Scheme and express their wish to organise a First Aid training courses.
- b) Any Enrolled VO can only apply to organise one First Aid Course.
- c) All First Aid Courses must be carried out and finished by not later than the 31st of October 2018.
- d) The First Aid Course may be address to the VO's volunteers and/or to the community.
- e) The First Aid Courses will be fully funded by MCVS and attendance of participants shall be free of charge.
- f) Any logistical and administrative expenses shall be incurred by the VO organising the training course.
- g) VOs who are service providers of First Aid Courses cannot submit an application under this initiative.
- h) VOs are expected to present attendance sheets, copy of Certificates and VAT receipt to be reimbursed.
- i) Application Forms are to be filled online through the following link: <http://maltacvs.org/training-mentoring/first-aid-training/>

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