

Reference No: MCCAA/HR/EXT/2524

Position Description			
Title:	Professional Officer (Scientific Stream)	Grade:	6
Division:	Technical Regulations Division	Jobsplus Permit no:	846/2024

The Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA) invites applications for the post of **Professional Officer (Scientific Stream)**.

This appointment shall be made on the basis of an Agreement for an indefinite period and will be subject to a probationary period of twelve (12) months.

Overall Purpose of Position

- Policy development, implementation, coordination and transposition in the area pertaining to pesticides whilst ensuring smooth liaison and coordination with interested parties necessary to fulfil the Authority's functions;
- Risk assessment and authorization of pesticides, including technical assessments.

Main Accountabilities & Responsibilities

The selected candidate will be expected to:

- Provide technical and scientific support regarding issues related to pesticides and related activities;
- Perform authorisation of pesticides;
- Replies to queries through emails and calls by stakeholders;
- Conduct evaluations based on documentations provided with product applications;
- Liaise with applicants with regards to applications being followed;
- Advise MCCAA Directorates, Government entities, and stakeholders on policies and interpretation of regulations issued by virtue of the relevant legislation;
- Prepare and deliver guidance to stakeholders as required;
- Take regulatory actions and following up as necessary;
- Represent MCCAA and Malta in technical meetings at national, EU and International fora;
- Analyze legislative proposals in the relevant areas, providing feedback and drafting memoranda and instruction notes as necessary;

- Assist the practical preparations for the implementation of any relevant legal requirements;
- Prepare any documentation in relation to applications being vetted as instructed by TRD management;
- Ensure that information available on MCCAA website is up to date;
- Coordinate with the Quality Manager in maintaining certification of ISO 9001:2015 for MCCAA;
- Carry out effectively any other duties and responsibilities and undertake other assignments as reasonably directed by the respective Director General or the Chairperson's Office.

Qualifications and Experience Requirements

By the closing time and date of this call for applications, applicants must:

- i. Be in possession of a recognised degree at MQF Level 6 (subject to a minimum of 180 ECTS/ECVET credits, or equivalent*) in Chemistry or Biology or Agricultural Sciences or Earth Sciences or an equivalent degree that provides knowledge directly related to the safety of pesticides;
- ii. Be computer literate; and
- iii. Have excellent verbal and written communication skills of both the English and Maltese languages.

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

The following will be considered an asset:

- experience in risk assessment and risk management;
- knowledge of European Community directives/regulations/procedures.

Knowledge, Skills and Competences

- i. Ability to analyse data and obtain information and research to make informed decisions;
- ii. Ability to work both individually and in a team;
- iii. Ability to interact with stakeholders both internally and externally;
- iv. Ability to provide solutions and meet tight deadlines;
- v. Ability to adjust to changing circumstances and prioritise accordingly;
- vi. Ability to think critically and carry out tasks with great integrity and professionalism.

Working Conditions

- Expected to work flexible hours in order to meet accountabilities and attend meeting after office hours;
- May be required to travel;
- Abide by rules and regulations issued by MCCAA;
- The nature of this position requires the employee to be physically present during office hours and to work a 40-hour week.

Submission of Applications

Interested candidates are to submit their application for the attention of the Director (Human Resources and Administration) at the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority by email on careers.hr@mccaa.org.mt. Applications are to include a motivational statement clearly quoting the position being applied for, an updated Curriculum Vitae, a Police Conduct Certificate (obtained within the last six (6) months), copy of the relevant qualification certificates and an MQRIC formal recognition statement/s where applicable. The closing date of the receipt of applications is **5 September 2024 end of business**.

Applications received after closing date and time will not be considered.