

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CIRCULAR NOTE NO. 35 of 2021

Vacancy for Post of Apicultural Officer **Ministry of Agro-Industry & Food Security**

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

II. QUALIFICATIONS

- A. By selection from among officers of the Ministry in the grade of -
- (i) Field Assistant who reckon at least four years' service in a substantive capacity in the grade; and
 - (ii) Agricultural Support Officer/Senior Agricultural Support Officer who reckon at least four years' service in a substantive capacity in the grade or an aggregate of at least four years' service in a substantive capacity in the grade of Agricultural Support Officer/Senior Agricultural Support Officer and the former grades of Technical Assistant and/or Senior Technical Assistant.
- B. Candidates should -
- (i) have a good knowledge in bee keeping;
 - (ii) possess good communication skills; and
 - (iii) have organising abilities.

NOTE

1. Candidates should produce written evidence of knowledge claimed.
2. **The onus for the submission of written evidence of knowledge claimed rests on the candidates. Applications will not be considered in case of non-submission of written evidence of knowledge claimed by the closing date.**

III. DUTIES AND SALARY

1. To be responsible to the Principal Scientific Officer for -
 - (i) assisting Senior Scientific Officers and Scientific Officers in duties connected with studies and extension in Apiculture;
 - (ii) giving technical assistance to beekeepers;

- (iii) carrying out and advising on queen bee breeding and rearing;
 - (iv) carrying out the distribution and sale of queen bees to beekeepers;
 - (v) carrying out surveys of bee pests and diseases, meliferous plants, pollens and honey analysis;
 - (vi) providing training in Apiculture to subordinate staff; and
 - (vii) carrying out maintenance of bee colonies that are used for queen rearing.
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 the Apicultural Officer in the roles ascribed to him.

The permanent and pensionable post carries salary in scale Rs 19,575 x 475 – 21,950 x 625 – 23,200 x 775 – 32,500 x 925 – 37,125 x 1,225 – 40,800 x 1,525 – 42,325 a month.

IV. 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 Public Service, Administrative and Institutional 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 Commissions/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 Agro-Industry and Food Security.
3. This circular together with the Application Form (PSC Form 7) are available on the website of the Public Service Commission at **<https://psc.govmu.org>**.
4. Acknowledgement of applications will be made, as far as possible, by **e-mail**. Candidates are, therefore, advised to submit their e-mail address.

5. 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 candidate.**

V. CLOSING DATE

Application Forms should reach the Secretary, Public Service Commission, 7, Louis Pasteur Street, Forest Side, **not later than 15 00 hours (local time) on 16 September 2021.** Applications received after the specified closing date and time will **not** be considered.

Date: 27 August 2021

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