

Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation

Post of Education Support Practitioner in the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation

Nomenclatures denoting the male gender include also the female gender.

The Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation (MEYR) would like to remind all interested applicants that it has zero tolerance policy towards any form of child abuse. MEYR adheres to S.L. 327.546 (Recruitment, Initial Training and Continuous Professional Development of Personnel and Protection of Minors in Compulsory Education Regulations 2016) in its recruitment process.

1. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation invites applications for the post of Education Support Practitioner within the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation in the following area:

- Early Intervention

Terms and Conditions

2.1. This appointment is subject to a probationary period of one (1) year.

2.2. The salary for the post of an Education Support Practitioner is Salary Scale 10, which in year 2025 is €25,570.98 per annum, rising by annual increments of €407.67 up to a maximum of €28,017.00.

2.3. An Education Support Practitioner in Salary Scale 10 will progress to Salary Scale 9 (€27,145.02 x €447.33 - €29,829.00 in the year 2025) on completion of five (5) years service as an Education Support Practitioner in Salary Scale 10, subject to satisfactory performance.

2.4. An Education Support Practitioner in Salary Scale 9 will progress to Salary Scale 8 (€28,792.02 x €486.83 - €31,713.00 in the year 2025) on completion of eight (8) years service as an Education Support Practitioner in Salary Scale 9, subject to satisfactory performance.

2.5. An Education Support Practitioner (Salary Scale 10) or an Education Support Practitioner (Salary Scale 9) or an Educational Support Practitioner (Salary Scale 8) who obtain a relevant MQF Level 7 qualification as determined by Management from time to time shall immediately be placed in Salary Scale 8 as a Senior Education Support Practitioner and shall continue to progress as per provisions regulating the grade of Senior Education Support Practitioner as found in the agreement between the Government of Malta and the Malta Union of Teachers (MUT) pertaining to the Student Support Services Grades within the Directorate for Educational Services (DES) at the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation (MEYR).

2.6. An appointee will be entitled to such other benefits and subject to such other conditions and obligations as may be stipulated in any pertinent agreement between the Government and the competent Union.

2.7. Selected candidates must be of conduct which is appropriate to the post/position 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.

2.8. 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.

Moreover, selected candidates are to report any known actual, potential or apparent conflicts of interest prior to accepting an appointment, through the prescribed Declaration available at Appendix 1 to Directive 16 (available

here).

Duties

3. The job duties for the post of Education Support Practitioner 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 Identity Malta 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 and English Languages; and

iii. in possession of a valid driving license; and

iv. in possession of a recognised Bachelor's degree at MQF Level 6 (subject to a minimum of 180 ECTS/ECVET credit or equivalent*) in Psychology or Communication Therapy or Physiotherapy or Occupational Therapy or Inclusive and Special Education and/or Learning Disabilities.

*A recognised Qualification comparable to 180 ECTS/ECVET credits, as applicable is only accepted subject to an MQRIC formal recognition statement being submitted with the application.

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. (i) Candidates who have not yet formally obtained or are not yet approved for the qualification specified in paragraph 4.1 or else as indicated in paragraph 3.1 of the general provisions https://publicservices.gov.mt/en/people/Documents/Recruitment_GenProvs/General%20Provisions_ENG.pdf will still be considered provided that they submit evidence that they are in the final phase of their course leading to such qualification. Appointees must obtain, or be approved, for the award of such qualification within one year of their appointment date. If this stipulated deadline for the attainment of such qualification is not met, the appointment will be, for this reason, automatically terminated.

(ii) Furthermore, candidates who are currently following a recognised programme of study at a higher MQF level than the

requested above will also be considered. Such candidates are to submit evidence that they have successfully completed the necessary ECTS/ECVET credits, or equivalent, and attained the required MQF level, by the closing time and date of the call for applications. Prospective applicants should note the requirement to produce MQRIC recognition statements in respect of their qualifications from MQRIC, or other designated authorities, as applicable, as per provisions applicable to this call for applications (see link below).

4.3. 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.

4.4. 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, what is 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 Education Recruitment Portal (<https://edurecruitment.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 - 4.4, have proven relevant work experience.

Submission of Applications

7.1. Applications are to be submitted, for the attention of the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation, through the Online Education Recruitment Portal only at the following address: <https://edurecruitment.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 5.15 pm (Central European Time) of Wednesday, 02nd April, 2025. 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://publicservices.gov.mt/en/people/Documents/Recruitment_GenProvs/General%20Provisions_ENG.pdf.

These general provisions are to be regarded as an integral part of this call for applications.