

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Vacancy for Post of Scientific Officer (Fisheries) **Ministry of Fisheries and Rodrigues (Fisheries Division)**

Applications are invited from qualified candidates who wish to be considered for appointment as Scientific Officer (Fisheries) for Quality Control Unit in the Ministry of Fisheries and Rodrigues (Fisheries Division).

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 with passes at Principal Level in at least two Science subjects obtained on one certificate or passes in at least two Science subjects obtained on one certificate at the General Certificate of Education “Advanced Level”; and

B. a degree in one of the following subjects from a recognised institution -

Biochemistry

Chemistry

Micro-Biology

OR

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

2. Candidates should be computer literate.

Experience in the following areas is desirable –

(i) Chemistry/Micro-Biology, laboratory techniques and working knowledge of principles and practice of laboratory quality assurance and quality control, laboratory safety practices and procedures; and

(ii) standard methods for the analysis of seawater samples, particularly chemical, microbial and fish toxin.

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; and
- (b) a Master’s Degree or a postgraduate diploma from a recognised institution in any of the fields at **1.B** above.

OR

Equivalent qualifications to (a) and (b) above 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 knowledge/experience claimed.
- 2. The Commission reserves the right to convene **only** the best qualified candidates for interview.

IV. DUTIES AND SALARY

- 1. To be responsible to the Head of the Division for –
 - (a) the implementation of ISO 17025 standards;
 - (b) establishing, co-ordinating and monitoring the laboratories Quality System (Quality Assurance, Quality Control and Quality Management) and maintaining continued accreditation;
 - (c) implementing the Laboratory Quality Manual;
 - (d) developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for laboratory personnel;
 - (e) working closely with laboratory personnel, planning, scheduling and implementing Quality Assurance related activities;

- (f) performing audits of the laboratories and reviewing the preparation of calibration standards and ensuring their quality assurance;
 - (g) conducting and developing training programs for laboratory personnel; and
 - (h) following and implementing all safety rules associated with a laboratory.
2. To use ICT in the performance of his duties.
 3. 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 Scientific Officers (Fisheries) in the roles ascribed to them.

The permanent and pensionable post carries salary in scale Rs 19,600 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. 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>
4. On-line application can also be submitted through the government web portal at <http://www.gov.mu>
5. Acknowledgement of applications will be made as far as possible by **e-mail**. Candidates are therefore encouraged to submit their e-mail address.
6. 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

Applications should reach the Secretary, Public Service Commission, 7, Louis Pasteur Street, Forest Side, **not later than 3.00 p.m. on Thursday 23 February 2012.**

Date: 03 February 2012

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