

EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACT (CAP. 452)

**Report by the Registrar of Trade Unions
2024-2025**

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary for Social Dialogue,
Office of the Prime Minister,
Valletta

1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 60(1) of the Employment and Industrial Relations Act (Cap. 452), I am hereby submitting the Annual Report for the period 1st July, 2024 to 30th June, 2025.

2. At the beginning of the period under review, there were 56 organisations on the Register, made up of 44 trade unions and 12 employers' associations.

3. During the period under review:

a) Two trade unions were registered, being: Equal House Union and Istitut tal-Ġurnalisti Maltin.

b) One employers' association was registered, namely Malta Y-Plate Fleet Operators Association.

c) Three trade unions (Union Haddiema Università ta' Malta, Association of Airline Operations Controllers (Malta) and Midwives of Malta – Voice of the Workers) and two employers' associations (Meat Sellers Association and Malta Car Importers Association) were cancelled.

Thus, at the end of the said period, there were a total of 54 organisations, comprising of 43 trade unions and 11 employers' associations on the Register.

4. The membership strength of trade unions and employers' associations as reported to the Registrar of Trade Unions when compared with those of the previous report are as follows:

	2023/2024	2024/2025	Difference
Trade Unions	110,741	113,803	+2,930
Additions by late returns	132		
Employers' Associations	8,534	8,462	-72
Additions by late returns	0		

5. During the period under review, 21 verification exercises were concluded by the Department for Industrial and Employment Relations in accordance with the Recognition of Trade Unions Regulations, 2016.

6. The organisations which failed to render any returns by law including the audited accounts for 2024-25 are:-

Malta Association of Professional Engineers; Air-Conditioners Importers Association; Union Law Court Employees; Malta Tug Crew Union, Malta Producers Association; Association of Car Importers Malta; Allied Health Care Workers Union; Union of AGV Employees; Union of Health and Safety Practitioners; Union of C.A.M.C. Security Personnel; Malta Y-Plate Fleet Operators Association.

7. The organisations which submitted partial returns but failed to render the audited accounts for 2024-25 are:-

Union Haddiema Maghqudin, Malta Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association; Used Vehicles Importers Association; Malta Association of Family Therapy and Systematic Practice; Independent Bankers Union; Union of Professional Educators; Union Periti u Inġiniera tas-Settur Pubbliku; Association of Catering Establishments and Lotto Receivers Union.

8. The Appendix which follows contains certain details of trade unions and employers' associations on the Register as reported to the Registrar of Trade Unions on the 30th June, 2025.

Diane Vella Muscat
Registrar of Trade Unions

TRADE UNIONS							
RTU Code	Organisation Name	Membership 2024-25	Declared in 2023-24	Declared in 2024-25	Males	Females	Gender X
1	Malta Union of Teachers		10,400	10,590	2,647	7,943	0
16	General Workers Union		54,753	54,485	33,235	21,250	0
	Taqsimha Kimika u Energija	8,106					
	Taqsimha Gvern u Entitajiet Pubbliċi	8,232					
	Taqsimha Teknoloġija, Elettronika u Komunikazzjoni	5,975					
	Taqsimha Forzi Dixiplinati, Uffiċjali tas-Sigurtà u l-Infurzar tal-Liġi	4,739					
	Taqsimha Metal u Kostruzzjoni	3,069					
	Taqsimha Marittima u Avjazzjoni	2,988					
	Taqsimha Ospitalità u Ikel	5,792					
	Taqsimha Professjonisti, Finanzi u Servizzi	5,755					
	Għaqda tal-Penzjonanti	9,829					
103	The Lotto Receivers Union		105	*	*	*	*
130	Union Haddiema Magħqudin		25,872	28,183	16,731	11,452	0
	Public Service Employees Section	1,944					
	Public Entities & Communication Section	2,560					
	Health & Elderly Services Section	5,762					
	Manufacturing & Commerce Section	2,861					
	Education & Care Section	5,406					
	Port & Transport Section	6,144					
	Pensioners Section	3,506					
164	Malta Union of Bank Employees		2,141	2,101	1,167	934	0
189	Kamra tal-Ispizjara		250	229	72	157	0
200	Airline Pilots Association Malta		120	127	117	10	0
205	Malta Union of Tourist Guides		158	227	60	167	0
209	The Medical Association of Malta		996	1,146	609	537	0
235	Union of Cabin Crew		120	154	46	108	0
240	Enemalta Professional Officers Union		118	115	89	26	0
242	Malta Union of Midwives and Nurses		5,036	5,183	1,303	3,880	0
249	Union Haddiema Bank Centrali		204	208	96	112	0
260	Union tal-Professjonisti fl-Ambjent u l-Ippjanar		295	300	149	151	0
270	Malta Air Traffic Controllers Association		53	51	47	4	0
273	Energy Senior Staff Union		27	33	31	2	0
282	Association of Airline Engineers (Malta)		178	165	160	5	0
285	University of Malta Academic Staff Association		556	549	332	217	0
287	Malta Dockers Union		487	475	410	65	0

292	Ghaqda Professjonisti tal-Korporazzjoni tas-Servizzi tal-Ilma	112	111	82	29	0
294	Union Technical and Clerical MEPA	141	135	67	68	0
301	Malta Association for the Counselling Profession	215	230	46	184	0
302	Malta Police Union	2,097	2,113	1,735	378	0
304	Police Officers Union	2,010	2,026	1,702	324	0
305	Malta Association of Family Therapy and Systematic Practice	57	67	4	63	0
306	Malta Chamber of Psychologists	237	160	24	136	0
307	Union tal-Protezzjoni Ċivili	248	309	298	11	0
308	Independent Bankers Union - Voice of the Workers	*	72	35	37	0
309	Union Of Professional Educators	3,512	3,669	3,531	138	0
310	Union Periti u Inġiniera tas-Settur Pubbliku	97	107	75	32	0
311	Malta Association of Professional Engineers	112	*	*	*	*
313	Union Law Courts Employees	*	*	*	*	*
314	Malta Tug Crew Union	99	*	*	*	*
318	Unjon Professjonisti tal-Wasteserv	*	54	29	25	0
320	Union of MTA Employees	55	60	20	40	0
321	Allied Health Care Workers Union	68	**	**	**	**
322	Union of AGV Malta Employees	*	*	*	*	*
323	Union of Health and Safety Practitioners	15	*	*	*	*
324	Union of C.A.M.C. Security Personnel	39	*	*	*	*
325	St. John's Co-Cathedral Employees Union	*	21	5	16	0
326	Solidarjeta'	70	186	104	79	3
327	Equal House Union		124	120	4	0
329	Istitut tal-Gurnalisti Maltin		38	24	14	0

Employers' Associations

RTU Code	Organisation Name	Declared in 2023-24	Declared in 2024-25
6	The Malta Chamber of SMEs	7,325	7,213
77	Malta Employers' Association	633	668
137	Malta Hotels and Restaurants Association	420	430
168	Malta Vehicle Rental & Leasing Association	10	*
275	Association of Car Importers Malta	15	*
284	Used Vehicles Importers Association	32	32
289	Federated Association of Travel and Tourism Agents	49	48
312	Air Conditioners Importers Association	9	*
316	Association of Catering Establishments	*	71
317	Malta Producers Association	41	*
329	Malta Y-Plate Fleet Operators Association		*

* Returns for the year not yet received.

** In the process of being cancelled.