

MAURITIUS PUBLIC SERVICE

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT NO. 62 OF 2021

Vacancies for Post of Public Health and Food Safety Inspector **Ministry of Health and Wellness**

Applications are invited from qualified candidates who wish to be considered for appointment as Public Health and Food Safety Inspector in the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

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

Candidates should -

- (i) possess a Diploma in Sanitary Science from a recognised institution or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Public Service Commission; and
- (ii) be computer literate.

NOTE

1. Candidates should produce written evidence of knowledge claimed.
2. **The onus for the submission of written evidence of knowledge claimed and equivalence of qualification (if applicable) from the relevant authorities (Higher Education Commission or Mauritius Qualifications Authority) rests on the candidates. Applications will not be considered in case of non-submission of written evidence of knowledge claimed and Equivalence Certificate, as appropriate, by the closing date.**
3. Candidates may be required to sit for a written examination as part of the selection process.
4. The Commission reserves the right:
 - (i) to convene **only** the best qualified candidates for interview; and
 - (ii) not to make any appointment following this advertisement.

IV. DUTIES AND SALARY

1. To be responsible to the Director, Public Health and Food Safety under the specific instructions of the Regional Public Health Superintendent through the Principal Public Health and Food Safety Inspector and the Senior Public Health and Food Safety Inspector for -
 - (a) carrying out regular inspections of all private, public, residential, industrial and trade premises to ensure compliance with Public Health Act and Public Health Regulations, Food Act and Food Regulations and Food (Sale of Food on Premises of Educational Institutions) Regulations and to establish contraventions and conduct prosecution for non-compliance of Public Health Act, Food Act and related Regulations;
 - (b) attending to environmental health complaints from the public and other agencies and abating nuisances by issuing Sanitary Notices;
 - (c) carrying out health education of the public through programmes on -
 - (i) personal hygiene, food safety/hygiene, environmental health;
 - (ii) control of communicable diseases; and
 - (iii) food safety/hygiene for food handlers and issue of Food Handler's Certificate.
 - (d) giving Free Pratiques to ships and Health Clearance to aircrafts in accordance with Quarantine Regulations and performing other port health duties such as -
 - (i) inspection of maritime conveyance for issuing of sanitation certificates;
 - (ii) issuing of health clearances to the Director, Customs Department for imported food consignments at the Port, Airport, Parcel Post, Bonded warehouses, under the direct supervision of the Senior Public Health and Food Safety Inspector;
 - (iii) fumigation, deratting of ships, issuing of Ship Sanitation Certificates/Ship Sanitation Exemption Certificates, as applicable;
 - (iv) screening of incoming passengers at Port and Airport for the control of Communicable Diseases and taking of blood smears, when necessary; and

- (v) conducting enquiry in cases of Notifiable Communicable Diseases.
 - (e) carrying out sampling of food stuffs for the purpose of physical, chemical and micro-biological analysis;
 - (f) performing organoleptic test and using onsite equipment for examination of foodstuffs, and effecting seizure and detention of foodstuffs unfit for human consumption;
 - (g) supervising disposal of seized foodstuffs at approved disposal sites in connection with food poisoning and food-borne diseases;
 - (h) investigating food poisoning, food-borne and communicable diseases as well as implementing and monitoring outbreak management plans so as to control spread;
 - (i) processing food alerts following International notifications and implementing food recall procedures;
 - (j) implementing outbreak management plans cum preventive measures to control the spread of Vector-borne, Water-borne and other Communicable Diseases;
 - (k) collecting, retrieving, analysing and keeping records relating to Public Health, Food Safety and Communicable Diseases and preparing returns, as required;
 - (l) issuing of -
 - (i) Health certificates and Health clearances to exporters of foodstuffs and other stakeholders; and
 - (ii) Cremation permits and carrying out inspection of private cremation grounds.
 - (m) supervising exhumations and burial of unclaimed dead bodies.
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 Public Health and Food Safety Inspector in the roles ascribed to him.

NOTE:

Public Health and Food Safety Inspectors will be required to work outside normal working hours, on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays, as and when necessary.

The permanent and pensionable post carries salary in the 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 a month.

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 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. 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 Officer/Responsible Officer.
3. This advertisement 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.**

VI. **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 Thursday 07 October 2021**. Applications received after the specified closing date and time will **not** be considered.

Date: 17 September 2021

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