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MMCFD Summative Examination Call for AKT Writers 2021

The Licensing Exam for Specialists in Family Medicine, leading to the Membership of the Malta College of Family Doctors (MMCFD) and consequentially the MRCGP(Int) has been one of the pillars for improving the quality of provision of family medicine in Malta since the first training program in 2007.

The Council of the Malta College of Family Doctors is issuing this call for applications for **Applied Knowledge Test writers**.

Applicant writers will need to satisfy the following criteria:

- Be **paid-up full members** of the Malta College of Family Doctors.
- Be **listed on the Specialist Register** of Family Medicine.
- Must **have practised or is practising** as a specialist in Family Medicine.
- Possess a clear predisposition to **work effectively as part of a team**.
- Must be able to **work within deadlines**.
- Be of **good standing** with the MCFD and the Medical Council.

Chosen applicants must agree to:

- Attend all training sessions in Item writing. In view of the current circumstances, these sessions will most likely be delivered virtually.
- Submit work which is referenced to the MCFD curriculum and its learning outcomes and which is evidence based.
- Be original in their work submissions. **Plagiarism will not be tolerated**.
- Work in a team.
- Have their work supervised and work to ameliorate their submissions if needed.
- Attend all review meetings for AKT
- Agree that all the work, including copyright or other intellectual property rights resulting there from, will be solely owned by the MCFD.
- Uphold professional conduct.

- Keep strict confidentiality and refrain from disclosing to any party any information and/or data regarding examination material.

Applicants are made aware that:

- The AKT team will be led by the MCFD Assessment Team, and its AKT Lead.
- The Assessment Team will review the work submitted and give recommendations on amelioration of the work and suitability of acceptance for the MCFD question bank
- AKT Work submitted may be accepted to the MCFD bank of questions, if this is of good quality.
- Trainers who have a trainee sitting for the next examination session or are related to the third degree to candidates for this examination, may be given the opportunity to write AKT items. These will not be used for this year's examination, but will be added to the exam bank for future use.
- Trainers who have a trainee sitting for the coming examination will only be included in general training sessions. This also applies to applicants who are related to a trainee to the third degree.

Remuneration for accepted **good quality material** that is **delivered timely** will be **€10 for each AKT item**. The College will **only remunerate for good quality questions**. It is however to be emphasized that all training and support needed will be given to all writers, experienced and novice.

Active participation in the AKT group will entitle the participants to **CME points**. The MCFD Council has decided to award up to a maximum of **10 CME points** to all those participating in the training sessions and writing questions. This is also an academic activity that can be included in one's **curriculum vitae** as it shows active participation in opening up new frontiers in assessment.

The decision of the Council on the choice or otherwise of applicants is final.

Applications will be accepted until **Friday, 19th February 2021**

A detailed curriculum vitae with a covering letter, indicating the applicant's interest in AKT item writing, must be submitted electronically to: secretary@mcfid.org.mt

Applicants who in the past years have been part of the AKT team need not submit a curriculum vitae but are nonetheless encouraged to signal their intention to participate by an email.

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Honorary Secretary MCFD

8th February 2021