

#iliet ta' Patrimonju – Heritage Skills

Background: the Legal Framework of the CHA with respect to Heritage Skills

1. Article 2 of the CHA defines Heritage Skills as follows:

'Heritage skills' shall include, but shall not be limited to, those skills, aptitudes and competences necessary for the completion of a specific work **in the sphere of cultural heritage**. These skills include the application of a heritage trade or craft, knowledge, custom, art, technique and skill as have been developed and safeguarded, whether through tradition or instruction, **and having a conservation context**;

2. Furthermore, Article 32(3) of the CHA requires that:

'Persons registered as having a Heritage Skill shall not carry out conservation-restoration work on cultural heritage outside their field of expertise:

Provided that persons registered as having a Heritage Skill **must only practise under the supervision of a warranted Conservator-Restorer when working on cultural heritage**'

3. Article 39 of the CHA establishes the Functions of the Bord Tal-Warrant tar-Restawraturi. One of the said Functions relates specifically to Heritage Skills, as per below excerpt:

Article 39(1)(k): **to draw up guidelines establishing the manner in which persons having a Heritage Skill shall be assessed and registered as such.**

All emphases are for relevance of text purpose

- (i) Cognisant of the definition of *Heritage Skills* in the CHA as well as of requirements of Article 32(3) of same Act, the Bord establishes that Heritage Skills certificates will only be issued in those skills, aptitudes and competencies which relate to the sphere of cultural heritage and which can be supervised by warranted Conservator-Restorers in their respective fields of expertise as outlined in their Practicing Certificates;
- (ii) At this juncture, and consistent with the published List of Warranted Conservator-Restorers on the official SCH website, Heritage Skills Applications will be accepted solely for the underlying areas of skills, aptitudes and competencies:

1. *#iliet relatati max-xogħol fil-ġebbla u derivanti tagħha*;

2. *#iliet relatati max-xogħol fl-injam*;

3. *#iliet relatati max-xogħol fit-tessuti*;

4. *Filiet relatati max-xogħol fil-karta;*

5. *Filiet relatati max-xogħol fil-metal.*

- (iii) The Bord will, when deemed necessary, update the above list of areas of skills, aptitudes and competencies to reflect changes to fields of expertise covered by Practicing Certificates issued to Warranted Conservator-Restorers.
- (iv) It is understood that such skills, aptitudes and competencies can be both taught and/or acquired through years of experience. Therefore, as guiding principle, the Bord will adopt the requirements of Warrant Applicants under Article 30(c) of the CHA as a basis for requirements to be requested from Heritage Skills applicants.

More specifically, such requirements will include, inter-alia, an established MINIMUM number of years of experience in the practice of skills, aptitudes and competencies which relate to the sphere of cultural heritage, jointly with:

- a. The submission of a portfolio
 - b. An interview
 - c. The presentation of any academic or professional qualifications
- (v) For an Applicant to be considered eligible to be registered as having a Heritage Skill, the Applicant is required to meet any one of the underlying combinations of number of years of experience and academic qualifications:
 - a. 2 years proven heritage skills work experience + MQF Level 5 (subject to a minimum of 120 ECTS credits, or equivalent)
 - b. 3 years proven heritage skills experience + MQF Level 4 (subject to a minimum of 120 ECVET credits, or equivalent)
 - c. 5 years proven heritage skills work experience + MQF Level 3 (subject to a minimum of 60 ECVET credits, or equivalent)
 - d. 7 years proven heritage skills work experience + MQF Level 2 (subject to a minimum of 40 ECVET credits, or equivalent)
 - e. 9 years proven heritage skills work experience + Additional appropriate certification
 - f. 10 years proven on-site heritage skills work experience

Where:

- i. MQF Level Certification is required to be either directly in a Heritage Skill or intrinsically related to the cultural heritage sphere.
- ii. Applicants presenting such Certification will be deemed to have attained learning outcomes as defined in their respective Courses of study or equivalent; and will be expected to clearly demonstrate this during their respective Interviews.

- iii. It is the Applicants' sole responsibility to provide MQRIC recognition statements in respect of their qualifications from MQRIC, or other designated authorities, as applicable
 - iv. Proof of years of experience shall be supported by a reference letter from a person whose work or profession directly relates to cultural heritage.
 - v. Evidence of hands-on experience should include, inter-alia, that Applicant has the ability to collaborate with a Warrant Holder:
 - 1. in defining best practice of intervention on the cultural asset;
 - 2. in activities aimed at better understanding the cultural asset;
 - 3. in maintaining a proper documentation of interventions carried out and results achieved.
- (vi) Prospective Applicants are to fill the Application Form at Annex (i) and submit either by email at bord.restawraturi@gov.mt or in a sealed envelope addressed to:
- The Registrar,
Bord tal-Warrant tar-Restawraturi,
c/o SCH,
St. Christopher Street,
Valletta
- (vii) Upon the successful consideration of the above, the Bord will register a person as having one or more Heritage Skills, as stipulated in Article 32(2) of the CHA.

Bord tal-Warrant tar-Restawraturi

Application for Registration – HERITAGE SKILL

APPLICATION FORM

Personal details:

Name of Applicant

Date of birth

ID No

Home Address

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Mobile

Email

Experience and Qualifications:

Select one from the below

- 2 years proven on-site restoration work experience + MQF5
- 3 years proven on-site restoration work experience + MQF4
- 5 years proven on-site restoration work experience + MQF3
- 7 years proven on-site restoration work experience + MQF2
- 10 years proven on-site restoration work experience

Relevant Qualifications

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Any other Qualifications

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Work experience

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Signature **Date**

Endorsement by Referee

Date

This form duly completed should be accompanied by certified copies of the applicant's qualifications and portfolio of works