

Financing of the postgraduate studies

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What is the financing of the postgraduate studies?

Financing of the postgraduate studies enables to extend the knowledge and acquire new skills, thanks to which a jobseeker can improve their chances on the labour market. The co-funding is addressed to the unemployed registered in the Poviats Labour Office.

A Labour Office can fund up to 100% of the postgraduate course costs, no more, however, than 300% of the average remuneration. For the period of participating in the classes included in the curriculum, the unemployed will receive a scholarship amounting to 20% of the unemployment benefit.

Post-graduate courses are a form of education accepting candidates holding at least qualifications obtained during first-degree courses, ending with obtaining a bachelor's or engineer's professional title, confirmed with a relevant diploma. The post-diploma courses are organised by a university, institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences, research institute or a Postgraduate Medical Education Centre. The postgraduate courses last at least two semesters and end with obtaining postgraduate qualifications.

Who can benefit from the co-funding of the postgraduate studies?

The following people registered in the Labour Office can benefit from the co-funding of the postgraduate studies:

- an unemployed person,
- a jobseeker:
 - in the period of notice related to employment relationship or service relationship for the employer's fault,
 - working for an employer in the state of insolvency or liquidation,
 - a person receiving social allowance payable during the miner's leave or the miner's social benefit,
 - a person participating in an individual integration programme or classes of the Social Integration Centre,
 - a reservist,
 - a person receiving a training pension,
 - a person receiving a training allowance paid by the employer,
 - living in the household with a farmer or a farmer's spouse, looking for a job outside agriculture and subject to social insurance,
 - a foreigner, e.g. a national of a European Union member state or a state which executed relevant agreements with the European Community, a refugee, a person holding a permanent residence permit or a settlement permit,
- an employed person aged 45 years and more.

What should you do to obtain the co-funding of the postgraduate studies?

To obtain the co-funding of the postgraduate studies, you should submit an application for the co-funding of the postgraduate studies and documents required in the Poviats Labour Office competent for your place of residence.

After you have submitted relevant documents and the application has been accepted, the starost shall execute an agreement on the co-funding of the postgraduate studies, specifying the rights and obligations of the parties, as well as the value and method of transferring the funds to cover the costs of postgraduate studies in the form of direct payments to the account of the course organiser, with the unemployed.

Note!

The postgraduate course participant obliges to repay the co-funding of the post-diploma courses if they fail to complete them or quit them for their own fault.

The co-funding of the university course costs and the disbursement of a scholarship for the unemployed who commenced employment, other paid work or started their business activity shall not be suspended by the planned date of completion.