No L 249/58 Official Journal of the European Communities 10.11.71

REGULATION (EEC) No 2397/71 OF THE COUNCIL

of 8 November 1971

on aid which may qualify for assistance from the European Social Fund

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2396/71[1] of 8 November 1971 implementing the Council Decision of 1 February 1971 on the reform of the European Social Fund, and in particular Article 4 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas a list must be drawn up of aid which may be used in carrying out operations for which assistance can be granted from the European Social Fund under Article 4 of the Council Decision of 1 February 1971[2] on the reform of the European Social Fund;

Whereas details must also be given of aid which may be used in connection with operations financed pursuant to Article 5 of the Council Decision of 1 February 1971;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 123 of the Treaty, such aid must render the employment of workers easier and increase their geographical and occupational mobility within the Community; whereas, to that end, it is important that such aid enables the persons referred to in Article 3 of the Council Decision of 1 February 1971 to adapt their qualifications, to agree to change their place of work and residence and to avail themselves of the most suitable opportunities for using their professional knowledge;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The list of aid provided for in Article 3 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2396/71 shall be as follows:

A 1 — Aid for the preparation, operation and management of training courses, including training of instructors, which is intended to cover:

A 10 — staff expenditure;

A 11 — rental or depreciation costs of materials and equipment and costs incurred in the use of tools, and teaching aids and equipment;

A 12 — rental or depreciation costs of buildings, and administrative, insurance, maintenance, heating, lighting and power costs.

Depreciation costs relating to operations carried out in less developed regions within the meaning of Article 1 (1) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 2396/71 may be calculated over a six year period.

A 2 — Aid to encourage participation in the training courses, which is intended to cover during the training period:

A 20 — costs of ensuring an income to trainees and the maintenance, acquisition and recovery of the right to statutory or contractual benefits in case of illness, maternity, death, disablement, old age, accidents at work, unemployment and family responsibilities. Assistance from the Fund may not be granted towards the actual benefits;

[1] OJ No L 249, 10.10.1971, p. 54.
[2] OJ No L 28, 4.2.1971, p. 15.

A 21 — housing and food expenses;

A 22 — transport expenses;

A 23 — expenses relating to individual items of teaching equipment, working clothes, merit bonuses, bonuses for regular attendance and end of training, scholarships, and costs for aptitude tests and examinations;

A 24 — necessary expenses incurred by undertakings establishing themselves in less developed regions in respect of allowances paid to newly engaged workers. The aim of paying such allowances shall be to ensure that workers are fully remunerated; the amount of the allowance may be payable over a maximum period of six months and be equal to 30% of the average gross wage or salary recorded in the undertaking in respect of corresponding posts.

The workers concerned must be receiving further vocational training in the undertaking or, owing to a lack of practical experience, be unable to ensure the output anticipated from the qualifications recorded at the time of their engagement.

B 1 — Aid to persons obliged to change their place of residence in order to pursue a professional or trade activity, which is intended to cover:

B 10 — travelling expenses, including those of dependants;

B 11 — removal expenses;

B 12 — resettlement expenses;

B 13 — other expenses resulting from the move, in particular, for a specified period, those occasioned by the separation from the family.

B 2 — Aid to facilitate integration into the new social and working environment of persons and members of their families who are obliged to change their place of residence in order to pursue a professional or trade activity, which is intended to cover:

B 20 — costs of allowances granted to reception, information and guidance services;

B 21 — costs of allowances granted to hostels accommodating young people who have been obliged to leave their homes in order to pursue a professional or trade activity;

B 22 — language teaching costs;

B 23 — costs of changing to comply with new working conditions, in particular with safety regulations.

C 1 — Aid for eliminating obstacles which make it difficult for certain categories of disadvantaged workers to take up available employment, which is intended to cover:

C 10 — necessary costs of adapting jobs to handicapped persons;

C 11 — necessary costs for the rehabilitation of handicapped persons with a view to their acquiring trade or professional skills, excluding medical costs;

C 12 — necessary expenses incurred in helping to maintain the level of earnings of elderly workers who undergo vocational retraining; this allowance, payable over a maximum period of six months, shall be granted in respect of workers of between fifty years of age and the legal age for obtaining an old-age pension.

Article 2

1. For reasons of administrative convenience, certain costs for the A1 and A2 types of aid may be submitted to the Commission as an overall figure, provided that the nature of each of these may be identified.

2. The Commission may, in respect of certain aids, fix the maximum amount of assistance from the Fund or determine a method for calculating the costs towards which the Fund will contribute; a maximum amount of assistance from the Fund shall be fixed in respect of aid falling within B 12, B 13, B 21, C 11 and C 12.

Article 3

Pursuant to Article 5 of the Council Decision of 1 February 1971 on the reform of the European Social

Fund, the Fund may contribute towards the financing of operations for implementing the aids listed in Article 1.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date on which Regulation (EEC) No 2396/71 enters into force.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 November 1971.

For the Council

The President

A. MORO