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Subject: Expression of Interest for the Provision of Medical Assessment Services for EU Disability Card, Blue Badge and Personalised Reserved Parking

1. Background Information

Aġenzija Sapport is the National Agency providing a myriad of services and schemes to persons with disabilities and their family members in Malta and Gozo, including the EU Disability Card and the Blue Badge.

Aġenzija Sapport became an autonomous agency in April 2016 through a Legal Notice (L.N. 104 of 2016) and took over the Blue Badge service in March 2022 and the EU Disability Card service in November 2023.

The EU Disability Card recognises that its holder has a disability, whilst the Blue Badge is a legal document, as per Cap. 560 of the Laws of Malta, that allows holders to park the vehicle in which they are travelling in communal reserved parking bays for persons with disabilities. Both documents are issued by Aġenzija Sapport to eligible applicants. Whilst Aġenzija Sapport does not administer Personalised Reserved Parking, which is regulated by Legal Notice 113 of 2024, it may be requested to hold related medical assessments for Blue Badge holders.

2. Overall Objectives

Aġenzija Sapport is seeking the services of registered and licensed medical doctors to conduct medical/eligibility assessments for EU Disability Card applicants and/or Blue Badge applicants and/or Blue Badge holders, including reviews of applicants' medical certificates/reports/documentation and/or remote/in-person assessments.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

Medical assessors are required to perform and abide by the following roles and responsibilities. These include, but are not limited to:

- Conduct medical/eligibility assessments for EU Disability Card applicants and/or Blue Badge applicants and/or Blue Badge holders, including reviews of applicants' medical certificates/reports/documentation and/or in-person assessments
- Undertake any other functions, activities, or duties connected to the role of medical assessors.
- The medical doctor is obliged to: (i) provide his/her/their availabilities on a strict basis of no less than 1 (one) month in advance, which shall be at a minimum of 6 (six) hours per week throughout the duration of the contract; and (ii) to abide by the finalised appointment schedule and complete all scheduled appointments.
- The medical doctor is expected to maintain professional and courteous conduct and adhere to professional attire standards at all times;
- Work as part of an assessment team of, and liaise with, medical and/or multi-disciplinary professionals when required, and with Aġenzija Sapport's staff members and management regularly.
- Be fluent in Maltese *and* in English, to the benefit of clients.

- Abide by Aġenzija Sapport's processes and procedures at all times, and any subsequent amendments, updates, revisions, and additions thereto, as may be issued by Aġenzija Sapport from time to time.
- Use platforms, databases, and other relevant systems available to medical assessors fully and responsibly.
- Be conversant with the relevant Aġenzija Sapport processes and procedures, national and EU regulations and legislation, and make recommendations in relation to the applicants' eligibility.
- Complete the necessary sections of assessment sheets and provide/submit the completed documents to the Agency for processing. Client files and information are to be treated in line with GDPR regulations, and the doctor is responsible for ensuring that they are not left unattended at any time. If and when applicable, files are to be collected from the Agency offices and returned following completion. Compliance with all established and agreed-upon timeframes is mandatory.
- Appear before boards, committees, tribunals, the courts, or other relevant bodies, to present information, clarifications, or justifications, as required.
- Provide feedback to Aġenzija Sapport, and make formal responses and appearances to stakeholders, as required, including, but not limited to, addressing queries, complaints, clarifications, and other related matters.
- Attend and actively participate in meetings with Aġenzija Sapport and stakeholders, as requested. Also, regularly and proactively provide feedback to Aġenzija Sapport.
- Be willing to actively participate in a range of activities, including, but not limited to, evaluation efforts, service development processes, research, other related initiatives, etc.

- Be willing to attend and/or provide information sessions as recommended and requested by Agenzija Ssupport.
- Be willing to have their name, surname, qualifications, and registration number communicated to the clients assessed, and/or to national entities or authorities, if and when required.
- Ensure all duties and activities are performed in accordance with Agenzija Ssupport's mission and vision, with a focus on enabling and empowering applicants to live independently in the community.
- The contractor may be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement and other relevant agreements.
- Doctors submitting for this Expression of Interest who are currently providing this service will be required to enter a new contract with immediate effect, which contract shall replace the ongoing contract.

4. Time and Location of Service Requirement, and Other Conditions

- Appointments shall be scheduled based on the need of the service and the availability of the doctor, yet doctors must provide availability of a minimum of 6 hours a week. The schedule, issued by the Agency, may, at its discretion and in accordance with service requirements, include or not include the full six (6) hours of availability provided by the doctor.
- Assessments shall take place at the location(s) identified by the Agency.
- The Agency reserves the right to change the location of in-person assessments. Dates and times of assessment sessions may also change, with due notice.

- Aġenzija Sapport reserves the right not to engage the services of selected applicants at any point in time, whether due to alignment with role requirements or operational considerations.

5. Remuneration

An hourly rate of €50 shall be paid to the doctors.

An additional remuneration of €75 per trip, shall apply over and above the €50 hourly rate, for visits to Gozo, for doctors based in Malta.

Payments shall be made on a monthly basis following presentation of timesheets and invoice.

Payments will be affected by means of Direct Transfer from the Agency, upon receipt and verification of timesheets and invoices.

6. Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible, doctors shall hold full (rather than provisional) registration and license to practice medicine in Malta. A copy of valid license is to be presented with this EOI.

Licenses requested to be presented with this EOI shall be of the same doctor/s that will conduct assessments.

7. Selection Criteria and Process

Preference will be given to eligible applicants who are employed with the public health sector.

Candidates will be ranked according to their final selection process score, and appointments will be offered to the highest-ranked candidates up to the number of posts available.

The contract duration will be established by Agenzija Sapport in accordance with the number of professionals engaged through the selection process.

Selected doctors will form part of a pool of professionals who may be called upon, as required, to provide medical assessment services related to the EU Disability Card, Blue Badge, and Personalised Reserved Parking (PRP).

Selection Process:

The selection process shall include:

- A **preliminarily selection** upon written confirmation of the applicant's willingness, availability and compliance with every term and condition specified in this EOI (see section 8);
- A formal **interview** for shortlisted applicants following the preliminary selection, during which candidates will be evaluated.
 - During the interview, candidates will be assessed on aspects including, but not limited to: Knowledge of the scope and eligibility criteria for the EU Disability Card, Blue Badge and Personalised Reserved Parking; Understanding of disability, accessibility, supported independent living, and the functional impact of medical conditions on individuals; Skills and competencies, including but not limited to, assessing various support needs in a holistic approach, efficient and person-centred clinical judgement in determining eligibility, empathic and professional communication; Fluency with ICT skills; etc.
- Candidates may be **accepted or rejected** based on the outcome of the above process.

8. Submission of Applications

Applications shall be received by not later than Monday 13th July 2026. Applications shall be submitted at the following email address procurement.sapport@gov.mt together with the following documents:

- A letter of introduction and confirmation to agree to the terms of this EOI and indicating:

- Name, surname, qualifications, and registration number;
- Whether you are willing and available to provide assessment services in person;
- Whether you are willing and available to provide services in Malta and in Gozo;
- Whether you are willing and available to provide service within the locations as identified by the Agency;
- Whether you are able to communicate effectively in both the Maltese and English languages;
- Whether you are willing and available to entirely abide by and accept the roles and responsibilities identified within this EOI;

- Curriculum Vitae;
 - Copy of relevant medical warrant/license of the doctor/s that will conduct assessments.
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