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15th May, 2025

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 post of Secretary 2 (OPS/SS 2) – (Not Vacant) in the Technical Services Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining, salary range: \$1,439,455 - \$1,935,907 per annum.

Job Purpose

Under the supervision of the Technical Co-ordinator, the Secretary 2 is responsible for providing secretarial and administrative services to ensure the effective and efficient operations of the Directorate.

Key Responsibilities

Technical/Professional:

- Types letters, memoranda, reports and other documents from handwritten notes, drafts, or dictation;
- Composes/Prepares and responds to general/routine queries and correspondence;
- Prepares/types and collates Reports, Briefs, Submissions and other documents for submission;
- Handles confidential documents;
- Records, sorts and dispatches incoming/outgoing correspondence;
- Conducts pertinent research and collates information/reports, for submission;
- Receives, screens and directs all telephone calls to relevant officers;
- Disseminates information to internal/external customers;
- Receives, screens and answers general enquiries, and directs visitors to the appropriate officers;
- Monitors and requests files for relevant officers;
- Downloads emails and forwards to relevant officers;
- Ensures that documents and correspondence are photocopied;
- Maintains an efficient filing system;
- Manages and dispatches the stationery inventory;
- Arranges meetings;
- Maintains appointment schedules/diaries for Chief Technical Director and the Co-ordinator;
- Performs any other related duties which may be assigned from time to time.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Competencies

Core:

- Good interpersonal skills
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Excellent customer and quality focus skills
- Good problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Co-operative and able to work in a team
- Good planning and organizing skills
- Strong integrity
- Methodical
- Compliance

Technical:

- Excellent research skills
- Good secretarial skills
- Good working knowledge of Records Management
- · Proficiency in the use of relevant software applications

 Knowledge of the operations of Government/knowledge of the 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.

Special Condition Associated with the Job

• May be required to work beyond normal working hours.

Applications, accompanied by résumés, should be submitted no later than <u>Thursday,</u> <u>29th May, 2025 to:</u>

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

Email: jobopportunities@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.

Desreen Smith (Mrs.) for Chief Personnel Officer