1. INTRODUCTION

This guideline is designed to assist the first usage of the European GNSS Agency (GSA) e-recruitment tool.

The European GNSS Agency’s staff consists of temporary agents, contract agents, seconded national experts and trainees.

All vacant posts are published on our internet site. The method to apply for calls is mentioned in the relevant vacancy notice as it varies depending on the type of the post.

In order to apply through the e-recruitment tool you need to first create your account online in the system and then fill in the online application form for each of the selected positions.

The aim of this guide is to give you a detailed description of the online procedure. It helps you step by step, showing you the different screens which will appear as you go through the creation of your GSA account and submission of your application.

Please note that these screen shots are from a test call at the time of publishing this guide.

The GSA’s systems support the most commonly used Internet browsers but for ultimate compatibility it is recommended to use Google Chrome. If you encounter issues, please consider changing the browser first before contacting us. The use of mobile devices to fill in the application form is not recommended.

Should you have any questions please contact JOBS@gsa.europa.eu.

Thank you for your interest in the GSA and good luck with your application!
2. VACANCY NOTICES

All our vacant posts can be found on the GSA website https://www.gsa.europa.eu/gsa/jobs-opportunities under the heading “ABOUT” - “Job opportunities” on the upper left-hand side of the GSA homepage.

Here you can view the list of vacancies for

- Temporary Agents and Contract Agents
- Traineeships
- Seconded National Experts

with the deadline for submission of applications for each one of them.

In the vacancy list you can consult the published vacancy notices and you can initiate the formal application process by clicking on: Apply

3. APPLYING FOR A VACANCY - CREATION OF A GSA ACCOUNT

If this is your first time using the GSA online application system to apply for a position, you have to register first and create your account.

By clicking LOG IN or APPLY you get to the login window where you can create a new account and enter your account once it is created.

You can create your account by clicking on the CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT button. You are then directed to a page containing fields to fill in with your forename and surname. You need to enter a valid email address and select a password of at least 6 characters containing at least one number and one character which is neither a letter nor a digit.

Before creating your account, you will be asked to read, understand and agree with our privacy policy on personal data protection.
As soon as this is done, you will be requested to finish the process by checking your mailbox. You will have to click on the link sent in the e-mail in order to activate your account (this procedure is needed in order to ensure that the e-mail address you have provided is valid and correctly spelled).

Once you have clicked on the above-mentioned link, you are re-directed to a page confirming that your account has been activated and providing the link enabling you to continue the application procedure.

You can now log in for the first time using your Email and password.

If you forget your password, this email address will be used to send a link to reset your password.
Please beware that you can only have one GSA account. You may be excluded at any stage of the selection procedure for having more than one account.

4. APPLYING FOR A VACANCY - FILL IN THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

Once you have logged in, you will land on a page where you can see the ongoing vacancies and start the online application process for the vacancy of interest by clicking on the APPLY button.

➢ Read the Vacancy Notice (by clicking on its job title) to make sure you meet all the eligibility requirements and use it as a reference document when applying. You are expected to include in your application form elements that demonstrate that your profile matches the selection requirements listed in the vacancy notice.

Leave yourself plenty of time to complete your application, as it requires considerable work. The responsibility to validate your application before the deadline is entirely yours.
➢ The application form consists of 9 sections.
You can fill in the sections in any order you wish. To pass from one section to another you can click either on the relevant section heading or on the button at the bottom of each page.
➢ We recommend that you regularly save your progress by using the SAVE AS DRAFT button.

4.1. PERSONAL DATA

In the first part, please fill in your personal data.
Dates and phone numbers must be inserted in the following format to be recognised by the system:
Dates: dd.mm.yyyy
Telephone numbers: +420123456789.
If your Contact address is the same as your Permanent address, you can click on the tick box Contact address is same as permanent address.

4.2. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

In this part, you are requested to list your employment history, starting with your current or most recent employer.

IMPORTANT - The eligibility of your application will be determined based on the exact calculation of the time periods you insert in this section, starting from the date of completion of the required qualification indicated in the eligibility criteria set in the vacancy notice.

Full time overlapping periods will only be taken into account once. Part-time periods will be calculated pro rata.
For each job you need to indicate with the relevant percentage % if you have worked full time or part time.
You can only list jobs for which you can provide verification of the period worked (i.e.: contract, social security contribution, work history issued by an official entity, payslips etc.).
You may also include military service or civil service that will be considered if carried out after the completion of the required diploma.
You can list more than one employer by clicking the button.
In this section you need to insert the educational qualifications you have obtained.

**IMPORTANT** - The eligibility of your application will be determined based on the **education level** you declare.

You can refer to the following link to check the qualifications corresponding to the education level required [http://europa.eu/epso/doc/diplomes-fortheweb_en.pdf](http://europa.eu/epso/doc/diplomes-fortheweb_en.pdf)

Examples:

1. If you hold a **Bachelor degree of 3 years** followed by a **Master degree of 2 years**, you must record both diplomas separately:
   a. Use the drop down option “**University studies of 3 years**” to record the first diploma obtained (Bachelor) and
   b. Use the option “**University studies of 4 years or more**” to record the second degree obtained (Master)

2. If you hold a **Degree of 5 years** you must use the drop down option “**University studies of 4 years or more**” to record the diploma obtained
3. If you apply for a Temporary Agent position grade AD7, the eligibility requirements for education and professional experience are as follows:

A level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma when the normal period of university education is four years or more

OR

A level of education which corresponds to completed university studies attested by a diploma and at least one year of appropriate professional experience when the normal period of university education is three years.

In addition to the above, appropriate professional experience of at least six years

Therefore, if you apply for such position, when filling your online application make sure to use the option “University studies of 4 years or more” and to insert at least 6 years of work experience after the date of obtaining this qualification OR use the option “University studies of 3 years” and insert at least 7 years of work experience after the date of obtaining this qualification.

4. The “Other studies” option in the drop down menu should only be used for education that you wish to highlight in addition to the relevant degree/s required for the post according to the eligibility criteria. Please ensure that the studies inserted under this option are not relevant for satisfying the eligibility criteria, as they are not taken into account for the calculation of the eligibility but for evaluation purposes only.

4.4. KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES

In section 4 you are asked to indicate your knowledge of at least two EU languages to be considered as eligible (consult the eligibility criteria set in the vacancy notice).

Please indicate which languages you speak, and your overall level.


4. 5. SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

In this section you are asked to indicate your IT skills and competencies, Organisational skills and competencies, Social skills and competencies, Other relevant skills, competencies and training courses.

Please refer to the tasks & responsibilities and to the requirements of the specific post you are applying for when listing your relevant skills, competencies and attended training courses.
In section 6 you are required to provide names, job titles and contact details of at least two professional references (preferably direct supervisors) who may be contacted.

If applicable, you can tick the button: □ Yes, my prior consent is needed to indicate that the reference person can be contacted only upon your consent.

Your motivation letter should be included under this section. You should explain the reasons why you would like to work for the Agency and for the position you are applying for. You can explain your vision for the position, what it can bring you and how you could contribute.

In this section you need to insert information regarding any security clearance you might have obtained, the channel that made you aware about the vacancy notice and possible need for any special arrangements for the selection tests.

The last section includes the final declaration that you are requested to confirm by ticking on the button:
5. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

As soon as you click on the **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION** button, your application is sent and stored in the system for the specific vacancy you have applied for.

To be able to submit your application, you must fill all mandatory fields marked with "*". The system will highlight missing mandatory fields **IN RED** only at the end of the application procedure.

Once you submit your application, you will receive a confirmation message in your mailbox and you are redirected to the page where all your applications to GSA vacancies are stored.

Here you can **VIEW** your application and you can **EDIT** it until the deadline expires.
Following receipt of your application, in line with the GSA recruitment process, it will be screened and assessed by a Selection Board. Eventually, you may be invited to tests and interviews and, if successful, you will be recruited. It is important to note that, regardless of the results of your application, positive or negative, you will receive information about it as soon as this is available and confirmed by the relevant Selection Board.