

REGISTER YOUR WISH



# ORGAN DONATION

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Transplantation of organs, tissues and cells has immense potential to save and improve lives. One organ donor can save up to eight lives. The same donor can also save or improve the lives of up to 50 people by donating tissues. The first transplant in Malta was performed 34 years ago and because of the altruistic culture of the Maltese people, several lives were saved and many others had their quality of life improved in such a manner that they became productive and independent once more.

Human Organs, Tissues and Cells Donation Act Chapter 558 states that any person who has attained the age of sixteen may register his/her wish to donate or not to donate his/her organs after death. This Legislation will boost the supply of organs, increase awareness related to organs/tissues donation and safeguard the wishes of all those who opt to donate or not to donate their organs/tissues after death. The National Human Organ and Tissues Donation Register is available for all Maltese residents who wish to register their wish to donate or not to donate their organs/tissues after death.

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## TO REGISTER YOUR WISH REGARDING ORGAN DONATION YOU HAVE THREE OPTIONS:

- 1 Access the HCSD website on: **[www.organdonation.gov.mt](http://www.organdonation.gov.mt)** and complete the form online;
- 2 Download an application from the same site or collect an Organ Donation application form from any Health Centre;
- 3 Call on helpline telephone number **2595 3324** or send an email on **[organdonation.health@gov.mt](mailto:organdonation.health@gov.mt)** and we will send you a form by post.



1. **From what age can I register as an organ donor?**  
To register as an organ donor you need to be sixteen years or over.
2. **Is there an age limit?**  
No there is no age limit.
3. **If I have a medical condition, can I donate my organs/tissues?**  
Yes, you can still be a donor if you have a medical condition. Healthcare professionals will decide whether your organs/tissues are suitable for transplant based on your past medical history when the situation of organs/tissues donation arises.
4. **With the new legislation will my relatives be allowed to overturn my decision?**  
No, the relatives will not be able to overturn your wish; nonetheless it is extremely important to discuss your decision with your loved ones, during your life.
5. **What is the National Human Organ and Tissues Donation Register?**  
The National Human Organ and Tissues Donation Register is a confidential national database that holds the details of people who want or who do not want to donate their organs after their death.
6. **If I register does it mean that I will be asked to donate organs or tissues when I am still alive?**  
No not at all, however if you ever decide to become a living donor this is also possible.  
Contact helpline telephone number 2595 3324 or send an email on [organdonation.health@gov.mt](mailto:organdonation.health@gov.mt) for more details.
7. **After I register my wish to donate my organs and/or tissues, can I change my mind?**  
Yes you can change your wish to donate your organs and/or tissues by filling in another form or by completing an electronic form available on [www.organdonation.gov.mt](http://www.organdonation.gov.mt). Your wish will be updated immediately.
8. **Will being a declared organ donor (to donate after my death) influence the care I receive in hospital?**  
Organ and tissues donation is not even considered until all possible efforts to save a person's life have been exhausted and brain death is declared.
9. **Can I choose which organs/tissues to donate?**  
Yes, if desired, a donor can specify which organs/tissues are to be donated. The registration form provides for this.
10. **Who will process the personal information collected?**  
The information is only processed by healthcare professionals involved in the coordination of organ donation and transplantation. Personal data is not maintained after death. The data controller is the Directorate for Healthcare Standards.



Add your name to the National Human Organ and Tissues Donation Register and one day you may be able to save lives.

## REGISTER YOUR WISH

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I want to be a donor

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I want to update my registration

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I do not want to be a donor

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I want to withdraw my registration

## PERSONAL DETAILS

Name and Surname .....

Identity Card No. ....

Address .....

Date of Birth .....

E-mail .....

Telephone No. ....

Mobile No. ....

ORGAN AND TISSUES DONATION



# DO YOU WISH TO DONATE ALL ORGANS AND TISSUES?

All: (Any transplantable organ/tissues) ☐

If you wish to specify which organs/tissues you wish to donate please tick below:

<b>Organs:</b>	Kidneys	<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Bowel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pancreas	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Liver	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lungs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heart	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tissues:</b>	Cartilage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heart Valves	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corneas	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bone Tissue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ligaments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tendons	<input type="checkbox"/>

## DECLARATION

As at the date of application I declare that:

- ☐ I am over sixteen years old
- ☐ I am a resident in Malta
- ☐ I am of sane mental health
- ☐ I am registering out of my own free will
- ☐ I am fully informed about my registration

Sign ..... Date .....

Any personal data collected in this form is for the purpose of the Organ Donation Register. All personal data is processed in terms of the Data Protection Policy accessible at [www.organdonation.gov.mt](http://www.organdonation.gov.mt) and [justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx](http://justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx).



ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED  
THIS FORM PLEASE SEND IT TO

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The National Human Organ and Tissues Donation Register  
Department for Health Regulation  
Healthcare Standards Directorate  
Health Services Building,  
St Luke's Square,  
G'Mangia PTA 1010

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ORGAN  
DONATIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE HEALTH  
CARE STANDARDS DIRECTORATE ON

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