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LIST OF ABBEVIATIONS

MFL – Maltese as a Foreign Language
 IAT – Initial Assessment Test
 IEU – Inclusive Education Unit
 CLE – Centre for Learning and Employability

1. Introduction

Maltese as a Foreign Language (MFL) is an MCAST key skill unit that is delivered to all MCAST foreign or Maltese students who have Maltese key skill within their course programme structure and fall under certain eligibility criteria.

Maltese as a Foreign Language is offered as a direct replacement unit for the Maltese unit that is found within the course programme structures.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the process through which students are assigned and registered to the applicable Maltese as a Foreign Language unit.

2.1. The MFL units

There are 5 units for Maltese as a Foreign Language listed below:

Unit Title
Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija-A1 L-Ewwel Parti
Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija-A1 it-Tieni Parti
Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija-A2 I-Ewwel Parti
Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija-A2 it-Tieni Parti
Il-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija-A2 it-Tielet Parti

Students eligible for these units will progress through these units as long as Maltese is part of their course programme structure.

3. Criterion for Eligibility

A student is eligible for Maltese as a Foreign Language (MFL) if:

- they have never studied mainstream Maltese within secondary school.

This refers to students who either studied Maltese as a Foreign Language or did not study Maltese at all. Such students will be considered for Maltese as a Foreign Language against proof of academic record within secondary schools (SSQ&P or equivalent)



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4. Student Enrolment

A student who is eligible for MFL units is enrolled in one of the above-mentioned units as follows:

4.1. New students

- 4.1.1. All new students who fall under the Criterion for Eligibility (explained above), will sit for an Initial Assessment Test (IAT). This diagnostic test will also, determine whether a student should attend A1 part 1 (0 – 65%), A1 part 2 (66-89%) or A2 part 1 (90-100%).
- 4.1.2. In the case of students who apply for Level 1 or 2 courses, the Office of the Registrar will filter which students are eligible for the IATS, if they fall under the Criterion for Eligibility mentioned above. Such students will be guided to sit for the Initial Assessment Test before the start of the course.
- 4.1.3. The Centre for Learning and Employability will administer the IATs and will send the results to the respective institutes stating which unit the students should be enrolled in.
- 4.1.4. The application form DOC 197 Request to switch to Maltese as a Foreign Unit Language Application form (available in the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/eDSJEgFGrr>) needs to be filled in by:
 - a) New students within Level 3 & 4 courses who have a Maltese key skill unit within their course programme structure, and would like to transfer to Maltese as a Foreign Language Any other students who do not fall under the **Criterion for Eligibility (listed in section 3 above) and Student Enrolment Criteria,**
- 4.1.5. This Form will be vetted by the CLE in liaison with Institute Management. A board consisting of the Deputy Director responsible for CLE, a subject coordinator of Maltese and a representative of the Institute will discuss the cases and take a decision accordingly.
- 4.1.6. This form also caters for students who are registered with the Inclusive Education Unit (IEU). In such cases a representative from the Inclusive Education Unit will be part of the Board.
- 4.1.7. Below is a list of potential reasons for which a student (who does not meet the criterion in section 3) **may be considered** to switch to Maltese as a Foreign Language (note: students who match one of the following reasons will not be who automatically entitled to switch to MFL.
 - i. Maltese students who attended some of their secondary education abroad but not all of it
 - ii. Students who followed regular Maltese only because MFL was not available in their secondary schools
 - iii. Maltese students who dropped regular Maltese throughout secondary education for different reasons
- 4.1.8. IATs in this case will be administered within Maltese lectures (by lecturers of Maltese key skills) within the first month of the academic year.
- 4.1.9. If a student is entitled for Maltese as a Foreign Language but would still want to be enrolled in mainstream Maltese, they need to do so by sending an email to their respective institute management.



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4.1.10. In such cases a communication needs to be sent by not later than end of November and cannot be reverted.

4.1.11. The student is to be guided accordingly so as to ensure that there is a clear understanding in terms of the distinction between the MFL Units and the mainstream Maltese units.

4.2 Progressing Students

- Progressing students eligible for MFL will be automatically enrolled in the following MFL unit, subject to their successful completion of the previous MFL unit.

The table below shows the progression of units

Previously Completed Unit	Unit to be enrolled in
II-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija A1 I-Ewwel Parti	II-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija A1 it-Tieni Parti
II-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija A1 it-Tieni Parti	II-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija A2 I-Ewwel Parti
II-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija A2 I-Ewwel Parti	II-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija A2 it-Tieni Parti
II-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija A2 it-Tieni Parti	II-Malti bħala Lingwa Barranija A2 it-Tielet Parti