

Rural Affairs Department

WHO WE ARE

The Rural Affairs Department provides advisory services and support to the local farming community while also promoting the sustainable development, research and conservation within the agricultural sector in Malta. Its functions are fulfilled by the Agriculture Directorate and the Research and Advisory Services Directorate.

OUR COMMITMENT TO CLIENTS

Level of service to expect when contacting or visiting our Offices:

- We will treat you with respect and in a professional manner.
- We guarantee confidentiality on any information exchange.
- Our service standards are in line with Directive 4-2 Standard for Service of Excellence Offered by the Public Administration to the Public and Public Employees.
- The list of services offered can be found in the following links <https://ruralaffairs.gov.mt/en/services/>.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU CONTACT US

Specific, straightforward, and free of jargon or technical terms. All information will be provided in both Maltese and English. We commit to answer your query within 1 working day, or as per timeframes stipulated in Directive 4-2.

When you contact us by phone

We commit ourselves to answering the phone within 3 rings, in a clear and knowledgeable manner. Staff will identify themselves and treat you with courtesy and respect.

When you visit our Offices

Our offices are safe, clean and enable accessibility to services for persons with disability. Waiting time will be of approximately 10 to 15 minutes under normal circumstances.

CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Clients are expected to: Provide full and correct information. Treat staff with courtesy and respect. Adhere to timeframes and allocated appointments when applicable.

WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK

If you would like to submit feedback, suggestions, or complaints kindly:

- Contact us as per details shown here; or <https://ruralaffairs.gov.mt/en/contact/>.
- Through Servizz.gov by calling on 153, online on Submit a Complaint

Your confidentiality will be guaranteed. Expect our feedback within 3 working days

When you contact us by letter or email

We will send an acknowledgement within 1 working day from receipt of your letter or email.

Appointments

Replies to requests for appointments will be provided within 1 working day, with the appointment date being set within 5 working days from the date of request. However, appointments may be dependent on department waiting lists and urgent requests, which may take priority.

HOW TO CONTACT US

- Rural Affairs Department, Agriculture Research & Innovation Centre, Ingjered Road, Marsa Malta
- AgriConnect, Pitkali Markets, Ta Qali L/O Attard ATD4000
- AgriConnect, Civic Centre, Ċawsli Street, Zabbar ZBR1322
- AgriConnect, 91-100 Triq ir-Repubblika, Victoria Gozo
Monday-Friday (Winter): 07:30-15:00; (Summer): 07:30-12:30
- <https://ruralaffairs.gov.mt/>
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