Tourism Worker of the Year Award
Young Tourism Worker of the Year Award

These two awards celebrate individuals who demonstrate exceptional professionalism, dedication and commitment to delivering high standards of service within the tourism industry

1. Benefits & Recognition

Receiving a Gozo Tourism Award represents recognition of excellence, dedication and contribution to Gozo's tourism industry. Award winners will benefit from:

- **GTA website recognition:** Publicity and recognition through the official Gozo Tourism Association website.
- **Social media exposure:** Dedicated recognition and promotional coverage through GTA's social media channels.
- **Television exposure:** Visibility through the televised broadcast of the Gozo Tourism Awards ceremony in Malta.
- **National recognition:** Winners will also be recognised at the Malta Tourism Awards, scheduled for May 2027.
- **Official digital winner badge:** A branded Gozo Tourism Awards 2026 Winner badge for use on websites, professional profiles, email signatures and promotional material.
- **Nominee recognition:** All eligible applicants whose entries are accepted will receive a commemorative plaque and an official Gozo Tourism Awards 2026 Nominee Digital Badge in recognition of their participation.

2. Award Objectives

- Acknowledge employees who demonstrate outstanding professionalism, dedication and excellence in the performance of their duties within Gozo's tourism sector.
- Recognise individuals whose performance, attitude and personal qualities serve as a positive example to colleagues and fellow tourism professionals.
- Reward employees whose contribution enhances the quality of service within their workplace and positively influences the wider tourism industry in Gozo.
- Recognise individuals who inspire confidence in tourism as a rewarding and fulfilling career, particularly among younger generations.
- Acknowledge employees who demonstrate initiative, creativity and innovation in their daily responsibilities.
- Celebrate exceptional hospitality, including friendliness, helpfulness, enthusiasm and a genuine commitment to creating memorable visitor experiences.

3. Award Category

- ☐ Tourism Worker of the Year Award 2026
- ☐ Young Tourism Worker of the Year Award 2026 *

*Applicants for the Young Tourism Worker of the Year Award must be under 25 years of age on their last birthday.

4. Applicant Details

Full name

Date of birth **ID Card Number:**

Place of work

Current position / job title

Email address

Contact number

Employment status: ☐ **Full-time** ☐ **Part-time**

5. Declaration & Consent

I confirm that the information provided is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete. I agree to participate in the Gozo Tourism Awards 2026 and understand that the application will be assessed by an independent judging panel.

I acknowledge that GTA will process the information supplied in accordance with its privacy notice and may contact me for further information or an interview. I consent to GTA's use of submitted photographs and relevant materials for the promotion of applicants, their achievements and the Awards across social media and other promotional channels.

Signature: **Date:**

6. Statement in Support of the Application

Please provide a clear account of your professional achievements, qualities and contribution to Gozo's tourism sector. The independent judging panel may not be familiar with your work. Specific examples are strongly encouraged. You may attach additional pages if necessary. Alternatively, you may present your supporting statement in a format of your choice, provided that all the questions outlined below are adequately addressed.

A. Professional Excellence & Quality of Service

Describe how you have distinguished yourself through professional performance, dedication and quality of service. Include examples of exceptional customer care or achievements beyond normal duties. (Suggested: 150–250 words)

B. Contribution to the Workplace & Tourism Sector

Explain how you have positively contributed to your workplace, colleagues and/or the wider tourism industry in Gozo. (Suggested: 150–250 words)

C. Initiative, Innovation & Professional Development

Provide examples of initiative, creativity, problem-solving or innovative approaches, including relevant professional development during 2026. (Suggested: 100–200 words)

D. Hospitality, Personal Qualities & Visitor Experience

Describe the personal qualities that distinguish you and include examples of positive guest experiences or feedback. (Suggested: 100–200 words)

7. Supporting Documentation

Applicants are encouraged to submit relevant supporting material that demonstrates their achievements and strengthens the application.

Required

- ☐ Recent photograph of the applicant
- ☐ Copy of applicant's ID card (both sides)
- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Signed declaration and consent

Recommended supporting documentation

- ☐ Curriculum Vitae or brief professional profile
- ☐ Customer testimonials or letters of recommendation
- ☐ Guest reviews (Google, Tripadvisor, Booking.com or relevant social media)
- ☐ Relevant training certificates or professional qualifications
- ☐ Previous awards or professional recognition
- ☐ Other evidence of achievements or contribution

Supporting documentation should be directly relevant to the Award.
Quality and relevance are more important than quantity.

8. Eligibility & Assessment

- Applicants must be employed within or actively contributing to Gozo's tourism sector.
- Applicants must be Maltese citizens or ordinarily resident in Gozo or Malta.
- The Awards are open without restriction on sex, age or race, except for the specific age requirement applicable to the Young Tourism Worker category (under 25 years of age on their last birthday).

9. Conditions & Regulations

1. Applications must be submitted by the individuals concerned.
2. Applications will be assessed by an independent judging panel consisting of a chairperson and three other members.
3. The judging panel will consider professional achievements, dedication, quality of service, personal qualities, initiative, contribution to the workplace and Gozo's tourism sector, together with relevant supporting documentation.
4. The judging panel may request further information, seek clarification or invite an applicant for an interview during the adjudication process.
5. GTA may request photographs or video footage in connection with the presentation and promotion of the Awards, subject to appropriate permissions.
6. Applications must be duly completed and accompanied by the required supporting documentation and signed declaration and consent (Page 2).
7. GTA reserves the right to verify the information and supporting documentation provided by applicants.
8. The decision of the independent judging panel shall be final.

10. Submission of Applications

Closing date: Thursday, 11 February 2027, at 12:00 noon.

Completed applications, together with all required supporting documentation, must be submitted by Thursday, 11 February 2027, at 12:00 noon, either:

- **By hand:** Delivered to the Gozo Tourism Association, Santa Marta Street, Victoria, Gozo.
- **By email:** Sent to **info@islandofgozo.org**

Application clarification period: Applications received by the closing date may be reviewed for completeness. **Until 18 February 2027**, GTA may contact applicants to clarify information, address omissions or provide outstanding supporting documents. This period does not extend the deadline for new applications.

Gozo Tourism Awards Ceremony: Thursday, 25 February 2027, at a venue to be announced.

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