

**MAURITIUS PUBLIC SERVICE**

**PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT NO. 102 OF 2016**

**Vacancy for Post of Scientific Officer  
**[to be restyled Scientific Officer (Environment)]**  
**Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development,**  
**and Disaster and Beach Management****

Applications are invited from qualified candidates who wish to be considered for appointment as Scientific Officer [to be restyled Scientific Officer (Environment)] in the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management.

**II. AGE LIMIT**

Candidates, unless already in the Service, should not have reached their **40<sup>th</sup>** birthday by the closing date for the submission of applications.

**III. QUALIFICATIONS**

**A.** Candidates should possess a degree from a recognised institution in one of the following subjects –

Biology

Chemical and Environmental Engineering

Chemistry

Microbiology

Biotechnology

Agriculture

OR

an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Public Service Commission.

**B.** Candidates should –

(i) be familiar with laboratory analytical instruments; and

(ii) be computer literate.

**Note**

1. Candidates should produce written evidence of knowledge claimed.
2. **The onus for the submission of equivalence of qualification (if applicable) from the relevant authorities (Tertiary Education Commission or Mauritius Qualifications Authority) rests on the candidates. Applications will not be considered failing the non-submission of Equivalence Certificate, as appropriate, by the closing date.**
3. The Commission reserves the right to convene **only** the best qualified candidates for interview.

#### **IV. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

To be responsible to scientifically monitor and assess the quality of the environment and provide scientific support in controlling or minimising the harmful effects of the environment.

#### **V. DUTIES AND SALARY**

1. To plan and conduct research into the physical and biological nature of the Environment.
2. To analyse pollutants, identify their sources and assess their effects on the environment and submit report thereon.
3. To be responsible for testing and adapting analytical methodologies for environmental analyses.
4. To assist with environmental emergencies, such as chemical spills and environmental accidents.
5. To carry out laboratory audits within accreditation schemes.
6. To maintain the quality management system in accordance with MS ISO/IEC 17025 and MS ISO 9001.
7. To undertake and work in collaboration with other divisions of the Department of Environment (DOE) in carrying out environmental surveys.
8. To carry out site visits and collect samples, as and when required.
9. To assist in developing environmental policies, strategies and codes of practice.
10. To train and supervise junior technical staff in the performance of their duties.
11. To ensure that the laboratory equipment is properly calibrated and maintained.
12. To attend technical meetings, as and when required.
13. To use ICT in the performance of his duties.
14. 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 Scientific Officer [to be restyled Scientific Officer (Environment)] in the roles ascribed to him.

#### **Note**

Scientific Officers [to be restyled Scientific Officers (Environment)] may be required to work outside normal working hours including Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

The permanent and pensionable post carries salary in scale Rs 26,300 x 775 – 32,500 x 925 – 37,125 x 1,225 – 40,800 x 1,525 – 49,950 x 1,625 – 56,450 a month.

## **VI. 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 **<http://psc.govmu.org>**
4. Candidates are encouraged to submit on-line application through the government web portal at **<http://www.govmu.org>**
5. Acknowledgement of applications will be made, as far as possible, by **e-mail**. Candidates are therefore advised to submit their e-mail address.
6. Candidates are also 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.**

## **VII. 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 17 November 2016.**

**Date: 28 October 2016**

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