PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CIRCULAR NOTE NO. 41 OF 2013

Vacancy for Post of Assistant Director
Ministry of Education and Human Resources

Applications are invited from qualified officers who wish to be considered for appointment as Assistant Director in the Ministry of Education and Human Resources.

II. QUALIFICATIONS

1. By selection from among -

   A. officers who hold a substantive appointment in the grades of Administrator (Education) and Rector and who reckon at least three years’ service in a substantive capacity in their respective grades or an aggregate of at least three years’ service in the grades of Administrator (Education) and Rector.

   AND

   B. candidates who -

   (i) possess a Cambridge Higher School Certificate or passes in at least two subjects obtained on one certificate at the General Certificate of Education “Advanced Level”;

   (ii) possess a degree or joint degree from a recognised institution;

   (iii) possess a Master’s Degree in Education from a recognised institution.

   OR

   Equivalent qualifications to B(i), B(ii) and B(iii) above acceptable to the Public Service Commission;

   (iv) reckon at least eight years’ experience at senior technical/management level in a major division of a large institution/department in the field of Education; and

   (v) are computer literate.
**Note**

Qualification at B(i) above should have been obtained prior to qualification at B(ii) above and qualification at B(ii) above should have been obtained prior to qualification at B(iii) above. However, candidates who, as at 30 June 2008, did not possess the qualification at B(i) above but who possess the qualifications at B(ii) and B(iii) 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 PhD or a second Master’s Degree or a postgraduate diploma from a recognised institution.

**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 qualifications at B(ii) and B(iii) above and at (b) under ‘Note’.

2. Candidates should –

(i) possess good leadership, management, communication and interpersonal skills;

(ii) possess knowledge and expertise in any one of the following technical areas –

(a) Early Childhood and Care Education;
(b) Primary Education;
(c) Secondary Education;
(d) Technical and Vocational Education and Training;
(e) Higher Education;
(f) Curriculum Research and Development;
(g) Science and Technology (including ICT);
(h) Research and Planning; and
(i) School Management Services;
(iii) be committed, proactive and a strategic thinker;
(iv) possess good analytical skills and be able to adopt a multi-disciplinary approach to problem-solving; and
(v) have the ability to interact effectively with officers and stakeholders at all levels.

**NOTE**

1. Candidates should produce written evidence of experience/knowledge claimed.
2. The onus for the submission of equivalence of qualification (if applicable) from the relevant authorities rests on the candidates.
3. The Commission reserves the right to convene only the best qualified candidates for interview.

**III. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

To assist the Director in translating the vision of the Ministry in the implementation of Education Reforms at all levels and to work out strategies for the implementation of policy decisions, monitor their application and provide feedback for evaluation.

**IV. DUTIES AND SALARY**

1. To assist the Director in –
   
   (i) the effective and efficient planning, organisation, supervision, co-ordination, implementation and evaluation of educational policies at Zones/Head Quarters level and of programmes falling under his responsibility;

   (ii) preparing and monitoring the implementation of sectoral/zonal development plans and projects;

   (iii) advising on Curriculum Development at all levels;

   (iv) carrying out regular review of educational objectives, policies and programmes in line with best practice in education;

   (v) providing technical input for the formulation of policies in line with government programmes;

   (vi) ensuring the optimum utilisation of resources in schools and other educational institutions and monitoring action taken following reports by the Quality Assurance Division;

   (vii) identifying needs for maintenance and extension of existing schools, buildings and for construction of new schools;
(viii) advising and carrying out follow-up action on the acquisition of such equipment and supplies that are needed for pedagogical purposes;

(ix) preparing budget for educational programmes and monitor expenditure in line with the Programme-Based Budgeting;

(x) supervising and co-ordinating activities in the fields of library, sports, adult and continuing education, careers guidance and related fields;

(xi) advising on the promotion of teaching of Science, Information and Communication Technology, Vocational and Technical subjects in schools;

(xii) organising and monitoring science and technical related activities in schools, at the Science Centre and at the E-Government Unit;

(xiii) ensuring that proper advice and guidance are given to Heads of Schools and teaching staff in order to improve the standards of learning and teaching;

(xiv) providing feedback on –

(a) the educational standards achieved in schools;
(b) the utilisation of resources in schools; and
(c) any action taken following report by Inspectors/Senior Inspectors; and

(xv) evaluating the performance of staff working under his responsibility in line with the Performance Management System.

2. To carry out research in the field of his expertise.

3. To identify sectoral training needs.

4. To use ICT in the performance of his duties.

5. 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 Assistant Directors in the roles ascribed to them.

The permanent and pensionable post carries salary in scale Rs 60,575 x 1,800 – 69,575 x 2,425 – 72,000 x 2,500 – 77,000 x 3,000 – 80,000 a month. However, for the year 2013 and the year 2014, incumbents would draw salary at the discounted rate in accordance with the Master Conversion Table of the Errors, Omissions and Anomalies Committee Report 2013.
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. Applications should be submitted in duplicate, the original to be sent directly to the Secretary, Public Service Commission and the duplicate through the Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Education and Human Resources.

3. This circular together with the application form (PSC Form 7) are available on the website of the Public Service Commission at 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 Wednesday 20 November 2013.

Date: 31 October 2013.