

MAURITIUS PUBLIC SERVICE

Vacancy for Post of Agricultural Planning Officer **Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security**

Applications are invited from qualified candidates who wish to be considered for appointment as Agricultural Planning Officer in the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security.

II. AGE LIMIT

Candidates, unless already in the service, should not have reached their **40th** birthday by the closing date for the submission of applications.

III. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Candidates should possess:

- A.** a Cambridge Higher School Certificate or passes in at least two subjects obtained on one certificate at the General Certificate of Education “Advanced Level”; and
- B.** a degree in Agricultural Economics or Economics from a recognised institution.

OR

Equivalent qualifications to **A** and **B** above acceptable to the Public Service Commission.

2. Candidates should also:-

- (i) be computer literate;
- (ii) be able to express themselves clearly and forcefully on economic problems; and
- (iii) have a knowledge of statistical methods and experience in the interpretation of statistical materials.

Experience in economic analysis and economic policy formulation and planning in the agricultural sector is desirable.

Note

Qualification at **1. A** above should have been obtained prior to qualification at **1. B** above. However, candidates who, as at 30 June 2003, did not possess the qualification at **1. A** above will also be considered provided they hold -

- (a) a Cambridge School Certificate or Passes obtained on one certificate at the General Certificate of Education "Ordinary Level" either (i) in five subjects including English Language with at least Grade C in any two subjects or (ii) in six subjects including English Language with at least Grade C in any one subject.
- (b) a Master's Degree or a postgraduate diploma from a recognised institution in one of the fields at **1.B**

OR

Equivalent qualification to (a) and (b) under '**Note**' acceptable to the Public Service Commission.

Qualification at (a) under '**Note**' should have been obtained prior to qualification at **1. B** above and at (b) under '**Note**'.

NOTE

- 1. Candidates should produce written evidence of experience/knowledge claimed.
- 2. The Commission reserves the right to convene **only** the best qualified candidates for interview.

IV. DUTIES AND SALARY

- 1. To assist in monitoring the performance of parastatal bodies falling under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security to ensure that they are operating within approved policy guidelines.
- 2. To participate in the formulation of agricultural policies.
- 3. To assist in the identification and evaluation of agricultural projects.
- 4. To assist in the preparation of economic and other technical reports on the agricultural sector as well as long term development plan for the Ministry.
- 5. To keep and update financial, economic and other statistical information pertaining to the agricultural sector, including parastatal bodies.
- 6. To use ICT in the performance of his duties.

7. To perform such other duties directly related to the main duties listed above or related to the delivery of the output and results expected from the Agricultural Planning Officer in the roles ascribed to him.

The permanent and pensionable post carries salary in scale Rs 19,000 x 600 – 23,200 x 800 – 28,000 x 1,000 – 30,000 x 1,250 – 40,000 a month plus salary compensation at approved rates.

V. MODE OF APPLICATION

1. Qualified candidates should submit their application on **PSC Form 7** which may be obtained **either** from the Enquiry Counter of the Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Ground Floor, Emmanuel Anquetil Building, Port Louis **or** from the Enquiry Counter of the Public Service Commission, 7, Louis Pasteur Street, Forest-Side **or** from the Chief Commissioner's Office, Port Mathurin, Rodrigues **or** from the offices of the Mauritius High Commission/Embassies overseas.
2. Candidates already in the service should submit their application in **duplicate**, the original to be sent directly to the Secretary, Public Service Commission and the duplicate through their respective Supervising/Responsible Officers.
3. Candidates are advised to read carefully the "**NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**" before filling in the application form. Care should be taken to fill in the application form correctly. **Incomplete, inadequate or inaccurate filling of the application form may entail elimination of the applicant.**

VI. CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATION

Applications should reach the Secretary, Public Service Commission, 7, Louis Pasteur Street, Forest Side, **not later than 3.00 p.m. on Thursday 23 September 2010.**

NOTE

This advertisement together with the application form (PSC Form 7) are available on the website of the Public Service Commission at the following address: <http://psc.gov.mu>.

On-line application can also be submitted through the government web portal at <http://www.gov.mu>.

Acknowledgement of applications will be made as far as possible by **e-mail**. Candidates are therefore encouraged to submit their e-mail address.

Date: 03 September 2010

Public Service Commission,
7, Louis Pasteur Street,
FOREST SIDE.