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Access to the website is permitted on a temporary basis, and we reserve the right to withdraw or amend the information and/or services we provide on the website without notice (see below).

We will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the site is available 24 hours, 7 days a week. We will not, however, be liable if for any reason the website is unavailable at any time or for any period.

From time to time, we may restrict access to some parts of the website, or the entire website, to users who have registered.

If you choose, or you are provided with, a user identification code, password, or any other piece of information as part of our security procedures, you must treat such information as confidential, and you must not disclose it to any third party. We have the right to disable any user identification code or password, whether chosen by you or allocated by us, at any time, if in our opinion you have failed to comply with any of the provisions of these terms and conditions of use.

When using the website, you must refrain from making or doing anything listed under the "Prohibited Uses" section of these terms and conditions.

You are responsible for making all arrangements necessary for you to have access to the website. You are also responsible for ensuring that all persons who access the website through your internet connection are aware of these terms and conditions, and that they comply with them.

USE OF THE WEBSITE

These terms and conditions regulate the access to information posted on the website and related services in particular website notifications and posting of comments and/or the use of the website for the purpose of submitting application forms available on the website to the relevant ministries, departments or other entities within the Government of Malta.

Automated Notifications and Comments:

This website may offer the service of automated notification on information updates within the website. The notifications functionality allows users to choose what to be notified and when to be notified on information changes. Notifications will be delivered via the email address provided by the user.

This website may also offer a comments feature to provide interaction between users and the website owner. The feature allows users to intervene and participate in discussions related to the information posted on the website. In the event that such feature is functional, we reserve the right to remove comments that:

- contain abusive, obscene, indecent or offensive language, or link to obscene or offensive material

- contain swear words or other sorts of profanity are completely removed from the topic of conversation or are non-relevant to the item posted on the wall

- contain abusive language towards an individual involved in the thread, other organisations or the page administrator

- constitute spam or promote or advertise products, except where it is for an event, publication or similar item that has direct relevance to the subject of discussion. Information about locating and sharing knowledge and expertise is welcomed, but within the specific discussion provided

- are designed to cause nuisance to the page administrator or other users.

We reserve the right to disable the comments feature at any time without notice.

The automated notifications and comments feature are available to users that have obtained a Maltese Electronic Identity (e-ID). For more information about the e-ID, you may visit www.servizz.gov.mt

Online Transactions through Electronic Forms:

You may authenticate with the e-Forms website through e-ID or by registering on the e-Forms website using your e-mail account. If you are eligible to apply for an e-ID, you are not permitted to register on the e-Forms website using your e-mail account.

Once you register, you will receive an e-mail notification indicating that your registration to the e-Forms website has been successful and you should be able to login using your credentials. As a registered user you will be able to use the following features:

- fill in online forms (hereinafter referred to as “e-Forms”)
- affect payments for the respective e-Forms
- attach the necessary documents to the relevant e-Forms before submitting
- sign documents and e-Forms
- submit e-Forms
- track e-Forms submitted
- receive notifications regarding the submitted e-Forms
- view history of e-Forms submitted
- use guidance mechanisms and help features found on the forms

Registered Users should make sure to read the specific terms and conditions regulating e-Forms transactions prior to submitting an e-Form. Such terms are available [here](#).

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- In any way which may infringe our rights or the rights of third parties
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- To probe, scan or test the vulnerability of the website, including the services or any network connected to the website, nor breach the security or authentication measures on the website, including the services or any network connected to the website, including the services

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