

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CIRCULAR NOTE NO. 16 OF 2023

**Vacancies for Post of Scientific Officer/Senior Scientific Officer (Fisheries)
Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping
(Fisheries Development)**

Applications are invited from qualified officers of the Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping (Fisheries Development) who wish to be considered for appointment as Scientific Officer/Senior Scientific Officer (Fisheries) in the Fisheries, Research, Development and Management Unit and the Marine Bacteriology Laboratory of the Ministry.

II. QUALIFICATIONS

By selection from among officers who hold a substantive appointment in the grades of –

- (a) Principal Technical Officer (Fisheries);
- (b) Senior Technical Officer (Fisheries); and
- (c) Technical Officer (Fisheries)

and who possess –

- (i) **For Fisheries, Research, Development and Management Unit**

a degree in one of the following subjects from a recognised institution –

Aquaculture

Biology

Biological Oceanography

Botany

Chemistry

Fish Technology

Fishing Technology

Fisheries Science

Marine Biology

Micro-Biology

Natural Resources

Zoology

Marine Science

Marine Bio-Technology

Applied Science (Environmental Science)

or

any fisheries related discipline.

(ii) **For Marine Bacteriology Laboratory**

a degree in Biology or Micro-Biology from a recognised institution.

OR

Equivalent qualifications acceptable to the Public Service Commission.

NOTE

The onus for the submission of 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 Equivalence Certificate, as appropriate, by the closing date.

III. DUTIES AND SALARY

1. To be responsible to the Divisional Scientific Officer (Fisheries) for –

(i) **For Fisheries, Research, Development and Management Unit**

- (a) the execution of research, experimental, extension and investigation work for the improvement of fisheries production;
- (b) running any fisheries development project placed under his immediate control;
- (c) performing duties related to fisheries management, fishing technology, training of fishermen, marine ecosystem research, water quality monitoring, oceanographic surveys, management of marine protected areas, aquaculture research and extension, inspection of fish and fish products and awareness programmes; and

- (d) providing guidance and training to officers in the Technical Officer cadre in research techniques and related activities including writing of reports and scientific papers, and other stakeholders in the fishing industry.

(ii) **For Marine Bacteriology Laboratory**

- (a) the smooth running of the Marine Bacteriology Laboratory;
 - (b) performing all analytical and technical procedures for accreditation of the Marine Bacteriology Laboratory according to ISO 17025/EU norms in collaboration with the Scientific Officer/Senior Scientific Officer (Fisheries) in the Quality Control Unit;
 - (c) preparing samples and performing routine microbiological analysis of seawater;
 - (d) co-ordinating daily tasks of laboratory staff and maintaining a safe and clean laboratory environment;
 - (e) using statistical methods and tools in line with the principles of laboratory quality management;
 - (f) selecting efficient analytical methods in line with Standard Operating Procedures (SOP);
 - (g) preparing Quality Manuals for the Marine Bacteriology Laboratory in collaboration with Scientific Officer/Senior Scientific Officers (Fisheries) in the Quality Control Unit;
 - (h) applying Quality Management procedures for validation, uncertainty and traceability in microbial analysis of seawater and to carry out proficiency testing; and
 - (i) training of laboratory staff.
2. To assist the Divisional Scientific Officer (Fisheries) in the execution, supervision and co-ordination of the activities of the division under his responsibility.
 3. To use ICT in the performance of his duties.
 4. 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/Senior Scientific Officer (Fisheries) in the roles ascribed to him.

The permanent and pensionable post carries salary in scale Rs 28,225 x 825 – 35,650 x 900 – 37,450 x 950 – 42,200 x 1,300 – 46,100 x 1,575 – 49,250 x 1,650 – 54,200 x 1,700 – 64,400 x 1,800 – 69,800 a month.

IV. MODE OF APPLICATION

1. Qualified candidates should submit their application electronically *via* the website of the Public Service Commission at the following address:
<https://psc.govmu.org>
2. Candidates are requested to follow the procedures that can be accessed through the “**How to Apply**” option on the above address.
3. Candidates **should** also submit a printed copy of their Application Form, **duly signed**, through the Supervising Officer, Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping.
4. For queries regarding **Username and Password**, the Government Online Centre (GOC) may be contacted on the e-mail address support@ncb.mu or on phone number **454 9955**.
5. For **technical support and other queries**, the helpdesk of the Public Service Commission may be contacted on the e-mail address pdsc@govmu.org or phone number **670 9705** or fax number **670 3417**.
6. Candidates are also advised to read carefully the “**NOTES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE APPLICATION (in response to PSC Circular Notes)**” before filling in the Application Form. Care should be taken to fill in the online Application Form correctly. **Incomplete, inadequate or inaccurate filling of the Application Form may entail elimination of the candidate.**

V. CLOSING DATE

Online Applications should be submitted **not later than 15 00 hours (local time) on Thursday 30 March 2023.** Applications received after the specified closing date and time will **not** be considered.

Date: 10 March 2023

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