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To: Permanent Secretaries
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Post of Other Industrial Grades (Gardener) in the Ministry for Education and Sport

Nomenclatures denoting the male gender include also the female gender.

The Ministry for Education and Sport (MES) would like to remind all interested applicants that it has zero tolerance policy towards any form of child abuse. MES 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 and Sport (MES) invites applications for the post of Other Industrial Grades (Gardener) within the Logistics and Infrastructure Directorate, in the Office of the Permanent Secretary, in the Ministry for Education and Sport.

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 Other Industrial Grades (Gardener) is Salary Scale 15, which in the year 2026 is equivalent to €19,111.00 per annum, rising by annual increments of €298.00 up to a maximum of €20,899.00.

2.3. An Other Industrial Grades (Gardener) in Salary Scale 15 will progress to Salary Scale 14 (€20,645.02 x €316.83 - €22,546.00 in the year 2026) on completion of five (5) years of satisfactory service in the grade.

2.4. Appointees will progress to Scale 13 (€22,217.00 x €335.50 - €24,230.00 in the year 2026) after a further five (5) years of satisfactory service in Salary Scale 14 as Other Industrial Grades (Gardener).

2.5. Appointees will be entitled to the payment of an annual class allowance of €700.

a) Appointees will also be entitled to such other benefits and such other conditions as stipulated in the Industrial and Supervisory Class Agreement.

2.6. 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 Other Industrial Grades (Gardener) 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. in possession of a Journeyman's Certificate in the calling of Gardener/Horticulturist or a relevant comparable qualification in the field at MQF Level 3 (with at least 60 ECTS credits or equivalent*);

OR

iii. Public officers whose competence in the trade has been certified by a Trade Testing Board set up under the Employment and Training Services Act, or a relevant comparable programme in the field at MQF Level 2.

*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).

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 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 to 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 and Sport through the Online Education Recruitment Portal **only** on <https://edurecruitment.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 **1.30 pm (Central European Time) of Monday, 07th September, 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.

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

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