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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**, **Fisheries and Mining**:

- Senior Bank Reconciliation Officer (FMG/AT 3) during the period July 1, 2024 to September 3, 2024 - Finance and Accounts Division, salary range \$2,190,302 - \$2,945,712 per annum.
- 2. Accounting Technician (FMG/AT 3) (Not Vacant) Veterinary Services Division, Hope Gardens, Kingston, salary range \$2,190,302 \$2,945,712 per annum.

# 1. Senior Bank Reconciliation Officer (FMG/AT 3)

#### Job Purpose

Under the direct supervision of the Director, Final Accounts and Reporting Branch (FMG/PA 3), the Senior Bank Reconciliation Officer (FMG/AT 3), is responsible for the management and control of activities on the bank accounts of the Ministry.

### **Key Responsibilities**

# Technical/Professional:

- Maintains the accounting and financial records of the Ministry;
- Participates in the preparation and maintenance of the operational and procedural manual to guide the activities of the Division and to ensure effective internal control;
- Assists in drafting response to Audit Queries;
- Collects, compares and posts all bank statements for the Recurrent, Capital A, Capital B and Deposit Accounts to the FinMan;
- Prepares and posts all journal vouchers for bank charges, stamp duty and tax and adjustments to Bank Reconciliation;
- Prepares Bank Reconciliation;
- Reconciles and investigates discrepancies on the statements and communicates to the Supervisor;
- Ensures that all AIA receipts are posted to the FINMAN;
- Assists with the printing of cheques from the FINMAN;
- Prepares expenditure summary in respect of all Heads of the Ministry for submission to the Accountant General's Department;
- Prepares Journal Vouchers for the clearing of advances;
- Performs any other related duties that may be assigned from time to time by the Director, Final Accounts and Reporting Branch or the Principal Finance Officer.

# Required Knowledge, Skills, and Competencies

#### Core:

- Good oral and written communication skills;
- Ability to work in teams;
- Good interpersonal skills;
- Ability to work on own initiative;
- Good customer relations skills;
- Good problem-solving and analytical skills;
- Good time management skills.

#### Technical:

- Good knowledge of the FAA Act, other associated legislation, Circulars, directives and bulletins:
- Good knowledge of the Government Accounting;
- Good knowledge of the Ministry's Policies, Practices and Procedures;
- Proficiency in the relevant/ applicable computerized Accounting System;
- Competence in the use of Microsoft Office Applications (Word, Excel, Outlook);
- Knowledge of Final Accounts functions;
- Able to prepare financial statements;

## Minimum Required Qualification and Experience

- AAT Level 3; or
- ACCA-CAT level C/Level 3; or
- ACCA Level 1; or
- NVQJ Level 3, Accounting; or
- Diploma in Accounting from an accredited University or Community College; or
- Associate of Science Degree in Business Studies/Business Administration from an accredited tertiary Institution; **or**
- Associate of Science Degree in Accounting, MIND; or
- Diploma in Government Accounting, MIND Government Accounting Levels 1,2 & 3; or
- BSc Degree in Accounting or Management Studies with Accounting; or
- BBA Degree; or
- Successful completion of three (3) years of any of the Bachelor's Degree programmes mentioned above.

## 2. Accounting Technician (FMG/AT 3)

## Job Purpose

Under the direct supervision of the Director, Veterinary Services Division (HPC/VO 3), the Accounting Technician is responsible for managing all the accounting functions of the Division and ensures that they are in conformity with the FAA Act and within the budgetary allocation.

# Key Responsibilities

### Management/Administrative:

- Provides advice/guidance to the Director and other Managers on the financial status of the Division;
- Prepares the Division's annual budget and financial statement;
- Represents the Division at meetings, workshops and conferences;
- Participates in the preparation of the Divisions Operational Plan.

# Technical/Professional:

- Prepares the Divisions' annual Estimates of Expenditure and Cash Flow Statement;
- Provides explanation/justification for any variation of expenditure on the Division's budgetary allocation in the Appropriation Accounts;
- Certifies all payments vouchers inclusive or board fees, procurement of good and services, stipend for trainees, clinical partners and co-ordinators on the Veterinary Division;
- Responds to Audit Queries through the Division's Director;
- Manages the Division's Petty Imprest;
- Prepares annual estimates of Non-Tax Revenue Collection statements;
- Prepares quarterly Non-Tax Revenue Collection Statements;
- Dispatches invoices to clients for payment of Laboratory Services;
- Prepares and issues reminders to delinquent customers;
- Supervises and monitors the collection of fees at the two International Airports and Bodles Research Station (Al Unit);
- Monitors and ensures that receipts issued by Officers at the two International Airports and Bodles Research Station Al Unit are in keeping with the FAA Act;
- Monitors/supervises collection done by Veterinary Officers in outstations in Westmoreland, St. James, St Elizabeth, St. Catherine;
- Verifies the correctness of transportation and subsistence forms and submits the forms to Head Office for payment;
- Liaises with accountants at Head Office regarding payments for the Veterinary Division;

- Prepares and submits reimbursement claims for payment;
- Facilitates proper cash management and expenditure control for the Division on the Capital A and Recurrent Expenditure budget;
- Provides information on the discharge of commitments and current cash position;
- Ensures that transport and subsistence claims are submitted to Head Office and are paid on time:
- Submits overtime sheets and pays bill for daily paid employees to the Salaries Section;
- Collects salary cheques and distributes them on time;
- Prepares monthly bills for clients regarding the issuing of Import Permits and Health Certificates;
- Supervises the accounting functions of the MOA Trade System;
- Prepares monthly Cost Recovery Reports;
- Verifies and certifies weekly and monthly collections reports;
- Prepares annual Financial Statements and submits to the Auditor General's Department for audit review (Jamaica Veterinary Board);
- Prepares monthly Financial Statements (JVB);
- Prepares monthly Bank Reconciliation Statements (JVB);
- Maintains proper accounting records (JVB).

#### **Human Resources:**

- Monitors and evaluates the performance of direct report, prepares performance appraisal and recommends and/or initiates corrective action, where necessary, to improve performance;
- Provides leadership and guidance to direct reports through effective planning, delegation, communication, training, mentoring and coaching;
- Establishes and maintains a system that fosters a culture of teamwork, employee empowerment and commitment to the Division's and organizational goals.
- Performs any other duties that may be assigned by the Director from time to time.

## Required Knowledge, Skills, and Competencies

#### Core:

- Good oral and written communication skills;
- · Good people management skills;
- Strong leadership skills;
- Strong interpersonal skills;
- Ability to work in teams;
- Good customer and quality focus skills;
- Honesty;
- Integrity;
- Good problem-solving and decision-making skills;
- Good analytical skills.

### Technical:

- Sound knowledge of Government Accounting practices and procedures;
- Good applicable knowledge of Accounting Acts and Regulations;
- Good knowledge of the Ministry's/Government's policies and procedures;
- Proficiency in the use of Accounting Computer Applications.

### Minimum Required Qualification and Experience

- AAT Level 3; or
- ACCA-CAT level C/Level 3; or
- ACCA Level 1; or
- NVQJ Level 3, Accounting; or
- Diploma in Accounting from an accredited University or Community College; or
- Associate of Science Degree in Business Studies/Business Administration from an accredited tertiary Institution; **or**
- Associate of Science Degree in Accounting, MIND; or
- Diploma in Government Accounting, MIND Government Accounting Levels 1,2 & 3; or
- BSc Degree in Accounting or Management Studies with Accounting; or
- BBA Degree; or
- Successful completion of three (3) years of any of the Bachelor's Degree programmes mentioned above.

Applications accompanied by résumés should be submitted **no later than Tuesday**, **9**<sup>th</sup> **July**, **2024 to**:

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

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Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

<u>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.</u>

Desreen Smith (Mrs.) for Chief Personnel Officer