

MINISTRY OF AGRO-INDUSTRY AND FOOD SECURITY

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

Employment of Veterinary Officer on contract basis in the Ministry of Agro-Industry & Food Security

Applications are invited from qualified candidates (**outside the service**) who wish to be considered for employment as Veterinary Officer, on a contract basis for an initial period of one year **locally** in the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security

II. AGE LIMIT

Candidates should **be below the age of 70 years** by the closing date for the submission of applications.

III. QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates should be:

- (i) fully registered as Veterinary Surgeon in accordance with legislation in force in Mauritius; and
- (ii) computer literate.

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.**
3. **Candidates should submit a copy of their Certificate of Registration as Veterinary Surgeon together with their Application Form.**

IV. DUTIES AND SALARY

1. To be responsible to the head of Division of Veterinary Services for the performance of the following duties:
 - (i) treatment of sick animals;
 - (ii) veterinary applied research and diagnostics;
 - (iii) prevention of animal diseases;
 - (iv) artificial insemination, pregnancy assessments and attending to infertility cases;

- (v) inspection of quarantine stations;
 - (vi) meat inspection at abattoirs and other meat processing plants;
 - (vii) inspection of imported animals and animal products as well as issue of Veterinary Certificates;
 - (viii) inspection and certification for export of animals and animal products;
 - (ix) certification and inspection of food items of animal origin meant for human and animal consumption;
 - (x) active participation in Government projects and programmes dealing with animal welfare including sterilisation of dogs and cats;
 - (xi) supervision of the work of technical and other subordinate staff;
 - (xii) enforcement of appropriate legislations in force;
 - (xiii) inspection, sampling analysis and certification of fresh and frozen fish as well as any other seafood products;
 - (xiv) inspection, monitoring and auditing of fish processing plants, fishing/freezer/factory vessels and cold stores; and
 - (xv) inspection of fish farms.
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 Veterinary Officer in the roles ascribed to him.

V. SALARY

Negotiable in the range of Rs 36,550 – 64,400 a month based on experience reckoned.

VI. CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- (i) Candidates should be medically fit;
- (ii) Veterinary Officers will be required to work outside normal working hours, at night, on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays;
- (iii) Veterinary Officers who have retired in the interest of the Public Service or on medical grounds will **not** be considered;
- (iv) The employment will be purely on a contract basis; and
- (v) The employment on contract will not give the selected candidate any claim for permanent appointment in the Public Service.

VII. FRINGE BENEFITS

The Veterinary Officer is entitled to the following benefits:-

- (a) Travelling Allowance/Car Benefits in accordance with PRB Report 2021/regulations in force since the salary of the officers may vary based on experience reckoned; and
- (b) passage benefits at the rate of 5% of annual salary drawn; and

NOTE

1. Veterinary Officers are required to be on call after normal working hours in relation with the 24-hour service provided to the breeding community, against payment of:

- (a) an allowance as follows:-

<u>Weekdays</u> 15 30 hours to 09 00 hours the next day	Rs445
<u>Saturdays</u> Noon to 18 00 hours 18 00 hours to 09 00 hours the following day	Rs210 Rs345
<u>Sundays & Public Holidays</u> 09 00 hours to 17 00 hours 17 00 hours to 09 00 hours the following day	Rs290 Rs395

- (b) An allowance of Rs210 per hour when attending work whilst on call, subject to the following maxima:

<u>Weekdays</u>	Rs1080
<u>Saturdays</u>	Rs1300
<u>Sundays & Public Holidays</u>	Rs1735

VIII. MODE OF APPLICATION

1. Qualified candidates should submit their application on the prescribed form which may be obtained during office hours at the Human Resource Section of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security, 4th Floor, Dentamax House (ex-Blendax House), Dumas Street, Port Louis.
2. This advertisement together with the Application Form are available on the website of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security at the following address: agriculture.govmu.org
3. Envelopes should be clearly marked on the top left corner

“Employment of Veterinary Officer on contract”.

4. Candidate should submit their application together with copies of their academic and professional qualifications, National Identity Card and proof of experience (if any).
5. Acknowledgement of applications will be made, as far as possible by **e-mail**. Candidates are, therefore, advised to submit their e-mail address.

IX. IMPORTANT

1. Incomplete, inadequate or inaccurate filling of application form may entail elimination of the applicant.
2. Qualifications obtained after the closing date for the submission of applications as specified in the advertisement will not be accepted. Only qualified candidates should apply.
3. Application not made on the prescribed form will not be accepted.
4. Only the best qualified candidates will be called for interview.
5. The Ministry reserves the right not to make any employment following this advertisement.

X. CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATION

Application Forms should reach the Senior Chief Executive (Human Resource Section), Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security, 4th Floor, Dentamax House (ex Blendax House), Dumas Street, Port Louis **not later than 15 00 hours (local time) on 10 July 2023**. Application Forms received after the specified closing date and time will **not** be considered.

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Date: **20 June 2023**