

To support members of the profession in achieving excellence in their practice of architecture and engineering in the interest of the community

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RE: Various updates

Through this Circular, the Council of the *Kamra tal-Periti* would like to bring to your attention a number of matters, as follows:

1) Call for Court Experts

The Courts of Justice are in the process of renewing the list of architects and civil engineers that may be nominated as experts by the Courts. The *Kamra tal-Periti* invites those periti who are interested in providing their services to submit their details by no later than the **5th October 2020** at this <u>link</u>.

2) Periti Warranting Board

The Electoral Commission notifies that it has duly received 2 (two) nominations from *periti* interested in sitting on the Periti Warranting Board, namely:

- Grech Alfred Attard
- Zammit Ivan Zurrieq

All *periti* are entitled to vote in a secret ballot for not more that one candidate. Voting will take place on **Friday 2nd October 2020**, between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm (uninterruptedly) at the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Blk A – Boardroom, Francesco Buonamici Street, Floriana.

To vote, every *perit* must present his/her ID Card or another official photo identity document. The voter must mark a cross (X) in the box on the ballot paper next to the name of not more than one (1) candidate. Counting of votes shall take place immediately upon closure of the poll.

3) Legal Notice 374 of 2020 – Amendment to Sanitary Regulations

Through the coming into force of <u>Legal Notice 374 of 2020</u>, the minimum clear internal height of parking levels is now 2.10m.

4) Legal Notice 375 of 2020 – Amendment to Regularisation Regulations

Regulation 7 regarding the expiry date and increase in fees for the Regularisation Regulations has been repealed with immediate effect through <u>Legal Notice 375 of 2020</u>. This means that the cut-off date has been removed, and the fees will not be increasing as previously established.

The Kamra tal-Periti is affiliated to the International Union of Architects (UIA), the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE), the Commonwealth Architects' Association (CAA), Union of Mediterranean Architects (UMAR) and European Forum for Architectural Policies (EFAP).



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5) Notification re membership expiry

A number of *periti* have received automated messages from our website regarding membership expiry. We are looking into the matter with our IT support. Kindly note that membership ends on 31st December of each year. You can verify the status of your membership by logging into your profile on the <u>website</u>.

The automated email is meant to serve as a reminder to *periti* to plan for their renewal, as well as to inform them about the 20% discount for those who renew before 31st January. We are working on correcting the automated message and apologise for any inconvenience.

6) Premises for rent

The premises of the Malta Federation of Professional Associations (MFPA), of which the *Kamra tal-Periti* is a member, includes a shop which is currently vacant.

The area of the shop is circa 40 sqm. It comprises one large front room overlooking the main road, and a second room comprising toilet with shower. This shop is air conditioned. The premises can also be leased as an office/clinic but this can be discussed with the interested party/ parties. The rent for the first 2 years is $\leq 15/day$. Rent will increase to $\leq 17/day$ for the following two years and to $\leq 20/day$ for the fifth year. Agreement will be for 5 years, with one year notice to end or continue the lease agreement.

Any interested persons are requested to contact the Federation on 99471287 or via email info@mfpa.org.mt.

Yours sincerely,

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