Malta Tourism Authority

IMPORTANT NOTICE –
FINES SCHEDULE – EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2027

Malta Tourism Authority (Special Procedure) Regulations, 2026

No.	Contravention	Article	Fine
1	Managing or operating a hotel, guest house, hostel, holiday premises or catering establishment without a licence issued for such purpose by the Authority.	Article 18(1)	(a) Collective accommodation: €10,000; (b) Short-let rented accommodation (excluding resident host): €5,000; (c) Catering establishment: €5,000
2	Providing accommodation to tourists in a house (resident host) without a licence issued for such purpose by the Authority.	Article 18(2)	€2,000
3	Granting on lease to a tourist or allowing a tourist to occupy a house in Malta under any title or transferring any right of lease to a tourist or other title for occupation, of any such house, to a tourist without a licence issued for such purpose by the Authority.	Article 18(3)	€5,000
4	Failure to return a licence to the Authority, when such a licence issued by the Authority has been revoked or not renewed by the Authority.	Article 18(6)	€500
5	Failure to provide alternative accommodation to contracted persons in cases of over-booking.	Article 18(8)	€375 (for every person)
6	Using a name of a hotel, guest house, hostel, holiday premises, catering establishment or house (resident host) used for the accommodation of tourists, which name, in the opinion of the Authority, is considered as undesirable, unsuitable or misleading	Article 19(1)(2)	€500
7	Failure to keep a hotel, guest house, hostel, holiday premises or catering establishment up to the standard required of its category and classification: (a) where such failure does not result in reclassification; (b) where such failure results in the reclassification of the hotel, guest house, hostel, holiday premises or catering establishment into a lower category or classification.	Article 21(2)	(a) No reclassification: €2,500; (b) Reclassification to a lower category / classification: €5,000
8	Failure to return a certificate of classification to the Authority, when such certificate has been revoked or substituted by the Authority.	Article 21(4)	€500
9	Advertising or representing a hotel, guest house, hostel, holiday premises or catering establishment: (a) as belonging to a different category or classification from that officially categorised or classified by the Authority and, or (b) as offering particular amenities and, or services when such facilities and, or services are not available at the time when such advertising and representation are made.	Article 22	(a) Different category / classification: €3,500; (b) Unavailable amenities/services: €2,500

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10	Failure to keep a register in the prescribed form wherein the name and other particulars of each guest are to be recorded.	Article 24	€1,750
11	Failure to present such register of guests, whenever so requested, by any police officer not below the rank of inspector or by any member of the Authority or by any other person authorised in writing for such purpose by the Chairperson of the Authority.	Article 25	€750
12	Managing or operating an incoming tourism agency, a travel agency or destination management company without having previously obtained and being in possession of a licence issued for such purpose by the Authority.	Article 27(1)	€5,000
13	Failure to return a licence of an incoming tourism agency, travel agency or destination management company to the Authority, when such licence has been revoked or has not been renewed by the Authority.	Article 27(3)	€500
14	Providing a service of an incoming tourism agent or travel agent or destination management company under a name which, in the opinion of the Authority, is undesirable, unsuitable or misleading.	Article 29	€500
15	Failure to exhibit the licence of an incoming tourism agency, travel agency or destination management company in a prominent place in premises where such business is carried out (including the principal place of business and any branches, if applicable).	Article 30(2)	€500
16	Managing or operating an organised excursion operation without having previously obtained and being in possession of a licence issued for such purpose by the Authority.	Article 32(1)	€3,500
17	Failure to return a licence of an organised excursion operator to the Authority when such licence has been revoked or has not been renewed by the Authority.	Article 32(3)	€500
18	Providing a service of an organised excursion operator under a name which, in the opinion of the Authority, is undesirable, unsuitable or misleading	Article 34(a)	€500
19	Organising an excursion without the services of a tourist guide.	Article 34(b)	€1,750
20	Failure to exhibit the licence of an organised excursion operator in a prominent place in the premises where such business is carried out (including the principal place of business and any branches, if applicable).	Article 35(2)	€500
21	Acting or holding oneself out as acting, as a tourist guide without having previously obtained and being in possession of a licence issued for such purpose by the Authority.	Article 36(1)	€1,750
22	Failure to return a licence of a tourist guide to the Authority when such licence has been revoked or has not been renewed by the Authority.	Article 36(3)	€500
23	Providing the services of a tourist guide in a name other than one's own.	Article 38	€750

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24	Failure to produce the licence of a tourist guide when so requested by a member of the Authority or by any other person authorised in writing for such purpose by the Authority or by the Chief Executive of the Authority or by any person who requests the tourist guide's service or to whom such services have been offered.	Article 39(2)	€500
25	Allowing the carrying on of a tourism operation (other than that of a tourist guide) in one's own property when such operation is not licensed by the Authority.	Article 43(1)(a)	€5,000
26	Being in possession of a valid licence but failing to comply with any applicable provision of the Act or with any condition, restriction or other limitation to which the licence is subject including that the premises is used solely as licensed and for no other purpose.	Article 43(1)(b)	€2,500
27	Knowingly making a declaration for any purpose of the Act, which is false, misleading or incorrect in any material respect.	Article 43(1)(e)	€3,000
28	Hindering, obstructing, molesting or interfering with or attempting to hinder, obstruct, molest or interfere with any officer, employee or agent of the Authority, or any police officer, in the execution of his duties under the law or failing to comply with any reasonable requirement requested of him by an officer, employee, agent or police officer as aforesaid, or otherwise failing to assist him in the carrying out of his duties, or knowingly furnishing such officer, or employee or agent or police officer with false information which such officer, employee, agent or police officer has requested for the said purpose.	Article 43(1)(d)	€5,000
29	Committing an offence of the same nature against the provisions of the Act and, or of any regulations made or kept in force thereunder a second or subsequent time within a period of one year from the first offence.	Cap. 409	Not less than €5,000 and not more than €10,000
30	Any other breach against the Act or against any regulations made or kept in force thereunder, not specifically listed in this Schedule.	Article 53(2)	Not less than €500 and not more than €10,000