

**Guidelines regarding searches to be presented to the Office of the Commissioner for Revenue (Property Section) together with the First Schedule in case of purchasers benefiting from the first time buyers scheme in terms of Legal Notice 8 of 2018:**

- Public Registry searches of the purchasers must cover Transfers Malta & Gozo from 16 years of age until 21 days prior to the publication of the deed. For this purpose, searches must be official Public Registry searches , however for the period not exceeding 90 days prior to the date of the deed, the notary may provide online searches;
- Searches may exclude Different Maternity to minimise costs;
- A notary may present a copy of the searches instead of the original. In this eventuality, the certificate itself (that is, the Index page/s) must be authenticated.