

Ministry for Gozo and Planning

Post of Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer (Trainee) / Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer I in the Ministry for Gozo and Planning

Nomenclatures denoting the male gender include also the female gender.

1. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Gozo and Planning invites applications for the post of Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer (Trainee) / Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer I in the Ministry for Gozo and Planning.

Terms and Conditions

2.1 This appointment is subject to a probationary/trial period of six (6) months.

2.2 The salary for the post of Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer (Trainee) is Salary Scale 18, which in the year 2026 is equivalent to, €14,798.00 per annum, rising by annual increments of €222.00 up to a maximum of €16,130.00.

2.3 An Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer (Trainee) in Salary Scale 18 who successfully completes the Vet Aid Certificate at MQF Level 3 shall be automatically promoted to the grade of Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer I in Salary Scale 16 which in the year 2026 is equivalent to €17,701.00 rising by annual increments of €263.00 up to a maximum of €19,279.00, on an indefinite contract, which carries a six (6) month probationary period.

2.4 An Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer I in Scale 16 will progress to Salary Scale 15 (€19,111.00 x €298.00 - €20,899.00 in 2026) after five (5) years of satisfactory service in the grade of Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer I in Salary Scale 16.

2.5 An Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer I who obtains a relevant qualification at Diploma level MQF Level 5 (subject to a minimum of 60 ECTS credits or equivalent*), as recognised by Management from time to time, whilst in employment in the Veterinary Technical Class shall automatically move to Salary Scale 12 as Veterinary Technical Officer (Diploma) upon obtaining said qualification and upon successful completion of the probationary period, and will benefit from provisions regulating the grade of Veterinary Technical Officer (Diploma) found within the pertinent agreement.

*A recognised qualification comparable to 60 ECTS credits, as applicable, is only accepted subject to an MQRIC formal recognition statement being submitted with the application (subject to the provisions of clause 5.4 of the General Provisions document).

2.6 An Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer I who obtains a relevant qualification at Degree Level MQF Level 6 (subject to a minimum of 180 ECTS credits or equivalent*) as recognised by Management from time to time, whilst in employment in the Veterinary Technical Class shall automatically move into Salary Scale 10 as Veterinary Technical Officer (Degree) upon obtaining said qualification and upon successful completion of the probationary period, and will benefit from provisions regulating the grade of Veterinary Technical Officer (Degree) found within the pertinent agreement.

*A recognised comparable Bachelor's Qualification, as applicable, is only accepted subject to an MQRIC formal recognition statement being submitted with the application (subject to the provisions of clause 5.4 of the General Provisions document). A recognised Bachelor's qualification from the University of Malta (awarded pre-2009) with less than 180 ECTS credits is acceptable provided that it is verified by MQRIC or the University of Malta that the workload is comparable to the minimum of 180 ECTS credits.

2.7 The 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 of Malta and the competent Union.

2.8 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.

2.9 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 inspectorate functions. The relevant conditions laid out in the Public Administration Act and Directive 14.1 apply.

2.10 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 involves inspectorate functions as listed in the Annex to Directive 14.1.

Duties

3. The job duties for the post of Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer (Trainee) / Assistant Veterinary Technical Officer I 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 in order to sufficiently and adequately carry out the duties applied for;

AND

iii. officially enrolled in a recognised Vet Aid Certificate acknowledged as such by management at MQF Level 3;

OR

iv. Serving Officers who on the date of signing the Memorandum of Understanding are performing duties within the Veterinary Support Stream and are listed in Appendix A attached to the Memorandum of Understanding, shall be eligible

to apply for the grades within the Agreement regulating the Veterinary Technical Stream based on their years of satisfactory service. They shall then continue to progress as per provisions stipulated in the said Agreement, and benefit from the allowances relevant to their new grades.

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 (iii) 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 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, 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

4.5 Public officers who are ordinarily resident in Gozo but currently working in Malta, and who hold the same substantive grade as that being advertised, may apply laterally. If selected, such public officers will be permanently assigned to work in Gozo, carrying their respective grade, salary entitlement, and salary point, including entitlement to increments, any progression, and promotion tied to the post. It is clarified that such candidates will not be awarded additional marks in the selection process for the possession of any qualifications which are an eligibility requirement as stated in this call for applications.

Submission of Supporting Documents

5.1(a) 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 - 4.5,

have proven relevant work experience.

Submission of Applications

7.1 Applications are to be submitted, for the attention of the Corporate Services Directorate, Ministry for Gozo and Planning, 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 **5.15 pm (Central European Time) of Monday, 4th May, 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://publicservices.gov.mt/en/people/Documents/Recruitment_GenProvs/General%20Provisions_ENG.pdf or may be obtained from the People Management Unit at the Corporate Services Directorate, Ministry for Gozo and Planning St Francis Sqaure, Victoria Gozo. 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://mgp.gov.mt> and <http://recruitment.mgp.gov.mt>.