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To know more about "Continuing Education Development Scheme"

Preface

In order to complement the needs of a knowledge-based society, to encourage and to support residents' lifelong learning, to continue the enhancement of individual quality and skill for promoting overall improvement and development, the Macao Special Administration Region Government launched the «Continuing Education Development Scheme». Macao Special Administration Region resident who reaches 15 years old on or before 31 December in any one year from 2011 to 2013 will automatically be the beneficiary of the plan. Each resident is subsidized with up to five thousand Macao dollars.

Macao SAR Government has set up individual educational account for each eligible resident to pay tuition fee and certificate examinations fee of qualified courses. Residents can check their personal fund usage record by visiting the website of Education and Youth Affairs Bureau, or through the information service stations at the Lifelong Learning Site of the Education and Youth Activity Centre at the head office of the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau.

In order to ensure the diversity of subsidized items for residents' different choices, this scheme supports courses and certificate examination courses held by local and overseas organizations. Residents can join these courses to promote their individual quality and skill according to their individual needs.

Questions and answers for students and parents

Q: Is there any age limit for applicants?

A: Yes! Macao resident who reaches 15 years old on or before 31 December in any one year from 2011 to 2013 is qualified to apply for subsidy.

Q: Does applicant need to carry out account opening procedures for individual continuing education account?

A: No! This account will be automatically activated when resident applies for local courses or certificate examinations or applies for overseas courses or certificate examination from the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau.

Q: How can resident know whether the local courses or certificate examinations are included in the "Continuing Education Development Scheme"?

A: Resident can check the website of Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (Website:www.dsej.gov.mo), websites of local organizations and advertising information.

Q: Is the continuing education subsidy transferrable, same as medical coupon?

A: The purpose of this Scheme is to encourage each eligible resident to pursue continuing education and the subsidy is not transferrable, not from parents to children or vice versa.

Q: Can secondary school courses be subsidized?

A: No! Macao SAR Government has provided sufficient allowance for regular and recurrent education of secondary school curriculum. Therefore, this Scheme does not cover secondary school curriculum.

Q: Which local courses are eligible for subsidy in this Scheme?

A: The tertiary education curriculums approved by the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau, continuing education curriculums and all kinds of certificate examinations are eligible for subsidy in this Scheme. The tertiary education curriculums include those which are pre-approved by educational administration bureau e.g. bachelor, master and PhD degree curriculums; continuing curriculums include some training or certificate courses such as management, computer, language, finance, financial management, design, tourism exhibition, health, sports, family education and liberal arts etc.

Q: Which local certificate examinations are eligible for subsidy in this Scheme?

A: Professional certificate examinations, license examinations and language proficiency test which are recognized by government and international professional organizations and pre-approved by the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau are eligible for subsidy.

Q: Is tutorial class included in the scope of subsidy?

A: According to the existing Decree Law No.38/98/M, tutorial class is provided by private tutorial centre and this kind of centre does not belong to organizations for operating curriculum and certificate examinations under this scheme. Therefore, it is not included in the scope of subsidy.

Q: Can I apply for several courses at the same time?

A: Yes! You should arrange time properly to avoid class hours overlap and estimate the tuition fee according to your plan and payment ability.

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Q: Are textbooks and teaching material included in the scope of subsidy?

A: No! The subsidy amount is only used for course tuition fees and examination fees.

Q: Are material cost and meal cost included in the scope of subsidy?

A: No! The subsidy amount is only used for course tuition fees and examination fees. Therefore, material cost and meal cost are not included in the scope of subsidy.

Q: Is it true that all overseas curriculums and certificate examinations are eligible for subsidy?

A: Overseas curriculums and certificate examinations are eligible for subsidy subject to two conditions: (1) the operating organizations must be tertiary educational organizations or public institutions recognized by competent authorities; (2) must be curriculums and certificate examinations not being operated by local institutions included in this Scheme. Besides, liberal arts curriculums operated by overseas institutions are not eligible for subsidy.

Q: What should minor pay attention to when applying for subsidy in this Scheme?

A: When children who are below the age of 18 apply for subsidy, parents must sign in the bracket "Parents and Guardian's signature" as a signification of agreement for this application.

Q: Is Study Tour eligible for subsidy?

A: Study Tour is regarded as study project outside Macao, but transportation costs and accommodation costs are not eligible for subsidy. You need to submit tuition fee receipt, study proof and study syllabus and other related documents issued by the tertiary educational or public institutions which are recognized by local competent authorities.



Q: Are joint account, credit card account, time deposits account or foreign currencies deposits account accepted as applicant's bank account?

A: Applicant's bank account must be Macao dollar personal or joint account opened in a Macao bank and one of the names of account holders must be the same as applicant's name in Macao identity card.

Channels for contact and inquiries

Lifelong learning is the foundation for adaption to changing time, promotion of individual growth and social sustainable development. Macao SAR Government will continue to uphold a positive attitude to promote professional education; look forward to further advocate the concept of lifelong learning through implementation of this scheme; create diversified learning opportunity so as to enhance the overall quality of residents and ensure the sustainable development of Macao society. We provide herewith the following channels for inquiry of application details:

Visit the website of Education and Youth Affairs Bureau: www.dsej.gov.mo

Call the inquiry hotline: 2842 5199

Fax: 2842 5120

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