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To: Permanent Secretaries
Directors General
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Heads of Public Sector Organisations

POST OF MANAGER I (ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE) IN THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Nomenclatures denoting the male gender include also the female gender.

1. The Director for Corporate Services, Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade invites applications for the post of Manager I (Accounting and Finance) in the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade.

Terms and Conditions

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

2.2 During the probationary/trial period, appointees must successfully complete appropriate induction programmes organised by the Institute for the Public Services to be eligible for confirmation of appointment.

2.3 The salary for the post of Manager I (Accounting and Finance) is Salary Scale 10, which in the year 2023 is €23,029.57 per annum, rising by annual increments of €407.67 up to a maximum of €25,475.59.

2.4 A Manager I in Salary Scale 10 will progress to Salary Scale 9 (€24,494.79 x €447.33 - €27,178.77 in 2023) on completion of two (2) years service as Manager I in Salary Scale 10, subject to satisfactory performance.

2.5 A Manager I in Salary Scale 9 will progress to Salary Scale 8 (€26,048.25 x €486.83 - €28,969.23 in 2023) on completion of five (5) years service as Manager I in Salary Scale 9, subject to satisfactory performance.

2.6 A Manager I in Salary Scale 8 will progress to Salary Scale 7 (€27,697.53 x €531.17 - €30,884.55 in 2023) on completion of three (3) years service as Manager I in Salary Scale 8, subject to satisfactory performance.

2.7 The appointees shall also be entitled to an annual performance bonus of up to 10% of the basic salary subject to satisfactory performance and subject to Central Administration's policies in force from time to time.

a. Appointees will also be entitled to such other benefits and such other conditions and obligations as stipulated in the *Working Conditions for Officers Within the Management Stream for Qualified Personnel*.

2.8 Accepting appointment in this grade signifies that any pending applications within the Public Service are automatically considered renounced, unless the latter are applications for SAAC positions or applications for a definite position when the officer concerned holds an indefinite appointment.

2.9 Lateral applications by public officers who already hold an appointment in the same grade being advertised

are allowed only if the area of specialisation of the vacancy is different to the one held by the applicant and requires a specific related qualification as an eligibility requirement, which the applicant must satisfy.

- a. Appointees within the Managerial/Officer/Practitioners streams must have served in their current post, and are to serve in this post, for a minimum of two (2) years before applying laterally. This is not applicable for promotion purposes, subject to the pertinent eligibility criteria.
- b. All other officers must be confirmed in appointment, and are to serve in this post for a minimum of two (2) years, before applying laterally. The latter condition is not applicable for promotion purposes.

2.10 It will not be possible to request a transfer before a two (2) year period from date of appointment. On the lapse of a two (2) year period, appointees may only be transferred at own request to carry out duties elsewhere in Accounting and Finance, in accordance with established vacancies.

2.11 The result will be valid for a period of two (2) years from the date of publication.

Duties

3. The job duties for the post of Manager I (Accounting and Finance) 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, or Public Sector employees performing duties in the Malta Public Service, or RSSL employees.

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. Reversion to previous unconfirmed appointment is not possible.

Public Officers who are on loan/detailed with/deployed with/on attachment to Public Sector organisations may also apply;

AND

in possession of a recognised Bachelor's degree at MQF Level 6 (subject to a minimum of 180 ECTS/ECVE credits or equivalent*) in Accountancy or Business Management or Business Administration or Economics or Banking and Finance or a recognized comparable professional qualification at MQF Level 6 in Accountancy.

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

4.2 (i) Qualifications at a level higher than that specified above will be accepted for eligibility purposes, provided they meet any specified subject requirements. A Masters qualification at MQF Level 7, or equivalent, must comprise a minimum of 90 ECTS/ECVETS credits or equivalent*).

*A recognised Master's qualification with a minimum of 60 ECTS/ECVET is only accepted subject to an MFHEA formal Master's recognition statement being submitted with the application.

(ii) Moreover, candidates who have not yet formally obtained any of the above-mentioned qualifications will still be considered. Such candidates are to submit evidence that they have been approved for the award of the qualification in question.

(iii) 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/ECVETS credits, or equivalent, and attained the required MQF Level, by the closing time and date of the call for applications.

4.3 Furthermore, candidates who have not yet formally obtained the qualification specified in paragraphs 4.1 or else as indicated in paragraph 4.2 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 by the 31st May, 2023. If this stipulated deadline for the attainment of such qualification is not met, the appointment will be, for this reason, automatically terminated.

- a. The probation period and progression entitlement (as the case may be) start to count from date of appointment.
- b. Such appointees will not benefit from any allowances until attainment of, or are approved for the indicated qualification referred to in clause 4.1 or 4.2.

4.4 To determine the comparable level of responsibility of Public Sector employees currently performing duties in the Public Service and RSSL employees to the level of responsibility required of Public Officers applying for this post, the Selection Board should invariably and formally consult the Director/HR Manager responsible for the respective Public Sector entity.

The current arrangement, whereby Public Sector employees performing duties in the Public Service remain on the books of the respective entity, shall continue to apply in the case of Public Sector employees who are selected for the post, subject to the consent of the entity. RSSL employees selected for this post will have their employment with RSSL ipso facto terminated following the successful completion of the probationary period.

4.5 Applicants must be eligible to take up their due appointment, in terms of 4.1 to 4.4 above, not only by the closing time and date of this call for applications but also on the date of appointment.

4.6 Applicants are obliged to immediately inform the Selection Board (if result has not yet been published, in which case the application should be withdrawn by the applicant) or the HR Unit within the issuing ministry/department (if result has been published) upon any change in the status of their appointment from the date of submission of their application until the closing date, or upon being called for appointment as a result, of this call for application, as the case may be. Non-observance of this instruction may lead to disciplinary action. On its part, at the start of the interview, the Selection Board will request the candidate to declare any changes in status of his/her current appointment from the date of submission of application.

4.7 Prospective applicants should note the requirement to produce MFHEA recognition statements in respect of their qualifications from MFHEA, 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 4.5, 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 Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, through the Recruitment Portal only at the following address: <https://recruitment.gov.mt>. Applications are to include a Curriculum Vitae (which should include a list of qualifications held by the applicant). In the case of Public Officers, the GP47 is to be requested by HR Unit of the ministry/department issuing the call for application. Whilst in the case of Public Sector employees performing duties in the Public Service and RSSL employees, the HR Unit of the ministry/department issuing the call for application must request a record of any period of work on reduced hours or on a part-time basis,

unpaid leave including unpaid sick leave and/or any periods of absence from duties, and any records of any disciplinary action that may have been taken (in the absence of which it will be understood that no disciplinary action was ever taken). In the case of Public Sector employees performing duties in the Public Service, the HR Unit of the ministry/department issuing the call for application will request confirmation from the Director responsible for People Management of the Ministry (where applicants are performing duties) that they are officially performing duties in such Ministry. The closing date of the receipt of applications is **17:15 hrs (Central European Time) of Monday, 20th February, 2023**. 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 thirty (30) minutes 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 or up to two (2) working days from date of notification, whichever is the latter, 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;
- reasonable accommodation for registered persons with disability;
- submission of recognition statements in respect of qualifications;
- publication of the result;
- 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 website of the People and Standards Division (<https://recruitmentintra.gov.mt/generalprovisions/GeneralProvisionsEN.pdf>) or may be obtained from the Human Resources Department, Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, 331, Allied House, St. Paul Str. Valletta. These general provisions are to be regarded as an integral part of this call for applications.

The website address, contact number and email address of the receiving Department are www.foreign.gov.mt, (+356) 2204 3030 and recruitment.mfet@gov.mt.

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