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Ministry for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local
Government
Local Government Division
26 Archbishop Street,
Valletta

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

Post of Junior Legal Officer in the Ministry for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government

Nomenclatures denoting the male gender include also the female gender.

1. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government invites applications for the post of Junior Legal Officer in the Local Government Division within the Ministry for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government.

Terms and Conditions

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

2.2 The salary for the post of Junior Legal Officer is Salary Scale 9, which in the year 2023 is equivalent to, €24,494.79 per annum, rising by annual increments of €447.33 up to a maximum of €27,178.77.

2.3 A Junior Legal Officer will be promoted to the grade of Legal Officer in Scale 8 (€26,048.25 x €486.83 - €28,969.23 in the year 2023) on completion of two (2) years service in the grade of Junior Legal Officer, subject to satisfactory performance and provided that the person has been practising for at least three (3) proven years after obtaining the Warrant to practice the profession of Advocate .

2.4 A Legal Officer in Scale 8 will be promoted to the grade of Legal Officer in Scale 7 (€27,697.53 x €531.17 - €30,884.55 in the year 2023) on completion of six (6) years service in the grade of Legal Officer, Salary Scale 8, subject to satisfactory performance.

2.5 The appointee will be entitled to such other benefits subject to such other conditions as may be stipulated in any pertinent agreement between the Government and the competent union.

2.6 The appointee must ensure that he operates within the framework of the Code of Ethics and of Section 6.2.3 of the Public Service Management Code, and will not carry any form of work outside of Government employment which may be against the interest of government and/or which may lead to a conflict of interest or interfere with the performance of his official duties with the government. Private work invariably necessitates the permission of the Permanent Secretary.

2.7 Lateral applications in the same grade from public officers are not allowed.

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/ADAC positions or applications for a definite position when the officer concerned holds an indefinite appointment.

Duties

3. The job duties for the post of Junior Legal 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.

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.

Such officers must be in possession of the Warrant to practice the profession of Advocate in Malta.

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, 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.

4.4 (i) Qualifications at a level higher than that specified above will be accepted for eligibility purposes, provided they meet any specified subject requirements.

(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.

4.5 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 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 4.5, have proven relevant work experience.

Submission of Applications

7.1 Applications are to be submitted, for the attention of the Director General, Local Government Division, Ministry for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government through the Online Government Recruitment Portal only on <https://recruitment.gov.mt>. Applications are to include a Curriculum Vitae (which should include a list of qualifications held by the applicant). The GP 47 is to be requested by HR Unit of the ministry /department issuing the call for application. The closing date of the receipt of applications is **17:15 hrs (Central European Time) of Tuesday, 11th April, 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 later, 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;
- 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 website of the People & Standards Division at the address <https://recruitmentintra.gov.mt/generalprovisions/GeneralProvisionsEN.pdf> or may be obtained from the Corporate Services Directorate, Ministry for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government, 35 Old Bakery Street, Valletta. 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 www.mhal.gov.mt and hr.dlgl@gov.mt.

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