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

POST OF OFFICER I (COMMERCE) IN THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY FOR THE ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY

Nomenclatures denoting the male gender include also the female gender.

1. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry for the Economy and Industry invites applications for the post of Officer I (Commerce) in the Ministry for the Economy and Industry.

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 Officer I (Commerce) is Salary Scale 10, which in the year 2020 is €20,603 per annum, rising by annual increments of €407.67 up to a maximum of €23,049.

2.4 An Officer I in Salary Scale 10 will progress to Salary Scale 9 (€21,933 x €447.33 - €24,617 in 2020) on completion of two (2) years service as Officer I in Salary Scale 10, subject to satisfactory performance.

2.5 An Officer I in Salary Scale 9 will progress to Salary Scale 8 (€23,358 x €486.83 - €26,279 in 2020) on completion of five (5) years service as Officer I in Salary Scale 9, subject to satisfactory performance.

2.6 An Officer I in Salary Scale 8 will progress to Salary Scale 7 (€24,894 x €531.17 - €28,081 in 2020) on completion of three (3) years service as Officer I in Salary Scale 8, subject to satisfactory performance.

2.7 Appointees shall also be entitled to the payment of an annual allowance of 5% of their basic salary, subject to satisfactory performance and subject to Central Administration's policies in force from time to time.

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 Commerce, 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 Officer I (Commerce) 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, who are **confirmed in their current appointment**. 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 Economics or Business Administration or Sociology or Public Policy or Maltese or Statistics or European Studies or Law.

* In the absence of documentary evidence as to the ECTS/ECVET credits or other system of measuring the course content, the selection board is to evaluate the submitted programme of study and determine that it is comparable to 180 ECTS/ECVET credits. The advice of the MQRIC may be sought.

4.2 Qualifications at a level higher than that specified above will be accepted for eligibility purposes, provided they meet any specified subject requirements. A Master's qualification at MQF Level 7, or equivalent, must comprise a minimum of 60 ECTS/ECVETS credits or equivalent* .

* In absence of documentary evidence as to the ECTS/ECVET credits or other system of measuring the course content, the selection board is to evaluate the submitted programme of study and determine that it is comparable to 60 ECTS/ECVET credits. The advice of the MQRIC may be sought.

Moreover, candidates who have not yet formally obtained any of the qualifications as indicated in paragraph 4.1 will still be considered, provided that they submit evidence that they have obtained the qualifications in question, or successfully completed the necessary ECTS/ECVET credits, or equivalent, taken as part of a higher recognised MQF level programme of study, as required in the aforementioned eligibility criteria, 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 have obtained or be approved for the award of such qualification by the 31st December 2020. If the stipulated deadline for the attainment of such qualification is not met, the appointment will be, ipso facto, 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 and 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 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 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 the Economy and Industry through the Recruitment Portal **only** (<https://recruitment.gov.mt>). Applications are to include a Curriculum Vitae (which should include a list of qualifications held by applicant), and an updated Service and Leave Record Form (GP47) which has been issued not earlier than one (1) month from the date of application, in PDF format, which are to be uploaded through the Portal. In the case of Public Sector performing duties in the Public Service and RSSL employees, these are to present record of any period of work on reduced hours or on a part-time basis, their 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, they are also to produce confirmation from the DCS/DPM of the ministry where they are performing duties, that they are officially performing duties in such Ministry. The closing date for this call has been extended by two working days since on the 28 and 29 December the system will not be functional due to a system upgrade. The closing date of the receipt of applications is **17:15 hrs (Central European Time) of Wednesday 30th December 2020**. 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 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 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 Section, Corporate Services Directorate, Ministry for the Economy and Industry . These general provisions are to be regarded as an integral part of this call for applications.

The website address and email address of the receiving Department are <https://economy.gov.mt/en/jobopportunities/Pages/home.aspx> and recruitment.mei@gov.mt.

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Ministry for the Economy and Industry

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Annex A

Ministry	<i>Ministry for the Economy and Industry</i>
Job title	<i>Officer 1 (Commerce)</i>



MINISTRY FOR THE ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY

Duties and responsibilities

- i. Assists in management needs, implements or supervises the execution of any policy direction relating to licensing or industrial property
- ii. Co-ordinates and participates in relevant meetings, keeping records thereof as necessary
- iii. Analyses licences or industrial property related documentation, resolving arising issues and making recommendations as necessary
- iv. Effectively monitors the work carried out by Compliance officers in line with the Open Market reform and any other work related with licenses or industrial property
- v. Ensures that Compliance Officers promote adherence to relevant regulation, caution transgressors and report transgressions to enforcement authorities when these are not rectified within a specified time
- vi. Regularly reviews licencing or industrial property procedures, taking into consideration national, EU and international requirements
- vii. Analyses licencing or industrial property cases relating in particular with refusals, oppositions, invalidity and revocation, drawing up related reports and making necessary recommendations
- viii. Provides input as necessary in the assessment of national legislation with a view to amend or update according to national, regional or international requirements and obligations
- ix. Drafts and updates explanatory guidelines concerning licencing or industrial property processes
- x. Provides input in the drawing up and implementation of projects and budgets, in relation to national as well as EU related programmes and projects
- xi. Represents the Department at local, European Union and international conferences, meetings and workshops as required and assists in the organisation of national and/or international courses, seminars, workshops, conferences and other activities in relevant fields
- xii. Undertakes any other tasks which the superior may delegate to him/her, as may be required
- xiii. Any other duties as directed by the Principal Permanent Secretary.