



**LIFELONG
LEARNING**

DIRECTORATE FOR RESEARCH, LIFELONG LEARNING AND EMPLOYABILITY

THE MALTESE NATIONAL PROJECT FOR RENEWAL OF BASICS
SKILLS PROJECT - 29.10.2021

ROSEMARIE DEBATTISTA AND ANGELA JONES - LIFELONG
LEARNING COORDINATORS



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION



DIRECTORATE FOR RESEARCH, LIFELONG LEARNING AND EMPLOYABILITY

The Directorate is led by a vision that learning should be a lifelong learning journey for everyone, individuals and communities need to acquire skills that are relevant for their lives, their needs and their work.



LIFELONG LEARNING



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION



LIFELONG LEARNING

OUR LEARNING YEAR AND COURSES



WHO CAN APPLY?

Persons who are 15+ may apply for lifelong learning courses.

- WHEN ARE THE COURSES HELD?

The learning year runs from October to May. There are also some short courses which run from October to January and from February to May.

Courses are 3 hours once weekly, either in the morning between 09:00-12:00 or the afternoon between 17:00/17:30-20:00/20:30

- WHERE ARE THE COURSES HELD?

- Online – using Microsoft Teams as a portal
- 8 Centres around Malta and Gozo
- Local Councils
- Other entities



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION

ONLINE COURSES



**LIFELONG
LEARNING**

- Portal used – Microsoft Teams
- Online courses can also be followed at Msida Lifelong Learning Centre in our Msida Hub.
- If a person has difficulty in acquiring hardware, limited or no internet connection and/or needs help in using the Microsoft Teams interface, the applicant may visit the Msida Lifelong Learning Centre and follow the lesson from our hub with technical assistance.

- APPLICATION PROCEDURE

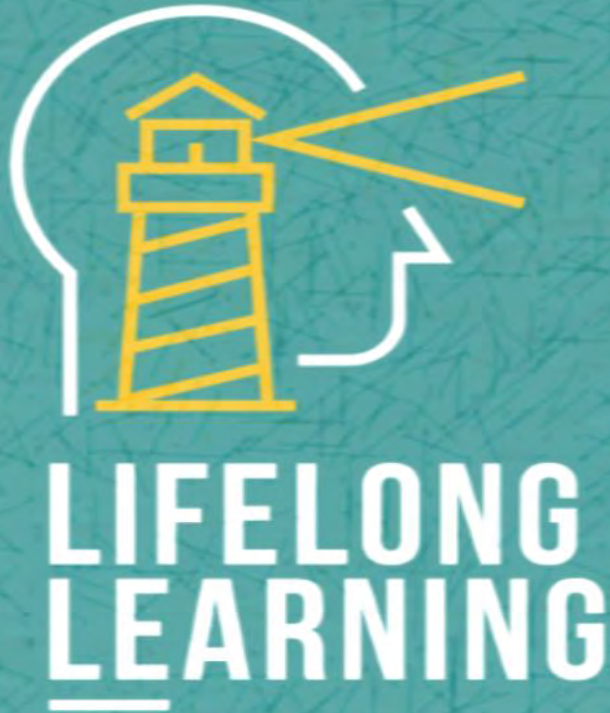
- Online by visiting - www.lifelonglearning.gov.mt
- By visiting servizz.gov office at the Ministry for Education, Floriana. You may pay in cash.
- By visiting any servizz.gov hub (Cospicua, Birkirkara, Paola, Qawra and Gormi) You may pay in cash.
- By visiting any Local Council in Malta or Gozo



**LIFELONG
LEARNING**

TYPE OF COURSES OFFERED

- Language of Instruction of Courses – Maltese and English
- Accredited Courses – Introductory Level, Award at MQF1, Award at MQF2, Award at MQF3, SEC (MQF3), Intermediate and Advanced (MQF4) Revision Courses
- Non-accredited courses (Level 1, Level 2 and Open Classes)
- Assessment is **OPTIONAL**. A learner is eligible for a Certificate of attendance with 60% attendance.



COURSE FEES



**LIFELONG
LEARNING**

- Introductory Courses Literacy, Numeracy, Digital Literacy and Maltese Sign Language - free of charge
- Other Courses - Minimum Fee applies - (Euro 18.63, Euro 34.94, Euro 46.59)



LIFELONG
LEARNING



LIFELONG
LEARNING

CURRENT ESSENTIAL SKILLS COURSES OFFERED

1. Literacy Introductory Courses – Maltese and English
2. Numeracy Course – Mathematics
3. Digital Skills – ICT for beginners



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION



LIFELONG
LEARNING

STANDARDISATION ON A NATIONAL BASIS



LIFELONG
LEARNING

- Establishing Current Practices
- Drafting a National Basic Skills Policy
- Offering Basic Skills Capacity Building for educators
- Designing Basic Skills Courses
- Offering other support systems – Basic Skills Working Group and Guidance Team



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT



- NATIONAL RESEARCH

- FOCUS GROUPS WITH EDUCATORS AND COORDINATORS
- FOCUS GROUPS WITH LEARNERS OF BASIC SKILLS COURSES
- OBSERVATIONS OF BASIC SKILLS COURSES

- DRAFTING OF NATIONAL BASIC SKILLS POLICY – INCLUDING EDUCATORS

- OFFERING CAPACITY BUILDING FOR EDUCATORS OF BASIC SKILLS COURSES

- ESTABLISHING A GUIDANCE TEAM



**LIFELONG
LEARNING**



NATIONAL RESEARCH



**LIFELONG
LEARNING**

The objective of the focus groups with different stakeholders and observations was to establish the ongoing practices, highlight strengths and weaknesses, identify lacunas and set a number of recommendations on the way forward.

DRAFTING OF NATIONAL BASIC SKILLS POLICY - with 5 main reform goals

Reform Goal 1

The first proposed reform goal focuses on the need of establishing a transversal Basic Skills Policy Working Group to develop, implement and evaluate policy and practice reform for adult basic skills in the short, medium and long-term



**LIFELONG
LEARNING**

DRAFTING OF NATIONAL BASIC SKILLS POLICY - with 5 main reform goals

Reform Goal 2

Increasing awareness raising among all stakeholders, including the target group (low educated adults), and creating a national consensus on what basic skills are, why they are important, and where and how adults can get support and learning provision.



**LIFELONG
LEARNING**



LIFELONG
LEARNING

DRAFTING OF NATIONAL BASIC SKILLS POLICY - with 5 main reform goals

Reform Goal 3

Establishing a National Framework for Basic Skills, applicable to any form of adult learning, and focusing on levels up to functional skill, which corresponds approximately to OECD level number 3.



LIFELONG
LEARNING



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION



LIFELONG
LEARNING

DRAFTING OF NATIONAL BASIC SKILLS POLICY - with 5 main reform goals

Reform Goal 4

Enhancing the information and guidance services to facilitate the access to provision and the persistence of learners in their upskilling pathways until they have reached their goals.



LIFELONG
LEARNING



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION



LIFELONG
LEARNING

DRAFTING OF NATIONAL BASIC SKILLS POLICY

- with 5 main reform goals

Reform Goal 5

Reforming the current structure and quality of course provision, to create greater flexibility and empower learning centers so that they can provide person-centered and tailored learning.



LIFELONG
LEARNING



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION



LIFELONG
LEARNING

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR EDUCATORS FOR BASIC SKILLS



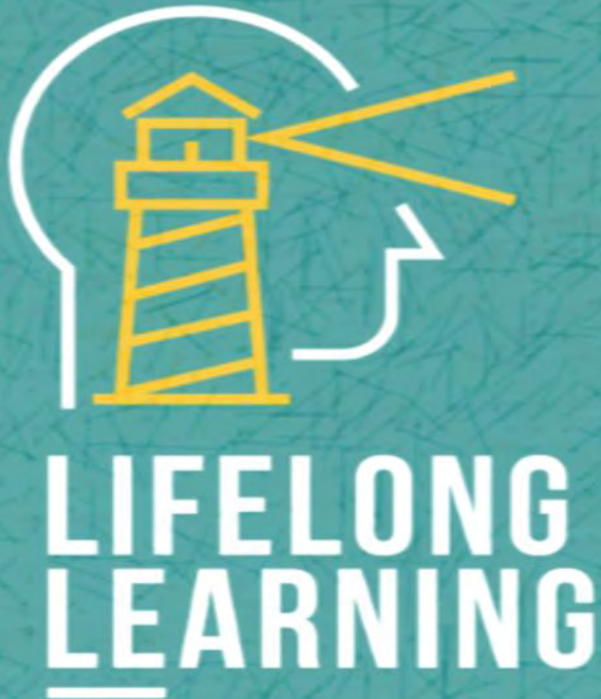
LIFELONG
LEARNING

Introductory course on the National Framework for Basic Skills for Adults - a MOOC for the Directorate's Basic Skills educators - 4 week course



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION

LIAISON WITH OTHER ENTITIES



To complement the work of the core working group, (reform 1) further liaison with other entities will ensure partnerships and collaborations between public and private actors in education, training and employment policy areas to maximise the potential of outreach.



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION



LIFELONG
LEARNING



LIFELONG
LEARNING

LIVING IS LEARNING

THANK YOU



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION