

Circular No. HR/MEER 18/2026

Ministry for Energy,
the Environment and
the Regeneration of the Grand Harbour

6, Qormi Road,
Sta Venera,
SVR 1302

Date: 18th September 2026

To: Permanent Secretaries
Directors-General
Directors
Heads of Public Sector Organisations

Post of Principal Veterinary Technical Officer in the Animal Welfare Directorate in the Ministry for Energy, the Environment and the Regeneration of the Grand Harbour

Nomenclatures denoting the male gender include also the female gender.

1. The Director General (Operations) on behalf of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Energy, the Environment and the Regeneration of the Grand Harbour invites applications for the post of Principal Veterinary Technical Officer in the Animal Welfare Directorate in the Ministry for Energy, the Environment and the Regeneration of the Grand Harbour.

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 Principal Veterinary Technical Officer is Salary Scale 7, which in the year 2026 is equivalent to, €32,158.00 per annum, rising by annual increments of €531.17 up to a maximum of €35,345.02.

2.3 A Principal Veterinary Technical Officer will progress to Scale 6 (€33,931.02 x €596.33 - €37,509.00 in the year 2026) on completion of five (5) years service in the grade, subject to satisfactory performance .

2.4 A Principal Veterinary Technical Officer in Salary Scale 7 who is in possession of a relevant and recognised MQF Level 7 qualification (subject to a minimum of 90 ECTS credits, or equivalent*), as determined by management from time to time and which was not a pre-requisite for the employee's eligibility for the call for application for the grade of Principal Veterinary Technical Officer, shall progress to Salary Scale 6 (€33,931.02 x €596.33 - €37,509.00 in the year 2026) on completion of three (3) years of satisfactory service in the grade of Principal Veterinary Technical Officer in Salary Scale 7 and will benefit from the provisions regulating the grade of Principal Veterinary Technical Officer found in the agreement.

*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.

2.5 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.

2.6 This post/position 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 / inspectorate functions. The relevant conditions laid out in the Public Administration Act and Directive 14.1 apply.

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.

a. The selected candidate/s will be required to fill in the Declaration available at Appendix 1 to Directive 16 (available [here](#)) , since this post/position involves regulatory / inspectorate functions as listed in the Annex to Directive 14.1

Duties

3. The job duties for the post of Principal Veterinary Technical 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 Public Officers in the Malta Public Service or Public Officers in the Malta Public Service on loan/detailed with/deployed with/on attachment to Public Sector organizations.

In addition applicants must be:

(i) able to communicate in the Maltese and English languages in order to sufficiently and adequately carry out the duties applied for;

AND

(ii) a. Senior Veterinary Technical Officers in Salary Scale 7;

OR

(ii) b. Senior Veterinary Technical Officers in Salary Scale 8 and in possession of a relevant and recognised MQF Level 7 qualification (subject to a minimum of 90 ECTS credits or equivalent*), as determined by Management from time to time.

OR

(ii) c. Veterinary Technical Officers (Degree) in Salary Scale 9 and in possession of a relevant and recognised MQF Level 7 qualification (subject to a minimum of 90 ECTS credits or equivalent*), as determined by Management from time to time.

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Short courses leading to awards, as distinct from qualifications, do not have the required number of ECTS

credits at the respective MQF level and, hence, will not be considered for eligibility purposes.

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.

4.4 (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://peopleandstandards.gov.mt/media/PDFs/Resourcing/GenProvs/GeneralProvisions_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 that requested above will also be considered. Such candidates are to submit evidence that they have successfully completed the necessary ECTS 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).

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 to 4.4, have proven relevant work experience.

Submission of Applications

7.1 Applications are to be submitted, for the attention of the Director General (Operations), Ministry for Energy, the Environment and the Regeneration of the Grand Harbour, through the Online Government Recruitment Portal **only** on <https://recruitment.gov.mt>. Applications are to include a Curriculum Vitae, completely up-to-date (which should include a list of qualifications held by the applicant and the employment history). The closing date of the receipt of applications is **5.15pm (Central European Time) of Monday 5th October 2026**. A computer-generated e-mail 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 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 or may be obtained from Corporate Services Directorate (Attn: Assistant Director, Human Resources), Ministry for Energy, the Environment and the Regeneration of the Grand Harbour, 6, Qormi Road, Sta Venera, SVR 1302. 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 Department/Division/Directorate are sustainability.gov.mt and humanresources.meer@gov.mt.

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