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Permanent Secretaries, Heads of Department and Chief Executive Officers are asked to invite applications from suitably qualified officers in their Ministries/Departments/Agencies to be assigned to the following posts in the **Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries**:

1. **Secretary 2 (OPS/SS 2) – (Not Vacant)**, in the **Facilities and Property Management Branch**, salary range \$751,183 - \$892,921 per annum and any allowance(s) attached to the post.
2. **Secretary 2 (OPS/SS 2) – (Not Vacant)**, in the **Research and Development Division**, salary range \$751,183 - \$892,921 per annum and any allowance(s) attached to the post.

1. Secretary 2 (OPS/SS 2)

Job Purpose

Under the supervision of the Civil Works Engineer (SOG/ST 8), the Secretary 2 OPS/SS2), is responsible for providing secretarial services to ensure the effective and efficient operations of the Unit.

Key Responsibilities

- Types letters, memoranda, bill of quantities, contracts and reports from draft notes;
- Transcribes and reproduces Minutes of meetings;
- Composes and types routine correspondence;
- Receives and takes telephone messages and screens calls intended for Officers;
- Schedules appointments and arranges meetings;
- Directs and screens visitors;
- Maintains an efficient Filing System;
- Gathers information and compiles reports;
- Monitors the Office Attendant;
- Provides training to work experience students;
- Undertakes research and distributes information to the relevant officers;
- Accesses and forwards e-mails to the relevant officers;
- Receives, forwards and directs fax to the relevant officers;
- Performs any other related duties which may be assigned from time to time.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Competencies

Core:

- Good oral and written communication skills
- Good interpersonal skills
- Good customer and quality focus skills
- Good problem solving and conflict management skills
- Team work and co-operation
- Good planning and organizing skills
- Good time management skills

Technical:

- Proficiency in keyboarding skills
- Proficiency in the relevant software applications
- Knowledge of the operations of Government/Ministry's policies and procedures

Minimum Required Qualification and Experience

- CXC or GCE 'O' Level English Language or equivalent with proficiency in typewriting at a speed of 40-45 words per minute; successful completion of the prescribed Office Professional Training Course at the Management Institute for National Development (MIND);

OR

- CXC or GCE 'O' Level English Language with proficiency in typewriting at a speed of 40-45 words per minute and training in word processing and spreadsheet applications. Graduated from an accredited Secretarial School with at least three (3) years' experience in the field;
- At this level, Shorthand at a speed of 80-100 words per minute would be an asset.

2. Secretary 2 (OPS/SS 2)

Job Purpose

Under the supervision of the Senior Research Director (SOG/ST 8), the Secretary 2 (OPS/SS 2) is responsible for providing secretarial services to ensure the effective and efficient operations of the Division.

Key Responsibilities

Technical/Professional:

- Types letters, memoranda and reports from draft notes;
- Transcribes and reproduces Minutes of meetings and conferences;
- Composes and types routine correspondence;
- Receives and takes telephone messages and screens calls intended for Officers;
- Schedules appointments and arranges meetings;
- Directs and screens visitors;
- Maintains a Filing System;
- Gathers information and compiles reports;
- Assists with the issuance of receipts, collects revenues and pay out salaries;
- Monitors the Office Attendant;
- Provides training to work experience students;
- Performs any other related duties which may be assigned from time to time.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Competencies

Core:

- Good oral and written communication skills
- Good interpersonal skills
- Good customer and quality focus skills
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Applications accompanied by résumés should be submitted **no later than Tuesday, 21st September, 2021 to:**

Senior Director
Human Resource Management and Development Division
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
Hope Gardens
Kingston 6

Email: hrm@moa.gov.jm

Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Please ensure that a copy of this circular is placed at a strategic position on the Notice Board of the Ministry/Department/Agency and brought to the attention of all eligible officers.



Merle I. Tam (Mrs.)
for Chief Personnel Officer