As from Monday 16th March 2020, the front desk services provided by the Planning Authority from its offices in Floriana and Victoria, Gozo will be limited.

Until further notice, payments for Planning Authority bills are to be made online, at Maltapost plc branches or by cheques mailed to the Authority. No payments will be accepted at front desk except those related to services provided by the front desk.

The Planning Authority reminds all Periti and the general public that meetings with any Planning Authority official may only be held by appointment.

Planning Board and Planning Commission public meetings will be held as scheduled. As a preventive measure, the general public and the board/commission members will be segregated. Access to the respective meeting rooms will be restricted only to those persons who have a direct interest in the decision which is being discussed by the board/commission. The general public is encouraged to limit their attendance at these meetings, and is advised to appoint a professional as an official representative.

For the issuing of Certificates related to the Duty on Documents and Transfers Act (CAP. 364, L.N. 281 of 2019) all requests will now require the Notary’s Email Address as part of the submission, together with the previous requirements. All certificates will now be sent electronically to the Notary. No certificates can be collected from the Planning Authority until further notice.

In the case of applications related to the Development (Removal of Danger) Order (CAP. 356, LN 258 of 2002), all authorisations for emergency remedial works to mitigate or remove existing danger, will now be sent only by electronic means to the Perit. Until further notice no hard copies of these authorisations will be sent by post.

Bank Guarantees are not to be presented in person at the BCA office until further notice. Periti are to upload the guarantees online, as per normal procedure.

Periti and the general public are asked not to visit the BCA office unless they have a scheduled appointment.

New appeals and submissions relating to ongoing appeals are to be made via email. Acknowledgments will be communicated via return email.

With regard to cases that may attract a significant number of people, procedures will be put into place and communicated accordingly.
Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD)

W:  www.crpd.org.mt  
E:  helpdesk@crpd.org.mt  
T:  2226 7687

Representatives of the CRPD will not be present at the Planning Authority for the upcoming two weeks. The CRPD offices in Birkirkara will be closed to the general public. Communication is to be made solely via email or phone.

Superintendence of Cultural Heritage (SCH)

W:  www.culturalheritage.gov.mt  
E:  consultations.sch@gov.mt; heritage.superintendence@gov.mt  
T:  2395 0000

No meetings with Periti or the general public will take place as of the 16th March 2020, unless these are specifically requested by the Superintendence. Communication is to be made via email and phone.

The SCH reception will only be accepting visits from individuals who call there to deposit documentation, such as archaeological monitors to deposit reports, and shippers requesting export of personal items. This procedure will be in place until further notice.

Courts of Justice

As of the 16th March 2020, all activity at the Law Courts will cease completely, with the exception of those sittings that are of an urgent nature or where judges believe that it is in the public interest for a sitting to be held. Periti are advised to seek guidance from their legal counsel in case of difficulty.