Circular regarding new Licensing Fees, Contributions and Fines

The Malta Tourism Authority (MTA) hereby notifies all licence holders and prospective applicants of important revisions concerning:

a) Fees (Tourism) Regulations; and

b) Malta Tourism Authority (Special Procedure) Regulations

in line with the measures announced by the Minister for Finance as part of the Malta Budget 2027 and subsequently reflected in the provisions of Bill No 15 of 2026 (https://parlament.mt/media/140663/bill-15-budget-measures-implementation-bill.pdf)

All revisions including revised fee structures shall enter into force on January 1st, 2027.

For ease of reference, the attached;

"Licensing Fees and Contributions Schedule – Effective 1 January 2027" sets out the revised fees and contributions by category; and

"Fines Schedule – Effective 1 January 2027" summarising the revised fines structure under the Malta Tourism Authority (Special Procedure) Regulations, 2026.

Both schedules should be read together with the applicable legislation.

1. Revised Licensing Fees, Contributions, Application-Processing Fees and Fines

The fees and contributions schedule distinguishes between licence fees (First Schedule, Parts I–XVI), contributions (Second Schedule, categories A–O) and fees for processing applications for tourism operations (category P). The separate fines schedule sets out the proposed fines for contraventions under article 45 of the Malta Travel and Tourism Services Act. Amounts and applicability depend on the relevant legislative provisions.

Please review the applicable entries carefully, including specific provisions for Gozo, transfers, minimum annual fees and other category-dependent charges.

2. Temporary Closure of Licensing Offices and the Application Management System (AMS)

To enable and facilitate the implementation of the revised fees and the necessary system updates, the MTA licensing offices at Business First, Smart City and Gozo are scheduled to be closed from **15 December 2026 to 3 January 2027**, inclusive. During the same period, the online Application Management System (AMS) will be unavailable.

Licence holders and prospective applicants are therefore requested to plan their applications and other licensing submissions in advance of the temporary closure. Any applications requiring access to AMS should be submitted outside the announced unavailability period.

3. Action Required by Licence Holders and Applicants

Existing licence holders and prospective applicants are requested to review the attached schedules and identify the revised fees, contributions and fines relevant to their operations or intended applications from 1 January 2027, subject to the applicable legislation.

The revised charges and fines will apply where provided for by the applicable legislation. Revised fees will be reflected in the annual invoice for license renewal. The schedules are provided for information and do not replace the relevant legal provisions.

The Authority appreciates your cooperation during the transition to the revised fee structure.

For any clarification regarding licensing fees, contributions or applications, please contact the MTA Licensing Directorate:

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For any clarification regarding fines, please contact the MTA Enforcement Directorate:

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For any licensing or enforcement-related clarifications concerning Gozo, please contact the MTA Gozo Office:

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All licence holders are reminded that the revision of fees, contributions and fines does not alter their obligation to comply with applicable licensing and regulatory requirements.

Yours sincerely,

Licensing Directorate

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