



**NOTICE FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MATURE APPLICANTS FOR
THE DIPLOMA IN THE LAWS OF PROCEDURE COURSE**

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Once students at University are requested to write their assignments, presentations, research projects and tests in the English Language and have to study case law in Maltese, the Faculty Admissions Committee must be satisfied that mature applicants are equipped with the necessary writing skills to follow the respective course with profit.

The Admissions Committee of the Faculty of Laws will be assessing mature applicants for the Diploma in the Laws of Procedure course in the following two ways, that is, by means of a one hour written proficiency test in English and/or Maltese and an interview. Mature applicants will be required to sit for the proficiency test in Maltese and/or English and do the interview.

Applicants not in possession of an Advanced level in either English or Maltese will be required to sit for both proficiency tests in English and Maltese. Mature applicants who present an Advanced Level in Maltese at Grade “C” or better, will be required to sit for the proficiency test in the English language; in the case of applicants who present an Advanced Level in English at Grade “C” or better, the proficiency test will be held in the Maltese language. Those applicants who present an Advanced Level in both English and Maltese at Grade “C” or better, will only be required to attend an interview.

Mature applicants who are in possession of:

- (a) diploma at MQF Level 5;
- (b) a degree at MQF Level 6 or higher; or
- (c) a qualification not obtained from the University of Malta deemed to be comparable to those listed in paragraphs (a) and (b) above;

will be exempted from the proficiency test/s and interview. If the qualification presented is obtained outside the University of Malta, the applicant needs to present verification about the level of their qualification either from MQRIC or from the institution itself, if it is a self-accrediting institution.

PROFICIENCY TESTS IN ENGLISH OR MALTESE

The proficiency test/s will be held at the University of Malta, Msida. The proficiency tests will consist of a one hour session each. Mature applicants will be asked to choose one essay title from a number of essays of a general nature and write an essay in the English or Maltese language, as the case may be, on that topic. The purpose of the test/s is/are to assess the mature applicant’s proficiency and literacy skills in the language/s. The tests will be held under standard test conditions and all the rules which apply to tests held at the University of Malta shall apply to these one hour tests as well. Mature applicants should thus visit the website of the University of Malta (http://www.um.edu.mt/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/24868/Assessment_Regulations.pdf) to acquaint themselves with these rules. The proficiency tests will be organised by the Faculty of Laws.

INTERVIEW

Mature applicants (except those in possession of a diploma at Level 5 or higher), will be called to attend an interview to be conducted by the Faculty Admissions Committee irrespective of whether the Admissions Committee would have concluded the result of the written test or not. The Faculty Admissions Committee will ascertain itself that if the mature applicant is allowed to follow the Diploma in the Law of Procedure course s/he will do so with profit. The interview will assess the mature applicant’s past working experience as well as any qualifications obtained by the mature applicant. After the interview is concluded, the Faculty Admissions Committee will issue its recommendations to the University Admissions Board on the basis of the candidate’s performance in both the written test and the interview.

DATE OF TESTS AND INTERVIEW

The written tests will be held on **Thursday, 19th January, 2017** between 9.15a.m.-10.20a.m. – English test and 11.30a.m.-12.35p.m. – Maltese test (first 5 minutes as reading time). Candidates are reminded to bring their identity card with them for the test. Venues for the tests will be announced later. The interview will be held on **Wednesday, 25th January, 2017**. Venue will be announced later.