

## **Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Supply**

### **Post of Veterinary Officer in the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Supply**

*Nomenclatures denoting the male gender include also the female gender.*

1. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Supply, invites applications for the post of Veterinary Officer in the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Supply.

#### **Terms and Conditions**

2.1 This appointment is subject to a probationary/trial period of twelve (12) months.

2.2 The salary for the post of Veterinary Officer is Salary Scale 9, which in the year 2026 is equivalent to, €28,701.02 per annum, rising by annual increments of €447.33 up to a maximum of €31,385.00.

2.3 A Veterinary Officer (Scale 9) will be promoted to the grade of Veterinary Officer in Scale 8 (€30,405.02 x €486.83 - €33,326 in 2026) on completion of two (2) years service in the grade subject to satisfactory performance.

2.4 A Veterinary Officer in Scale 9 who already possesses proven work experience as a Veterinary Officer shall be placed in Salary Scale 8 (€30,405.02 x €486.83 - €33,326 in 2026) upon satisfying two (2) years of experience.

2.5 A selected applicant in possession of a Warrant to practice as Veterinary Surgeon and who has not less than two (2) years of professional practise after obtaining the warrant will be appointed Veterinary Surgeon in Scale 8 (€30,405.02 x €486.83 - €33,326.00 in 2026).

2.6 A Veterinary Officer (Scale 8) will progress to Scale 7 (€32,158.00 x €531.17 - €35,345.02 in 2026) subject to satisfactory performance , on completion of four (4) years satisfactory service in Salary Scale 8.

2.7 A Veterinary Officer in Salary Scale 8 who is in possession of a related post-graduate qualification at MQF Level 7 (subject to a minimum of 90 ECTS credits, or equivalent\*) shall progress to Salary Scale 7 (€32,158.00 x €531.17 - €35,345.02 in 2026) after two (2) years of satisfactory service in Salary Scale 8.

\*A recognised Masters qualification with a minimum of 60 ECTS credits is only accepted subject to an MQRIC formal Masters recognition statement being submitted with the application (subject to the provisions of clause 5.4 of the General Provisions document). A recognised Masters qualification from the University of Malta (awarded pre-2009) with less than 60 ECTS credits is acceptable provided that it is verified by MQRIC or the University of Malta that the workload is comparable to at least 60 ECTS credits.

2.8 Appointees will also be entitled to such other benefits and such other conditions and obligations as stipulated in the Veterinary Class Agreement.

2.5 Selected candidates must be of conduct which is appropriate to the post applied for. Prior to appointment, selected candidates from outside the Public Service must produce a Certificate of Conduct issued by the Criminal Records Office or other competent authority not earlier than six (6) months from the closing date of this call for applications, which should be submitted by the selected candidate within one (1) week from the date of the notification of appointment.

2.6 This post has been designated as a "post/position so designated" for the purposes of sub-article 5 of Article 4 of the Public Administration Act (Cap. 595 of the Laws of Malta) and in terms of Directive 14.1 issued by the Principal Permanent Secretary on 3rd August 2023, since it involves regulatory and inspectorate functions. The relevant conditions laid out in the Public Administration Act and Directive 14.1 apply. (Insert paragraph if and as applicable).

2.7 In terms of the requirements emanating from Directive 16, regarding the "Governing Framework for Preventing and Managing Conflicts of Interest in the Public Administration", issued by the Principal Permanent

Secretary on 27th November 2023 and which came into force on 1st February 2024, the Selection Board will assess candidates' previous employments to assess potential conflicts of interest. In this respect, candidates are to provide a completely updated CV, including qualifications and employment history with their application. Any potential conflict of interest matters noted will be reported to the respective Permanent Secretary, to ensure that should the candidate be recruited, such conflicts of interest would be appropriately managed.

The selected candidate/s will be required to fill in the Declaration available at Appendix 1 to Directive 16 (available [here](#)), since this post is considered to be a high risk post as listed in the Sixth Schedule to the Public Administration Act and involves regulatory and inspectorate functions as listed in the Annex to Directive 14.1.

## **Duties**

3. The job duties for the post of Veterinary Officer may be viewed in Annex A attached to this Circular

## **Eligibility Requirements**

4.1 By the closing time and date of this call for applications, applicants must be:

- i.
  - a. citizens of Malta; or
  - b. citizens of other Member States of the European Union who are entitled to equal treatment to Maltese citizens in matters of employment by virtue of EU legislation and treaty provisions dealing with the free movement of workers; or
  - c. citizens of any other country who are entitled to equal treatment to Maltese citizens in matters related to employment by virtue of the application to that country of EU legislation and treaty provisions dealing with the free movement of workers; or
  - d. any other persons who are entitled to equal treatment to Maltese citizens in matters related to employment in terms of the law or the above-mentioned EU legislation and treaty provisions, on account of their family relationship with persons mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c); or
  - e. third country nationals who have been granted long-term resident status in Malta under regulation 4 of the "Status of Long-Term Residents (Third Country Nationals) Regulations, 2006" or who have been granted a residence permit under regulation 18(3) thereof, together with family members of such third country nationals who have been granted a residence permit under the "Family Reunification Regulations, 2007"; or
  - f. 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".

**The advice of the Citizenship Unit within Community Malta Agency and the Expatriates Unit within Identita` should be sought as necessary in the interpretation of the above provisions.**

The appointment of candidates referred to at (b), (c), (d) and (e) above would necessitate the issue of an employment licence in so far as this is required by the Immigration Act and subsidiary legislation. Jobsplus should be consulted as necessary on this issue.

- ii. able to communicate in the Maltese or English languages in order to sufficiently and adequately carry out the duties applied for;

## **AND**

- iii. warranted graduates in Veterinary Medicine.

**Public Officers applying for this post must be confirmed in their current appointment, unless the current appointment is in a different class/career stream or in a definite position, but may apply for a lower grade/position even if not confirmed and whether in the same stream or not. Reversion to previous unconfirmed appointment is not possible.**

4.2 Public Officers holding a grade in a particular stream, and who were granted Officer in Scale status by virtue

of a Grievances Unit decision in the same scale as that of a higher grade in that stream, are eligible to apply for grades open to officers holding such higher grade within the stream that carries the same scale as that of the Officer in Scale status.

The years of service since the effective date of appointment as Officer in Scale are reckonable for the purpose of satisfying any requisite years of service stipulated in calls for applications.

Any other eligibility requisites for the post must be met in terms of this call for applications.

4.3 Public officers who currently hold an appointment as Officer in Grade are considered on a personal basis to pertain to the Class/Stream of their immediately previous substantive grade, and may apply on the basis of their current scale as Officer in Grade, which must be equivalent to, or higher than, the requisite eligibility level required by this call for applications.

The years of service since the effective date of appointment as Officer in Grade are reckonable for the purpose of satisfying any requisite years of "service in the grade" as stipulated in calls for applications.

Any other eligibility requisites for the post/position must be met in terms of this call for applications

### **Submission of Supporting Documents**

5.1 Qualifications and experience claimed must be supported by certificates/transcripts and/or testimonials, copies of which are to be scanned and sent through the Recruitment Portal (<https://recruitment.gov.mt>).

5.2 Original certificates and/or testimonials are to be invariably produced for verification at the interview.

### **Selection Procedure**

6.1 Eligible applicants will be assessed by a Selection Board to determine their suitability for the post. The maximum mark for this selection process is 100% and the pass mark is 50%.

6.2 Due consideration will be given to applicants who, besides the requisites indicated in paragraphs 4.1 - 4.3, have proven relevant work experience.

### **Submission of Applications**

7.1 Applications are to be submitted, for the attention of the Director Corporate Services, Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights, through the Online Government Recruitment Portal **only** at the following address: <https://recruitment.gov.mt>. Applications are to include a Curriculum Vitae, completely up-to-date (which should include a list of qualifications held by applicant and the employment history). The closing date of the receipt of applications is **1.30 pm (Central European Time) of Friday, 17th July, 2026**. A computer-generated email will be sent as an acknowledgement of the application. Further details concerning the submission of applications are contained in the general provisions referred to below.

7.2 It is the responsibility of the applicants not to leave until the last moment for submission of their application.

7.3 Applications which are received after closing date and time (i.e. late applications) are not allowed.

7.4 Applicants are granted up to two (2) working days after closing date and time of this call for applications, to submit any incorrect or incomplete or missing documents.

### **Other General Provisions**

**8. Other general provisions concerning this call for applications, with particular reference to:**

- applicable benefits, conditions and rules/regulations;
- lateral applications;
- reasonable accommodation for registered persons with disability;
- submission of recognition statements in respect of qualifications;
- qualifications at a higher level;
- comparative level of public sector employees;
- renouncement of pending applications;
- publication of the result;
- medical examination;
- the process for the submission of petitions concerning the result;
- access to application forms and related details;
- retention of documents;

may be viewed by accessing the address [https://peopleandstandards.gov.mt/media/PDFs/Resourcing/GenProvs/GeneralProvisions\\_ENG.pdf](https://peopleandstandards.gov.mt/media/PDFs/Resourcing/GenProvs/GeneralProvisions_ENG.pdf) or may be obtained from the Corporate Services Directorate, Agriculture Research and Innovation Hub, Ingiered Road, Luqa, LQA 3300. These general provisions are to be regarded as an integral part of this call for applications.

The website address and e-mail address of the receiving Directorate are <http://agrikultura.gov.mt> and [humanresources.maff@gov.mt](mailto:humanresources.maff@gov.mt).