

**The council for the counselling profession is bound by law to refer to the following clauses when vetting applications from candidates who apply to obtain warrant to practice as counsellors.**

3. (1) No person shall practice the profession of counselling, or purport to be professionally qualified to do so, or use the professional title of a registered counsellor or its designatory letters, or the professional titles of a Counsellor in possession of a temporary warrant or a Counsellor in possession of a restricted warrant, unless he is the holder of a warrant issued under this Act.

(2) Unless otherwise specified in the warrant, the warrant shall not entitle the holder to practice the counselling profession with specialisation.

(3) Without prejudice to any provision made by or under the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Act, a person shall qualify to obtain a temporary warrant if such person:

(a) is a citizen of Malta or a citizen of the EU, or is otherwise legally entitled or authorised to work in Malta;

(b) is in possession of a clean conduct and is of a good moral character;

(c) has full legal capacity; and

(d) has obtained a Masters degree in Counselling issued by the University of Malta, or a recognised degree.

(4) Without prejudice to any provision made by or under the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Act, a person shall qualify to obtain a full warrant if such person

(a) satisfies the requisites listed in paragraphs (a) to (d) of sub-article (3); and

(b) has satisfied the Council that he has adequate professional training or experience in counselling for an aggregate period of not less than two years on a full-time basis, or has performed one thousand (1,000) hours of work under the supervision of a counselling supervisor, whichever is attained first, or the equivalent to that period on a part-time basis of not more than six years, after obtaining the Masters degree, or recognised degree as mentioned in the foregoing sub-article: Provided that when the person who is practicing the counselling profession on a part time basis does not perform one thousand (1,000) hours of supervised counselling under the supervision of a counselling supervisor within six (6) years, he may request the Council to be granted an extension of the said time.