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1. Introduction

1.1 Achieve 360 – Excellence in Sport and Education 2026 (the 'Scheme') is intended to support students pursuing a post-secondary course leading to the Matriculation Certificate, while simultaneously undertaking structured training in their Sport discipline at the Mediterranean College of Sport (MCS).

This Scheme is administered by the Scholarships Unit within the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation (MEYR).

GENERAL REGULATIONS

2. Aims and Objectives

2.1 The Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation (MEYR) is committed to enhancing and widening the existing system of scholarships to support more students and ease the financial burden incurred especially in cases where students pursue their academic ambitions in alongside their chosen field of sport.

The need has long been recognised to assist students following a post-secondary Matriculation certificate course together with a high-performance Sport programme based in Malta. To date, the only institution offering this dual pathway is the Mediterranean College of Sport (MCS). Which will serve as the training base for those high-performance students – athletes who aim to excel and compete at international level.

This Scholarship Scheme has been established to fund tuition fees for eligible students attending this institution, covering tuition per annum for a period of two academic years.

The Scheme shall be awarded to the first twenty (20) eligible students on the final ranking list.

Students who successfully complete the programme shall be awarded a certification in their sport specialization and the Matriculation Certificate.

3. Explanatory Notes

3.1 **Academic Record** shall mean an official document issue by a Recognised Institution. The document shall indicate the marks/grades obtained by the Applicant and where applicable, the final grade/ classification, including a breakdown of credits.

3.2 **Anti-Doping Regulations 2021** shall mean the Anti-Doping Regulations as set out in Legal Notice 104 of 2021, including any subsequent legislation or amendments replacing or supplementing it.

3.3 **Agreement** shall mean the legally binding tripartite agreement to be signed by the Scholarship Awardee (or legal guardian, where applicable), the Recognised Institution (MCS) and the MEYR. These Regulations shall form an integral part of the Agreement, and any conflict shall be resolved in favour of these Regulations.

3.4 **Appeals Board** shall mean the Scholarship Appeals Board appointed by the Minister for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation entrusted with assessing and delivering final decisions in respect of petitions submitted by Applicants contesting decisions taken by the MSS Board and/or the MEYR administrator of the Scheme, particularly on matters concerning the interpretation or application of these Regulations. Any decision taken by the Appeals Board shall be final and irrevocable for all purposes of the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme.

3.5 **Applicant** shall mean a person who submits an application for the Scholarship under this Scheme.

3.6 **Award** shall refer to the official title or certification granted upon successful completion of the course or programme of study by a Recognised Institution

3.7 **Awardee** shall mean a person who is awarded a Scholarship under this Scheme, including the legal guardian signing the Agreement on behalf of the student-athlete where applicable.

3.8 **Certificate of Award or Qualification** shall mean the official transcript/certificate issued by the Recognised Institution, indicating the successful completion of the Programme of Study. For the purposes of this Scheme, this refers to the certificate awarded by the Mediterranean College of Sport (MCS).

3.9 **Closing of the Scheme** shall mean the deadline for the submission of applications as published in the official call.

3.10 **Commencement Date of Scholarship** shall mean the date specified in the ULA (as defined in 4.9) being the official start date of the programme/course on which payment to Awardee commences.

3.11 **End Date** shall mean the date specified in the ULA or the date stated on the official Transcript issued by the Recognised Institution, whichever date is the earliest. Payments shall cover the period from the Commencement Date to the End Date only.

3.12 **Achieve 360** shall mean, for the purposes of these Regulations and the Agreement, a Scholarship Scheme administered by Scholarships Unit – within the MEYR. The Scheme is locally financed.

3.13 **Achieve 360 Board** shall mean a Board appointed by the Minister responsible for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation. This Board shall be responsible for evaluating and ranking Applicants for the awarding of Scholarships and for the overall overseeing administration and monitoring of the Scheme.

3.14 **MCS** shall mean Mediterranean College of Sport

3.15 **MEYR** shall mean the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation.

3.16 **MFHEA** shall mean the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority.

3.17 **Maintenance Grant** shall mean a stipend intended to support students pursuing undergraduate or postgraduate qualifications Applications for such grants shall be made through the Stipends and Maintenance Grants Section.

3.18 **MQF– Malta Qualifications** Framework shall act as a translation tool to make national qualifications more understandable and comparable across Europe, promoting mobility for learners and workers. and supporting lifelong learning.

3.19 **MQRIC** shall mean Malta Qualifications Regulation Recognition Information Centre within the MFHEA

3.20 **Per Annum** shall mean a period of twelve (12) calendar months. In the case of a course with a shorter duration, such as nine (9) calendar months, the grant shall still be allocated in three (3) instalments

3.21 **Recognised Institution** shall mean an awarding body recognised by the competent authorities in the country where the institution is registered and also recognised by the MFHEA in the case of foreign institutions, or locally accredited by MFHEA. For the purposes of this call 2026, the Recognised Institution refers specifically to the

Mediterranean College of Sport (MCS).

3.22 **Tuition Fees** shall mean the enrolment, administration, and/or examination fees charged by a Recognised Institution both for academic and sport provision. Ancillary costs such as books, uniforms, accommodation fees and service charges are not covered under this Scheme. Tuition Fees shall only include those charged directly by a Recognised or Training Institution and must be divided in three (3) instalments. Any subsequent increase in Tuition Fees shall not be claimable by the Awardee or the Recognised or Training Institution unless it is clearly indicated in the ULA or in an official document submitted by the Institution before signing of the Agreement.

3.23 **Unconditional Letter of Acceptance (ULA)** shall mean an official letter issued to the Applicant by the Registrar or another authorised official of the Recognised Institution or Training Institution, containing the mandatory details as specified in Clause 4.9 of these Regulations.

3.24 **Matriculation Certificate** shall mean 2 Advanced Levels, SOK and 3 Intermediate levels.

4. Eligibility

4.1 To apply for the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme, the Applicant must, by the closing date of the Scheme meet one of the following criteria:

a. Be a Maltese citizen who has been residing in Malta for the past five (5) years A Maltese citizen who has resided abroad for study, health, work, or other reasons deemed acceptable by the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board, will still be eligible. Such periods abroad will not be taken into consideration for the purpose of calculating the five (5) year requirement; or

b. Be a national of an EU/EEA state or a family member of such EU/EEA national (as defined in SL460.17 and in SL217.04 respectively for EU and EEA nationals), provided that such person has obtained permanent residence in Malta in accordance with the same legislation and has been residing in Malta for the past five (5) years; or

c. Be a national of an EU/EEA state who is residing in Malta while exercising his/her Treaty rights as a worker, self-employed person or as a person retaining such status under SL460.17 and who has been residing in Malta for the past five (5) years or

d. Be a third country national who has been residing in Malta for the past five (5) years and has been granted long-term residence status under SL217.05; or

e. Be in possession of a residence document issued in terms of the Residence Status of United Kingdom Nationals and their Family Members in Malta in accordance with the Agreement on the Withdrawal of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community Regulations.

AND

4.1.2. Be applying to follow a Matriculation Certificate course with a specialisation in a chosen field of sport.

AND

4.1.3. Commence the course by 1st October 2026.

AND

4.1.4. Have completed compulsory education.

AND

4.1.5. Have resided in Malta for a period of not less than five (5) consecutive years immediately prior to the commencement of this course of Sport.

4.2 The full application, including the ULA and the required attachments as listed in Clause 7.5 must be submitted by Monday 3rd August 2026 at noon (Local Time).

4.3 Applicants awarded a Scholarship under the Achieve 360 Scholarship Scheme shall not be entitled to benefit, in full or in part, from any other scholarship administered by the Scholarships Unit within MEYR, for the same course or programme. This includes, but is not limited to:

- the Tertiary Education Scholarship Scheme (TESS).
- the Malta Arts Scholarships Scheme.
- the Endeavour Scholarship Scheme and
- the Malta Sport Scholarships Scheme.

4.4 Any scholarship, grant or supplementary financial aid awarded to the Scholarship Awardee – whether prior to or during the period of this Scholarship – must be declared to and approved by the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board.

If the Awardee is found, at any time, to be receiving national or EU public funds or

other scholarships supporting the tuition fees for the same course or programme, they shall be liable to refund in full all amounts received under this Scheme. This is without prejudice to any further legal action that may be taken by MEYR.

4.5 Applicants who have previously benefitted from other national, EU or Commonwealth (or a combination) public grants or scholarships for a different course or programme, must first complete that course and fully fulfil all the contractual obligations before being considered of a second scholarship under this Scheme.

4.6 Applicants for this Scheme must have been born in 2010, thereby qualifying under the under-sixteen group/category.

4.7 Academic Requirements: Applicants must hold a minimum of **three (3) O level passes** in the following **core subjects: Mathematics, Maltese, and English.** In addition, applicants must have a **pass** in **one (1) Science** subject and a **pass in any other** subject. **Level 3 must be obtained in ALL subjects** as recognised under the local MATSEC grading system or its equivalent. Only Main Session Results are accepted and therefore Supplementary Session Results (Resits) will not be accepted.

4.8 Applicants shall become ineligible for a Scholarship if they are found to be in breach of any provision of the Regulations.

4.9 The Unconditional Letter of Acceptance as defined in Clause 3.23 must include the following:

- A clear statement from the Recognised Institution confirms that the Applicant has been unconditionally accepted to follow a full-time programme of study.
- The Commencement Date of the Sport programme. If an exact date is not specified, the last day of the month indicated in the ULA shall apply; * The End Date of the Sport programme. If an exact date is not specified, the first day of the month indicated in the ULA shall apply.
- Modality of study (Fulltime).
- The Tuition Fee must be indicated clearly in the ULA (not through an external electronic link) issued by the relative university. The Recognised Institution shall provide a clear breakdown of tuition fees per academic year.
- The Applicant is advised that, should they be awarded the Scholarship, the Agreement to be signed reflects only the information contained in the ULA submitted by Monday 3rd August 2026 noon, local time. MEYR shall not accept any subsequent revisions to Tuitions Fees unless they are in line with the data presented in the submitted ULA.

4.10 It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the Recognised Institution issues the ULA and/or any other required official documents containing all the above details. The original ULA must be submitted directly by the Institution to Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme on email achieve360. meyr@gov.mt.

4.11 No additional costs, charges or fees – other than those stated in the ULA or in other official documents submitted prior to the date of signing of Agreement, shall be considered for funding under this Scheme.

5. Choice Of Study Programme

5.1 Awards under this Scheme are tenable only at the Mediterranean College of Sport which is the designated training institution for the Achieve 360 Sport qualification leading to a MQF Level 4 certification.

5.2 It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant to submit the Unconditional Letter of Acceptance as specified in clause 4.9 Failure to submit all the required documentation, including the ULA, shall result in the automatic annulment of the application.

6. Administration Of the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme

6.1 The Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme is administered by the Scholarships Unit within the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation (MEYR). The Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board is responsible for overseeing the implementation, evaluation and monitoring of the Scheme.

7. Application Forms

7.1 In line with government policy and in support of the Scholarships Unit's environmental and social responsibility objectives, only online applications shall be accepted.

7.2 Applicants must submit their application electronically through the official platform: www. myscholarship.gov.mt –

7.2.1 It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant to:

i) ensure that their online application is successfully submitted.

ii) retain a printed copy of the Application Form.

iii) print and retain a copy of the electronically generated acknowledgment.

7.2.2 This acknowledgment shall serve as proof that the Application was submitted successfully and on time.

7.3 It is imperative to note that the final verification of the submission date and time shall be based on the official systems logs of the online platform.

7.4 The following supporting documents must be uploaded with the application: –

- Sports Profile Report clearly stating the qualifications attained. (Refer to template on the website) (mandatory).
- A copy of the ULA (if applicable).
- A copy of the residence permit (where applicable).
- A certificate from the relevant Malta Olympic Committee (MOC) or Sport Association to confirm that the athlete is training at national or international level. Including the relevant appraisals for Team Sport and the Minimum Qualifying Standards for Individual Sport. (MQS).
- A motivational statement not exceeding 200 words.
- A School Leaving Certificate from the Applicant's secondary school institution.

7.5 The following documents are to be sent via email, on the generic email achieve360.meyr@gov.mt by the deadline of Monday 3rd August 2026 at noon, local time.

- One (1) copy of the Unconditional Letter of Acceptance from the Recognised Institution.
- Main Session O Levels Results Slip
- Any additional documentation which may assist the Achieve 360 Board to assess better the Applicant's merit (if requested by the Administrator).

7.6 Applicants who fail to submit all required documentation shall be deemed ineligible by the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board and may be disqualified from the process.

7.7 Late applications shall not be considered by the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board (PSSSB) under any circumstances.

7.8 Applicants must ensure they apply online by the stipulated deadline. The Board and the Scholarships Appeals Board shall not entertain any petitions citing failed submission unless tangible proof is presented that the application was submitted on time.

8. Eligibility, Selection Process and Process and Procedure

8.1 The Ministry for Education, Sport Youth, Research and Innovation has appointed the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board to conduct the process of selection.

8.2 This Board shall be responsible for all matters concerning the selection of Applicants based on the pre-established criteria identified in Clause 9, as well as for the determination of scholarship awards in accordance with these Regulations.

8.3 Those applicants who apply for Dance subject area must do an in person audition. Eligible Applicants may be called for an interview. It is the sole responsibility of the Applicant to ensure their availability on the date and time communicated to him/her for the interview. No alternative arrangements shall be made to the date and time of the interview unless the Applicant provides written proof of exceptional circumstances, which the Board may consider at its sole discretion

8.4 The mode and medium of the interviews shall be determined by the Board. The Achieve 360 Board shall not be held liable in the event of technical failures that prevent the successful conduct of an interview.

9. Selection Criteria

9.1 The allocation of scholarships shall aim to reflect discipline-specific ratios and gender balance. Indicative discipline ratios are as follows:

- Football 5
- Water polo 5

- Dance 3
- Basketball 3

The remaining awards shall be distributed among the following disciplines: Swimming, Artistic Swimming, Athletics and Karate.

9.2 The Board reserves the right to reallocate quotas between disciplines or adjust them as necessary based on the number and quality of applications received, while maintaining overall fairness and merit- based principles.

9.3 Applications shall be assessed based on the following selection criteria, with a total maximum score of 200 Marks:

- The Applicant's personal goals in both the local and international context, within a dual career pathway.
- The impact of the Applicant's Sport on the development of sport in Malta.
- The Applicant's academic record and a review of the submitted documentation.
- The Applicant's recent Sport achievements.

10. Appeals

10.1 The Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation (MEYR) has appointed an independent Appeals Board to consider objections raised by Applicants after being formally notified of the decisions made by the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board.

10.2 If an Applicant wishes to contest a decision taken by the Achieve 360 Board or challenge any other procedural action under these Regulations, the Applicant may submit a petition in writing via email to : scholarshipsappeals.meyr@gov.mt.

The petition must be submitted within six (6) working days from the date of receipt of the decision letter or official communication sent by the PSSSB or the Administrator. For this purpose, written notification shall be deemed delivered through registered mail's communication the decision/s to the Applicant in writing through registered mail.

10.3 The Appeals Board shall only consider appeals on the following grounds:

- Procedural irregularities in the application or selection process.
- Misapplication or misinterpretation of these Regulations relating to eligibility or award criteria.
- Under no circumstances shall the Appeals Board:
- Amend or override the Regulations.
- Alter the scores assigned by Achieve 360 during interviews.
- Modify the ranking of Applicants based on such scores.

10.4 The decision of the Appeals Board shall be final, binding and not subject to further review.

11. Value Of Awards and Payments

11.1 For programmes provided by the Recognised or Training Institution/Awarding Body, the Scholarship grant shall only cover tuition fees as specified in the funding provisions, for the entire duration of the study programme, up to a defined maximum amount of Tuition Fees.

ACHIEVE 360 SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME:
UP TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT ON TUITION FEES ONLY.
FOR A PERIOD OF 2 ACADEMIC YEARS.

ACHIEVE 360 SPECIALIZATION COURSE	TUITION FEES FOR TWO SCHOLASTIC YEARS PER STUDENT ON CONDITION OF COMPLETING SUCCESSFULLY THE FULL POST SECONDARY FROM MEDITERRANEAN COLLEGE OF SPORT	
Start Date	**Modality**	**End Date**
Throughout 2026	Fulltime	July 2027
Throughout 2027	Fulltime	July 2028

For this scheme no commencement date prior to 2026 shall be accepted under this scheme.

11.2 Any additional fees incurred by the Awardee, including ancillary or administrative costs, shall not be covered under this Scheme. Payment schedules shall be specified in the Agreement signed by the Awardee and the Ministry.

11.3 Tuition Fees shall be disbursed upon presentation of an original invoice issued by the Recognised Institution. The invoiced amount must match the Tuition Fee indicated in the Unconditional letter of Acceptance (ULA).

11.4 The Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board must be immediately informed if the Awardee:

- Requests an extension to complete the Sport course.
- Repeats a year; or
- Undertakes an additional year beyond the standard course duration.

Such notification must be supported by official documentation from the Recognised Institution. During extension or repeating periods, no additional funds shall be granted under the Scheme.

12. General Conditions of Award

12.1 The general conditions in this section apply to all Applicants under the Scheme and to all Scholarship Awardees.

12.2 Any additional scholarship awards or supplementary grants intended for the same course of programme of Sport must be declared before signing the Agreement with the Ministry. Such declarations are subject to approval by the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board.

Failure to declare such additional awards or grants, or receipt of unapproved supplementary funding for the same course or programme, shall be deemed a breach of the Agreement. In such cases, the Award may be cancelled, and full reimbursement of all funds disbursed under the Scheme shall be requested.

The Board considers such undeclared or unauthorised awards as a fraudulent act and reserves the right to pursue criminal liability against the Awardee where applicable.

The stipend is granted separately by MGUS (Malta Government Undergraduate Scheme).

13. Award Stage

13.1 Applicants will be notified of their award by the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board via email.

13.2 The Agreement shall be signed by not later than three (3) months after the commencement of the Sport programme or the publication of awards, whichever is later, unless otherwise justified. The Agreement shall be entered into between MEYR, the Recognised Institution and the Awardee, stipulating the conditions of the Grant. In the event of a conflict between these Regulations and the Agreement, the Regulations shall prevail.

13.2.1 Awardees shall be expected to start their study programme by 1st October 2026.

13.2.2 The Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board reserves the right to publish the names of successful Applicants selected for Scholarships. In applying to this Scheme, Applicants shall be deemed to have given their explicit and informed consent to the publication of their name solely for transparency purposes on official MEYR communication platforms should their application be successful.

13.2.3 Upon applying to this scheme, the applicant agrees that The Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board may publish the names of Scholarship Awardees on the notice Board of MEYR Customer care. Such publication shall be limited to what is strictly necessary and carried out in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) and the Data Protection Act (Cap. 586 of the Laws of Malta).

13.2.4 The Scholarship Unit shall only finance the qualification for which the Awardee was initially granted the Scholarship. The award may not be transferred to fund any other qualification.

13.2.5 The Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme shall not claim any rights in the intellectual property owned by the Awarding Body and/or the Awardee.

13.2.6 Upon award of a scholarship, the MEYR may share relevant personal data with public authorities solely for accountability, auditing or legal compliance purposes. Such sharing shall be limited to what is necessary and shall be carried out in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) and the Data Protection Act (Cap. 586 of the Laws of Malta).

13.2.7 Awardees who are found to have provided false or misleading information, or who have in any manner withheld material facts that would have influenced the awarding of the Scholarship or any related

grant, in accordance with these Regulations, shall be immediately disqualified. They shall be required to reimburse all amounts paid to them or on their behalf. The Board may also pursue criminal liability, and/or civil action for damages

14. Progress and Completion

14.1 Awardees shall request their supervisor to submit directly to Scholarships Unit a short statement confirming the Awardee's progress, promotion and attendance approximately by the end of March and the end of June. Failure to receive this information may result in the suspension of further scholarship payments. All documents shall be submitted via email to: achieve360.meyr@gov.mt.

14.2 The awardee must obtain a pass mark in both academic and sports disciplines by the end of the first year so that the second year be covered by the scholarship. If the awardee fails to meet this requirement by the second progress report, the Board reserves the right to terminate the scholarship.

14.3 Upon completion of the course at MCS, the Awardee shall submit the final report, together with a copy of the official Transcript and/or the Official Certificate confirming successful completion of the Programme of Study, to the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board within two (2) months from the award of the qualification.

14.4 Awardees shall be required to write and publish a minimum of one (1) article related to their study and /or Sport experience in the Maltese public media within sixty (60) days of their graduation. The article must include a public acknowledgment that the programme was undertaken with the support of the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme financed by the Government of Malta. Responsibility for drafting, publishing, and submitting this article shall rest solely with the Awardee. A link or hard copy must be submitted to the Scholarships Unit. MEYR shall not be responsible for facilitating publication.

14.5 By accepting a Scholarship, the Awardee agrees to participate in publicity activities as may be reasonably requested by MEYR. This may include but not limited to media articles, interviews, testimonials or official events;

In cases where the Awardee does not successfully obtain the Matriculation Certificate, the Achieve 360 Board reserves the right to request a refund of the tuition fees paid for the second year of their post-secondary course at the MCS.

14.6 The Agreement shall be signed not later than three (3) months after the commencement of the Sport or the publication of rankings, whichever comes later,

unless otherwise justified.

The monetary amounts specified in the Agreement shall be disbursed only upon the submission and verification of the required documentation, including invoices, receipts and where applicable, bank statements. These documents shall be reviewed to confirm eligibility and accuracy.

In the event of any inconsistency or discrepancy between the Agreement and these Regulations, the provisions of these Regulations shall prevail. The Agreement shall be interpreted and, if necessary, amended to ensure conformity with these Regulations.

15. Termination Prior to Completion of Programme

15.1 Scholarship Awardees, who for any reason, discontinue their Sport programme shall immediately notify the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board in writing.

15.2 The Achieve 360 Board shall, by written notice of thirty (30) days, terminate the scholarship award if-

- The Awardee's progress is deemed unsatisfactory by the Recognised Institution.
- The Awardee discontinues the Sport programme; and /or
- The Awardee is found to be in breach of any provision of these Regulations and fails to remedy such breach within thirty (30) days from receipt of written notice requesting rectification.

15.3 If the scholarship is terminated due to unsatisfactory progress, discontinuation of the sport programme, or a breach of these Regulations which is not remedied within the prescribed time, the Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board shall determine the amount of funds to be reimbursed. Reimbursement shall be made within three (3) months from the date of failure or non-completion of the Sport course The Scholarships Unit reserves the right to take legal action to recover such funds. Awardees may request to enter a repayment arrangement with the Scholarships' Unit based on instalments.

15.4 Awardees shall not be deemed in breach of these Regulations solely in cases of serious illness and death. In the event of the Awardee's demise, no legal action shall be taken against their heirs. In cases of serious illness, the Awardee must submit appropriate medical certificates and supporting documentation to the

Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board. Nonetheless, Awardees who are unable to continue their Sport programme due to illness may still be required to reimburse funds received – either in full or in part – at the sole discretion of Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board.

15.5 In all cases where the Sport programme is discontinued prior to completion, the Awardee shall be required to provide a reasonable and substantiated explanation for the failure to complete the course or obtain the qualification. Each claim must be accompanied by appropriate documentation, including but not limited to medical certificates and other testimonials. The Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board shall not be obliged to waive reimbursement or any other claims. The Achieve 360 Scholarships Scheme Board also reserves the right to appoint its own independent expert, including medical professionals or other specialists, to assess and advise and assess on the merits of each case

16. Standards of Conduct and Sportmanship

16.1 Awardees of the Achieve 360 shall, at all times, demonstrate appropriate standards of Sportmanship and proper conduct, in accordance with the conventions, rules and ethical expectations of their respective sport specialisation.

16.2 Scholarship Awards shall be summarily terminated in cases where Awardees are found guilty of serious misconduct or conduct lacking in Sportmanship during their programme.

16.3 Without prejudice to any legal proceedings, any Awardee found guilty found guilty under this Section, shall be required to, immediately reimburse, in full, all funds disbursed under the Scholarship, including but not limited to Tuition Fees, Maintenance Grants, or any other financial benefits paid directly to the Awardee or to the Recognised Institution on their behalf.

16.4 Offences deemed to constitute serious misconduct or lack of Sportmanship include, but are not limited to the following cases:

I. Use of prohibited substances as defined under the Anti-Doping Regulations 2021 (S.L 455.13)

II. Provision and/or distribution of any form of prohibited substances to others.

III. Acceptance or offering of monetary or other forms of compensation to manipulate the outcome of a sporting event.

IV. Involvement in any form of criminal activity.

V. Repeated, unjustified absences from training or programme-related professional development activities.

VI. Any other acta contrary to the principles of fair play, integrity and proper sporting conduct.

16.5 Awardees found in breach of the Anti-Doping Regulations, or who are involved in fraud issues, shall have their Scholarship immediately suspended. They shall also be required to reimburse all amounts paid to them or on their behalf, even if the ruling or sanction occurs after the termination of the Programme of Study, provided that the offence occurred during the programme period, including recognised breaks such as holidays, recesses or thesis research periods.

16.6 Notwithstanding the above, any Awardee formally charged with serious misconduct or lack of Sportmanship may continue receiving scholarship payments provisionally - subject to the condition that the Awardee has not been suspended from their academic or training programme by the Recognised Institution. The Awardee must submit a formal written request to the Scholarships Unit within MEYR to continue receiving payments pending the outcome of the case. Failure to submit such a request shall result in the suspension of payments until the matter is resolved The Achieve 360 Board shall assess the merits of each case individually and may impose conditions and/or limitations on the continued disbursement of funds as deemed appropriate.

16.7 If the Awardee is fully exonerated of all charges relating to misconduct or lack of Sportmanship, the Scholarship shall be reactivated, and any amounts withheld during the suspension period shall be disbursed. However, MEYR, SportMalta the Administrator and the Government of Malta shall not be held liable in any way, for any disruption to the Awardee's continuation in the Programme due to financial or other consequences arising from the suspension period of

16.8 Should the Awardee be found guilty of any or all charges of misconduct or unsportsmanship like behaviour, the Scholarship shall be permanently forfeited, and all funds disbursed under the Scheme shall be subject to full reimbursement in line with Clause 16.3

17. Information

17.1 For further queries and information please contact:

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