VACANCIES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST—LAND AND WATER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION—MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

TAX OFFICER-IN-TRAINING—INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

INSPECTOR OF TAXES—INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SENIOR TAX OFFICER—INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

OPHTHALMIC NURSE—MINISTRY OF HEALTH

SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE (CADET) MALE AND FEMALE
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Applications are invited from Citizens of Sierra Leone for appointment to the posts listed subject to the following conditions in every case:

(a) Canvassing of members of the Commission by or on behalf of Candidates will result in the Candidate's application being immediately rejected.

(b) Persons who have been dismissed from Government Service or have been convicted of a crime will not be considered.

(c) Applicants are reminded to read and comply with the instructions at page one of the application Form P.S.C. Form 8.
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST—Land and Water Development Division
Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Post
Agricultural Economist

Salary
Scale A, i.e. Le3,230; Le3,427; Le3,628; Le4,222; Le4,424; Le4,622;
Le4,705; Le4,897; Le5,092; Le5,284; Le5,479; Le5,702; Le5,922; Le6,145;
Le6,364; Le6,584; Le6,810,

Point of entry will depend on post-qualification experience.

Qualification
Candidates must possess:
(1) A degree in Agricultural Economics from a recognised Institution;
OR
(2) A degree in either Agriculture or Economics plus a post-graduate qualification in Agricultural Economics from a recognised Institution.

Age
22-40 years

Duties
(1) To be responsible to the Senior Agronomist.
(2) To evaluate the feasibility of agricultural practices in terms of cost of inputs and outputs, the availability of inputs and the marketability of outputs, and to determine the profitability of production systems.
(3) To conduct the economic aspect of feasibility studies requested by Government and Government Institutions and help draw up proposals for development plans.
(4) To collect and collate basic information relating to the economy of the country in co-ordination with other officers.
(5) To provide the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources with information on such matters as credit and availability of inputs, (seeds, fertilizers and simple agricultural tools and machinery) and advise on the purchasing of these inputs.
(6) To maintain up to date information on the prices of agricultural commodities and the position of demand and supply of important commodities in market centres around the country.
(7) To provide information to assist rural people to purchase, process and market their agricultural products efficiently.
(8) To perform any other duties that may be assigned by a Senior Officer.
Training
The officer may be required to undergo further training.

Prospects
Prospects exist for promotion to higher posts in the Division.

Application forms are obtainable from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Freetown or from any District Office in the Provinces, or from the Sierra Leone High Commission, 33 Portland Place, London, W.1., or from the Sierra Leone Embassy, Soubaisfisky Pereoluk No. 5A, Moscow, U.S.S.R., or from the Sierra Leone Embassy, 170119 Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 200009., U.S.A. Completed applications should reach the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Tower Hill, Freetown not later than 20th December, 1984.

TAX OFFICER-IN-TRAINING—Income Tax Department—Ministry of Finance

Salary
Scale C(E)TG i.e. Le1,722; Le1,855; Le1,932.

Qualification
Candidates must be in possession of four credit passes at the General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level/School Certificate or equivalent including English Language and either Mathematics or Principles of Accounts obtained at not more than two sittings.

2. Serving officers in the Income Tax Department who subsequently have four Credit passes including English Language and either Mathematics or Principles of Accounts at the General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level or equivalent may be considered.

Age
From 18 to 30 years.

Duties
During the three-year training period, the Officer under the supervision of a senior officer, will carry out the following duties—

(i) Assessment of income of persons engaged in or carrying on a trade, business, profession or vocation or exercising an employment or receiving income from any other source.

(ii) Examination of Income Tax Returns, Accounts and tax computations submitted by taxpayers, with a view to determination of the tax liability.
(iii) General matters relating to administration, supervision and control of subordinate staff.

(iv) Any other assignment given by the Training Officer or the Officer-in-charge of the section to which he is attached.

Prospects
On successful completion of training, Officers may be promoted to the post of Tax Officer.

Application Forms are obtainable from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Freetown or from any District Office in the Provinces. Completed applications should reach the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Tower Hill, Freetown, not later than 6th December, 1984.

INSPECTOR OF TAXES—Income Tax Department—Ministry of Finance

Post
Inspector of Taxes.

Salary
Scale A i.e. Le3,230; Le3,427; Le3,628; Le4,222; Le4,424; Le4,622; Le4,705; Le4,897; Le5,092; Le5,284; Le5,479; Le5,702; Le5,922; Le6,145; Le6,364; Le6,586; Le6,810.

Professional Accountants will enter Scale A (Upper) and will be eligible for a non-accountable allowance.

Degree holders in Economics or Commerce who major in Accounting will enter Scale A at the fifth point. Other graduates in Economics and Commerce will enter on first point of Scale A.

Qualification

By direct entry
The candidate should have a Degree in Economics or Accounting or Law or equivalent qualification from a recognised Institution.

Preference will be given to the candidate who in addition to one of the qualifications above has had relevant experience in Income Tax Law and Practice.

Candidates who do not possess the above qualifications but who have held a position equivalent to that of Tax Officer Higher Grade in the United Kingdom Inland Revenue Department, and have had at least five years relevant experience in Income Tax and Practice may be considered.

Age
22–35 years.
Duties

The duties assigned to an Inspector of Taxes include:

(i) Assessment of income of persons engaged in or carrying on a trade, business, profession or vocation, or exercising an employment or holding an office, or receiving income from any other source.

(ii) Examination of Income Tax Returns, accounts and tax computations submitted by taxpayers and the ultimate determination of tax liability.

(iii) Administration, supervision and control of junior staff.

(iv) Any other assignment given by a superior officer.

Training

The officer may be required to undergo training locally and overseas.

Prospects

Opportunities exist for promotion to the post of Senior Inspector of Taxes or Senior Investigating Officer.

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SENIOR TAX OFFICER—Income Tax Department—Ministry of Finance

Post

Senior Tax Officer.

Salary

Scale C(E) 3–5 i.e. Le3,006; Le3,148; Le3,290; Le3,715; Le3,853; Le3,997; Le4,166; Le4,336; Le4,507; Le4,678; Le4,760; Le4,936; Le5,148.

Qualification

By direct entry

The candidate should have passed:

(i) Professional 2 (level 2) examination of the Association of Certified Accountants or equivalent qualification. Candidates who have been referred in not more than one subject in the final examination of an option in Accounting or taxation of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries may be considered.
(ii) The final examination of the Institute of Taxation in the United Kingdom or equivalent
(iii) The Higher National Diploma in Business Studies or equivalent from a recognised Institution.

Age
25–40 years.

Duties
1. Assists the Inspector of Taxes or other senior Officer in all or any of the following:—
   (a) Assessment of Income of persons engaged in or carrying on a trade, business, profession or vocation, or exercising an employment or holding an office, or receiving income from any other source.
   (b) Examination of Income Tax Returns, accounts and Tax computations submitted by taxpayers with a view to the ultimate determination of the tax liability.
   (c) General matters relating to administration, supervision and control of subordinate staff.
   (d) Any other assignment given by the Head of Section.

2. Responsible to the Officer-in-Charge of a Section or Tax District.

Training
The Officer may be required to undergo further training.

Prospects
Opportunities exist for promotion to the post of Inspector of Taxes.

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OPHTHALMIC NURSE—Ministry of Health

Salary
Scale N. 2 Le1,643; Le1,683; Le1,739; Le1,812; Le1,885; Le1,962; Le2,035; Le2,109; Le2,199; Le2,289.

Qualification
(a) Candidate should possess a State Enrolled Nurse Certificate.
(b) Candidates should be registered in the roll of the State Enrolled Nurse Registered in Sierra Leone.

(c) Candidates should have had at least 3 years experience in the field of Nursing and Should have gained some practical experience in an Ophthalmic Ward.

Age
25 to 40 years

Duties
1. To assist the Optician in the day to day running of clinics.
2. To work in close co-operation with the Optician in the implementation of his work.
3. Should be conversant with the use of optical instruments connected with, under guide of an Ophthalmic Surgeon—
4. Tonometry
5. Colour Vision
6. Contact Lens
7. Visual Acuity etc.

Prospects
Candidates who do well and show aptitude for the work may be considered in due course for further training overseas as Ophthalmic Nurse.

Application Forms are obtainable from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Freetown or from any District Office in the Provinces. Completed applications should reach the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Tower Hill, Freetown, not later than 13th December, 1984.

SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE (CADET) MALE AND FEMALE—
Ministry of Defence

Salary
Scale P. 6 i.e. Le2,170; Le2,257; Le2,347; Le2,466; Le2,581; Le2,693; Le2,836; Le2,977.

Qualifications
Candidates must possess four credit passes at G.C.E. ‘O’ Level including English Language and Mathematics, plus at least one ‘A’ level subject. Intellectual ability, initiative, power of leadership and good physique are essential.

The candidate must not be less than 5ft. 7ins. tall. Serving members of the Police Force who fulfil the above requirements are eligible to apply through the Commissioner of Police.
Applicants will be required to obtain a letter of recommendation establishing good character from the Principal of the Institution of higher learning last attended.

Age
22–27 years

Training and prospects
The period of training is three years. On successful completion of the training, the Officer will be eligible for appointment as Sub-Inspector of Police.

Application Forms are obtainable from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Freetown or from any District Office in the Provinces. Completed application should reach the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Tower Hill, Freetown not later than 27th December, 1984.