

Council for the Teaching Profession

Eligibility for a Teacher's Warrant



Legal obligation

No person may practise the teaching profession in compulsory education (school for children between the ages of 5 and 16) in Malta unless such person is in possession of a teacher's warrant.

The Council considers all applications for a teacher's warrant and makes recommendations to the Hon. Minister as to whether or not a warrant should be awarded to the applicant.



Elegibility Requirements

In order for person to be eligible for a teacher's warrant in Malta the applicant must:

- i. Be a Maltese citizen, is an EU citizen or is otherwise permitted to work in Malta under any law;
- ii. Be of good conduct; and
- iii. Have full legal capacity.
- iv. Must satisfy the requirements of Article 24 or Article 41 of the Education Act.



Eligibility Requirements in terms of Article 24

A person shall be eligible for a teacher's warrant in terms of Article 24 of the Education Act if such person, apart from satisfying the conditions listed in the previous slide, is in possession of:

- i. A degree of Bachelor in Education awarded by the University of Malta; or
- ii. A degree of Bachelor together with a Post Graduate Certificate in Education awarded by the University of Malta; or
- iii. A Doctorate, or a Bachelor's degree and a Master's Degree, awarded by the University of Malta, together with a pedagogical course organised by the Directorate for Educational services or by any other institution which is recognised by the Council; or
- iv. Any other professional qualification, awarded by any other accredited institution, which the Council may deem comparable to the qualifications listed in Points i, ii and iii above. When determining whether a qualification is comparable the Council will pay particular regard to the emphasis placed on pedagogy and the quality of the teaching practice component of any qualification. Any person may seek guidance from the Council on whether a particular qualification is comparable and entitles the holder of the same in terms of this Point iv; or
- v. Any qualification which entitles the holder of the same to practice the teaching profession in another EU state. Provided that if there is a substantial difference between the said qualification and those referred to in points i, ii and iii above, the Council may require the applicant to undertake an adaption period.



Eligibility Requirements in terms of Article 24 continued

A person may apply for a warrant in terms of Article 24 of the Education Act after having properly practised the teaching profession for a period of 2 years after having obtained the qualifications indicated in the previous slide.



Eligibility Requirements in terms of Article 41

A person shall be eligible for a teacher's warrant in terms of Article 41 of the Education Act if, apart from satisfying the conditions listed in slide 2, such person is in possession of a Master's degree or a comparable degree, which degree the applicant enrolled for prior to the 29 July 2008.

A person shall also be eligible for a teacher's warrant in terms of Article 41 of the Education Act if, apart from satisfying the conditions listed in slide 2, such person has practised the teaching profession for 15 years, provided that at least 8 of those years practice were completed prior to the 29 July 2008.



Eligibility for a Teacher's Temporary Warrant

A person who is not eligible for a teachers warrant in terms of Article 24 or Article 41 as described above, but who satisfies the requirements listed in slide 2 and has been engaged to teach in compulsory education in Malta, may apply for a temporary teacher's warrant in terms of Article 25 of the Education Act.

However such temporary warrant expires at the end of the academic year in respect of which it was awarded. A person who continues to practise the teaching profession after the expiration of the temporary warrant must submit an application for the renewal of the temporary warrant at the start of every academic year.



How to apply ?

Fill in the online form, print it and send to:

The Secretary
Council for the Teaching Profession
Education Directorates
Office No. 139
Great Siege Road
Floriana VLT 2000
Malta



Required Documents

Original Police conduct certificate (*Fedina Penali*) issued within the last month. Foreign applicants may be requested to provide the Council with a Police Records Search.

Photocopies of all qualifications declared are to include certificate of + Degree and Europass Diploma Supplement/official detailed transcript. All copies are to be personally signed as certified true copies of the original document by the Head of School or by the Secretary of the Council for the Teaching Profession. Heads of School are to include their personal rubberstamp. The first 3 pages of the Europass Diploma Supplement containing personal data need to be certified.

Produce a recognition statement on comparability of qualifications issued by the National Commission for Further and Higher Education (NCFHE) if you are in possession of qualifications awarded by foreign universities/tertiary education or other institutions.



Documents required for applicants in Non-State Schools

- i. Original Police Conduct Certificate (*Fedina Penali*) issued within the last month.
- ii. Jobsplus Employment History
- iii. Statement from former Heads of School indicating commencement and termination dates of employment, as well as whether the applicant availed him/herself of any unpaid leave. (Only if applicant has changed schools over the past 2 years).

Other documents requested for Non-EU Nationals

- i. Certificate of Citizenship or Jobsplus Work Permit
- ii. Police Records Search
- iii. Official declaration that applicant is listed on the register of teachers of his/her country of origin and that s/he has been favourably reported on during his/her teaching career



Additional Information

Please refer to the Council website for guidance on how to complete an online form <https://education.gov.mt/en/Ministry/Pages/boards/ctp.aspx>.

An application for a warrant submitted in terms of Articles 24 and 41 cannot be submitted online due to the requirement of an original signature.

An application for a warrant submitted in terms of Article 25 from an applicant in a state school can be submitted online. Applicants in non-state school cannot submit an online application due to the requirement of an original signature by the Head of School.

The eligibility criteria for obtaining a teacher's warrant and the accompanying documents which may be required by the Council, may change from time to time due to changes in legislation and / or policy.



Redress and Appeal

Any person who feels aggrieved by the recommendation made by the Council may appeal from such decision to the Administrative Review Tribunal. Such appeal must be filed within 21 days of when the applicant is formally notified of the recommendation made by the Council to the Minister. Applicants are encouraged to seek legal advice in the event that they feel aggrieved by a Council recommendation and to refer to Article 32 of the Education.

The Council's recommendations are always reasoned where the application is not straightforward or where the Council recommends that a warrant should not be awarded. Applicants are encouraged to present further information and clarification to the Council, if the same Council's decision is based on an error of fact. Furthermore, persons whose applications have been refused are not precluded from applying for a warrant anew especially where circumstances have changed or where the applicants feels aggrieved by the decision.



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