



Landsmennt

Landsmennt is an educational and training fund, established by The Confederation of Icelandic Employers (SA) and trade unions in rural areas within The Federation of General and Special Workers (SGS)

Further information

At the website, www.landsmennt.is, you can get information regarding the fund. The union provides members with details of funding individual grants.

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The value of grants:

Payment is up to 60,000 kr. per year, based on the calendar year. Payment never exceeds 75% of study costs.

Landsmennt awards individual grants for leisure/recreational courses and reimbursement for these can be for 50% of the cost but never more than 18,000 kr. per year which is also subtracted from the individual's total annual amount of 60,000 kr.



How to apply for a grant?

Individuals apply for grants via an application from the appropriate union who will then process the application on behalf of Landsmennt.

Grants for Icelandic language study

Members who have a different native language can apply for a refund of up to 75% for the cost of an Icelandic language course, providing they have been members for at least 1 month.

Increased study grant

Members who have not used their rights over the past three years are entitled to a grant of up to 180,000 kr. for one continuous study course according to the rules of the fund.

Grants for the purchase of reading or writing aids

Members who are dyslexic or experience difficulty with reading or writing can apply for a grant of up to



75% of the purchase price of reading or writing aids. The total amount depends on maximum grant allowance according to the general rules of the fund.

Grants for special driving licence

Members are entitled to a grant for specialised driving licence of up to 100,000 kr. An individual may only be awarded this type of grant once. It makes no difference whether all four types of licence are obtained.

Rules for awarding grants to individuals:

1. A member who has worked full-time for at least 6 of the past 12 months and paid into a Landsmennt trade union over this period is entitled to support for a vocational training grant. This is paid proportionately for part-time workers.

2. The amount to be paid depends on paid membership fees for the preceding 12 months. Fees from minimum salary in a 100% job capacity or more amount to a full grant allowance.

3. An application form must be filled out and submitted along with invoices. An application needs to come through the respective trade union within 12 months from the end of the course.

4. The entitlements of a member within Landsmennt, Ríkismennt, Sveitamennt, Sjómennt and/or Starfsafl remain the same regardless of a transfer between associated trade unions.

5. A member who has been out of the workforce for a period whereby s/he does not have to pay social security tax, maintains for up to 24 months their entitlement to a vocational training grant which s/he has earned with the fund. When 24 months have passed since s/he has left work, these entitlements are lost completely.

6. Parents on maternity, paternity or parental leave can use their entitlements under paragraph 1 if they choose to pay union fees while on leave.

7. Unemployed members maintain the same entitlements as when they stopped work if they choose to pay union fees from their unemployment benefits.

