



FAQs – Financial Incentives for Temporary Transfer of Agricultural Land

1. Who is eligible to apply for this scheme?

Non-commercial farmers falling under Category One of the categorisation of farmers who either privately own agricultural land or hold a valid agricultural lease from the Lands Authority, and who are willing to temporarily transfer at least one tumolo of such land to Rizorsi Agrikoli Malta for a period of three years.

2. What is the purpose of this scheme?

The purpose of the scheme is to bring unused or underutilised agricultural land back into productive use for the cultivation of food crops, to increase available agricultural land, reduce abandonment, improve sustainability, and support young farmers and other specified farmer categories while contributing to national food security

3. What is the financial incentive offered?

The scheme offers a financial incentive of one thousand five hundred euro (€1,500) per tumolo, distributed over three years as five hundred euro (€500) per year. This payment is payable only once the land is allocated and a formal agreement is signed with Rizorsi Agrikoli Malta. Payment is transferred annually by bank payment.

4. What is the minimum land area required to qualify?

The minimum eligible land area is one (1) tumolo, and each parcel submitted must meet this minimum independently since each parcel is treated as a separate commitment.

5. How do I apply?

Applications must be submitted electronically through the designated Rizorsi Agrikoli Malta webpage for this scheme. Applicants must complete the online application form accurately and upload all required supporting documentation, as incomplete or incorrect applications may be rejected.

6. What documents are required with the application?

Applicants must provide personal identification details, complete land information, a signed copy of their ID card or passport, proof of lease payment from the Lands Authority or proof of private ownership as applicable, and site plans issued by both the Land Registration Agency and the Agricultural Directorate. Rizorsi Agrikoli Malta may also request additional information when necessary

7. When is the deadline to apply?

The deadline for submitting applications is 6 March 2026, and applications submitted after this date will not be considered.

8. Can I withdraw a parcel of land after applying?

A parcel may be withdrawn at any time before its allocation and the signing of the formal agreement. If Rizorsi Agrikoli Malta makes three unsuccessful attempts to allocate the parcel to an eligible farmer, it will be automatically considered withdrawn, and no financial incentive will be payable. Once the

parcel has been allocated and the agreement has been signed, any withdrawal by the applicant or any form of non-compliance may result in the termination of the financial incentive for that specific parcel.

9. What happens if I own multiple parcels of land?

If an applicant owns multiple parcels, each parcel must be submitted as a separate application, and each parcel is assessed and scored independently. Failure or non-compliance of one parcel does not affect the others, as each is treated as its own individual commitment.

10. What checks will be carried out?

Rizorsi Agrikoli Malta conducts administrative checks to confirm eligibility, documentation accuracy, and completeness. Additionally, both scheduled and unannounced on-the-spot inspections may occur to verify compliance throughout the three-year period. Failure to comply with checks or provide access may result in the suspension, withdrawal, or recovery of the financial incentive.

11. What are the consequences of non-compliance?

Non-compliance may lead to the suspension, withdrawal, or full recovery of the financial incentive. This applies in cases but not limited to: refusal to allow inspections, provision of false or misleading information, failure to meet the obligations of the scheme, or general negligence or breach of contractual commitments. On-the-spot checks and administrative verifications continue throughout the three-year period, and any non-compliance identified during this time may result in termination or suspension of the incentive for the affected parcel.

12. Will I be notified after submitting the application?

Yes. An automatic acknowledgement email is issued upon submission of the application; however, this acknowledgement does not confirm eligibility or completeness. The application may still be returned or refused if required documentation is missing or incorrect, even after the acknowledgement is issued.

13. How is my personal data handled?

Personal data is processed in accordance with the GDPR and the Data Protection Act. Rizorsi Agrikoli Malta acts as the data controller and processes personal data solely for the purpose of administering the scheme. Data may be shared with relevant public authorities and EU bodies as required by law. Your data is retained for as long as necessary to fulfil legal and administrative obligations. Applicants also retain rights such as access, rectification, erasure, objection, and data portability, and may lodge complaints with the Information and Data Protection Commissioner if necessary

14. Who can I contact for support or clarification?

For help or clarification, applicants may contact Rizorsi Agrikoli Malta using the following details:

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