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V.I.E. Stimulus Cheque



3,000 cheques available

A financial boost to recruit young talents and speed up your international business.

€5,000

for SMEs and mid-size companies
in the context of their internationalization

€10,000

for SMEs, mid-size companies and large
companies during recruitment of young
talent from priority neighborhoods or short-
term training courses

When?

Companies have until 30/06/2022 to submit their V.I.E project via their customer space, along with their Stimulus Cheque's application. Assignments must start no later than 01/11/2022.

JUNE

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How?

A company is entitled to two V.I.E Stimulus Cheques, which can be combined with regional aid. (except the Ile-de-France and within the limit of the ceiling set by the European de minimis regulation).



SUPPORT FOR EXPORT : MOBILISE OUR TALENTS
TO ENSURE THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF COMPANIES

V.I.E. STIMULUS CHEQUE

As part of France Relance Recovery Plan, the V.I.E's Stimulus Cheque is a specific national public aid reserved for export development. It can be as much as €5,000 or €10,000 and is intended for French VSE, SME, and mid-size companies to boost their international activities, and large companies mobilizing young talents as V.I.E interns, who undertook short-term training courses or are from priority neighborhoods.

Fast and simple, this support is available for V.I.E's assignment starting at the latest on 01/11/2022 (application for Stimulus Cheques to be submitted before 30/06/2022).



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All SMEs ranging from microbusiness, mid-size company or large French company* with V.I.E's application approval. Trading companies in various sectors are not eligible, except for agri-food products.

SMEs in the European framework are those:

- That have a workforce of less than 250 employees and whose turnover does not exceed €50 million or whose total annual balance sheet does not exceed €43 million;
- And have less than 25% capital owned by a French or foreign company

Mid-size companies in the European framework are those:

- That have a workforce of between 250 and 5,000 employees and whose turnover does not exceed €1,500 million or whose total annual balance sheet does not exceed €2,000 million;
- And have less than 25% capital owned by a French or foreign company

**Only the V.I.E's assignment, which carried out by young talents understood a short-term training course (up to BAC+3) and/or are from priority neighborhoods are eligible for large companies to claim for a V.I.E Stimulus cheque (QPV).*

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBLE V.I.E. ASSIGNMENTS?

► The V.I.E. assignment must fall into one of the following three categories :

- Internationalization of VSEs, SMEs and mid-size companies
> **Stimulus Cheque of €5,000**
- Recruitment of young talents who have undertaken short-term training courses (up to Bac+3)
> **Stimulus Cheque of €10,000**
- Recruitment of young talents from priority neighborhoods (QPV)
> **Stimulus Cheque of €10,000**

► The following will be eligible:

- New V.I.E's assignment lasting at least 12 months
- Extension of at least 6 months, for companies mobilizing young V.I.E interns from QPV or a short-term training course (the initial assignment of 12 months is required prior to the extension)
- Extension of at least 12 month-mission devoted for internationalization of VSE, SME, and mid-size companies.

► Companies will have until 30 June 2022 to apply for both V.I.E' mission and cheque. The assignment must begin no later than 1 November 2022

- Microbusinesses, SMEs, and mid-size companies may be eligible for two V.I.E Stimulus Cheques maximum, regardless of the type of assignment chosen.
- Special case - SME/mid-size companies that have already received a stimulus cheque of €5,000 and whose V.I.E intern has undertaken a short-term training course or comes from a priority district of city policy, will be able to obtain an additional check of €5,000 for an extension of the assignment from 6 to 12 months. This said cheque will not be counted in the quota of 2 cheques per firm. Thus, the company may apply for a new stimulus cheque upon signing the new mission.

- Large French Companies may also be eligible for two V.I.E Stimulus Cheques maximum, only for the «short-term training» or «QPV» categories.
- A company (identified by its SIREN number) can only request a single V.I.E Stimulus Cheque per V.I.E 's assignment, regardless of the assignment category related.
- In the event that a group of companies were to decide to set up a V.I.E's assignment with shared time and costs, a single V.I.E's Stimulus Cheque may be issued.

■ GENERAL PROVISIONS

- The V.I.E's Stimulus Cheque is associated with the creation of a V.I.E's assignment. To set up a V.I.E's assignment, a non-approved company must first complete the approval procedure with Business France.
- The V.I.E's Stimulus Cheque can be combined with the regional aids (except the Ile-de-France) applicable under the V.I.E's scheme, up to 100% of the annual cost of a V.I.E intern.
- The V.I.E's Stimulus Cheque will be paid at the start of the V.I.E's assignment subject to collection of the related security deposit and the issue of the first invoice.

■ WHAT ARE THE MAIN STEPS OF THE PROCEDURE?

- The company goes to its [E-VIE](#) client Extranet - «Home» tab to obtain the V.I.E's Stimulus Cheque eligibility form;
- The duly completed application form, as well as the supporting documents (de minimis declaration, a K-bis extract less than 3 months old, bank details and a copy of the signed V.I.E. contract) are submitted by the company to chequerelancevie@businessfrance.fr ;
- Business France shall give a response notifying to the company within 5 working days, provided that it has received all duly completed information;
- If favorable response received, the company would receive the amount of the cheque via bank transfer, upon issuing the first invoice and after honoring the related security deposit.

Business France reserves the right to refuse any incomplete or non-compliant file.

In the event of non-compliance by the beneficiary company with one of the eligibility conditions set for the V.I.E's cheque, of an early interruption especially for periods of less than 12-month period, and the circumstances of the interruption are attributable partially or totally to it, Business France shall recover any aid provided.

■ WHAT ARE THE COMPANY'S COMMITMENTS?

- The company undertakes to comply with the conditions applicable to de minimis aid (ceiling of €200k over 3 years see details on the European Commission website: <https://ec.europa.eu/>);
- The company accepts to provide all the information mentioned in the V.I.E. Stimulus Cheque eligibility form.

WHO TO CONTACT?

For approved companies : the V.I.E's Stimulus Cheque eligibility form is available via your [E-VIE](#) Client Extranet - "Home" tab

For more information, contact your Business France Advisor or infovie@businessfrance.fr