

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Statens Voksenuddannelsesstøtte (SVU)
Name of the instrument - English translation	State educational support for adults
Scheme ID	63
Country	 Denmark
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for individuals
Sub-type of instrument	Lump-sum support
Type of entry	Single instrument

Short description	Low-skilled employees at primary, secondary, or upper secondary levels are entitled to a wage compensation while studying. The rate depends on how much absence the person has from their workplace due to studying and from the level of education attending. To get SVU, a person must be admitted to or have been promised admission to an education that entitles a person to SVU. An applicant also must be over a certain age and have been employed for at least 26 weeks. A broad range of the formal programmes at ISCED 1-7 levels are eligible types of training to be funded. The maximum amount that the learner can receive as wage compensation is 80% of the highest unemployment insurance benefit rate. As of January 2015, the highest unemployment insurance benefit rate is DKK 827 (approx. EUR 111) per day (DKK 4 135 (approx. EUR 553) per week); 80% of this amounts to DKK 3 308 (EUR 443) per week. The amount of support is calculated based on the number of working hours lost; support may be given for up to 40 weeks (of 37 hours). The minimum SVU grant is one full week of 37 hours. Participation in education that does not add up to a loss of at least 37 working hours will therefore not be eligible for support. If the learner must pay a fee to participate in training at the primary or secondary level, the participation fee will be fully covered. The subsidy is transferred directly to the learner's bank account or to a company if the learner is paid a wage during the training period. The scheme can be re-used by the same applicant after a break of a particular period.
Level of operation	National

Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	Not applicable
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable
Relevance	Key instrument
Legal basis	Lov om Statens Voksenuddannelsesstøtte ("Act on State Educational Support for Adults")
Objective(s) and target(s)	To ensure that the skill level in the Danish workforce is continuously updated, especially through the upskilling of employees with lower levels of education.
Year of implementation	2001
Year of latest amendment	2020
Operation/management	Danish Agency for Higher Education (under auspices of the Ministry for Higher Education and Science) bears the overall responsibility for the administration of SVU. The Agency runs the SVU scheme in cooperation with a series of SVU administrators, including the Danish unemployment insurance funds, Adult Education Centers and other educational institutions. The educational institutions also fulfill certain administrative functions.
Eligible group(s)	To get SVU, you must be admitted to or have been promised admission to an education that entitles you to SVU. You must be over a certain age and have been employed for at least 26 weeks.
Group(s) with preferential treatment	Employees with low levels of formal educational attainment
Education and training eligible	Broad range of the formal programmes at ISCED 1-7 levels
Source of financing and collection mechanism	State budget
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	The maximum amount that the learner can receive as a wage compensation is 80% of the highest unemployment insurance benefit rate. As of January 2015, the highest unemployment insurance benefit rate is DKK 827 per day (DKK 4 135 per week); 80% of this amounts to DKK 3 308 per week. The amount of support is calculated based on the number of working hours lost; support may be given for up to 40 weeks (of 37 hours). The minimum SVU grant is one full week of 37 hours. Participation in education that does not add up to a loss of at least 37 working hours will therefore not be eligible for support. If the learner must pay a fee to participate in training at the primary or secondary level, the participation fee will be fully covered. Allocation: The subsidy is transferred directly to learner's

	bank account or to a company if the learner is paid wage during training period. Before the costs are reimbursed the school has to report on any absence during the training period, which will not be reimbursed.
Eligible costs	Wage compensation, fees. SVU is given as a subsidy to cover living costs. SVU partially cover the foregone income when training during working hours.
Volumes of funding	2019: DKK 81 511 995 (approx. EUR 10 909 723)2018: DKK 74 540 962 (approx. EUR 9 989 140)2017: DKK 76 369 561 (approx. EUR 10 261 554)
Beneficiaries/take up	2017: 3 658 2018: 3 108 2019: 4 839
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Styrelsen for Institutioner og Uddannelsesstøtte
Most relevant webpage - in English	http://www.svu.dk/english/
Most relevant webpage - local language	http://www.svu.dk/forside
Recent changes	23-01-2020. The Tripartite agreement on strengthening the flexibility and quality in adult education and training from 2017 also increased the State educational support for adults. The law passed in December 2017 increased the state education support for adults who take the Preparatory Basic Education and Training (FVU/forberedende voksenundervisning) or the dyslectic program (OBU/ordblinderundervisning) from 80 pct. of the unemployment insurance benefit rate to a 100 pct, aimed both at employed and unemployed individual. Recent changes in response to COVID-19 The government and a broad majority of the parliamentary parties have decided to provide compensation to recipients of SVU who have been affected as a result of COVID-19. This means that the agency can refrain from raising a claim for reimbursement of SVU that has been paid out without the education having begun.
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