



MINISTRY OF CIVIL SERVICE

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Overview of the Ministry

The Ministry of Civil Service was established in 2016 under the civil service reforms to replace the former Public Service Commission Ministry. The role of the Ministry of Civil Service is to broadly support the devolution of Constitutional responsibilities to Ministries while maintaining some central coordination and consistency across the Civil Service. Its focus is to attain a modern and high performing civil service that is responsive to the priorities of the Fijian Government.

Particulars of the position

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| Role: | Principal Medical Officer Ophthalmology |
| Level: | MD03 |
| Salary range: | (MOCA C |
| Location: | Labasa |
| Division: | Labasa Hospital |
| Reports to: | Consultant Ophthalmologist |
| Subordinates: | Senior Medical Officer – Ophthalmology |

Overview of the Labasa Hospital

The Labasa Hospital provides a comprehensive range of curative, primary and preventative health service to the residents of the Northern Division and is the main tertiary referral centre for the Division. In addition, the Hospital provides clinical teaching facilities and support for undergraduate and postgraduate training for nursing students at the Sangam College of Nursing.

The Position

The position supports and assists the Consultant Ophthalmologist in the provision of high quality Ophthalmic services, under the responsibility of the Medical Superintendent, consistent with the values of the Ministry of Civil Service and the Ministry of Health and Medical Services.

Key Duties

The position will achieve its purpose through the following key duties.

1. Provide assistance to facilitate the implementation of activities of the Unit by working effectively with the HOD and adheres towards a positive collegiate relationship.

2. Undertake clinical responsibilities in the hospital and on outreach, by being actively involved in patient care, available for consultation and liaison with other units and referring hospitals, maintaining appropriate records and confidentiality, to ensuring best practice care to obtain best possible outcomes whilst promoting and maintaining client focus.
3. Participate in peer reviews, monitor and evaluate Unit activities and implement plans to ensure corrective measures are undertaken to provide effective and efficient services.
4. Responsible for medical reports & medico-legal assessments and provision of expert opinion under the guidance and directive of the HOD.
5. Identifying and minimising risk at a systematic level through effective communication and management skills to contribute to improved clinical governance.
6. Undertake education, teaching and research activities to train, mentor and support staff, students and other stakeholders; be responsible for personal continuous professional development and be a health advocate.

The Person

In addition to Diploma in Ophthalmology and pursuing or completed Masters in Medicine in Ophthalmology, the following knowledge, experience, skills and abilities are required to successfully undertake this role:

Knowledge and Experience

1. Adequate knowledge of evidence-based standards of safe practices in Ophthalmology and medicine.
2. Understanding of medical and government legislation, policies and medico-legal compliance.
3. Understand the concepts/tools used in clinical leadership, management, audits, research, monitoring and evaluation and clinical governance.
4. Experience working in a level two hospital with limited resources and can assist in teaching and training staff.
5. Experience in resuscitating patients with life-threatening emergencies and subsequent management of critically ill or injured patients, initiating and participating in an emergency response, and supporting team members and relatives of very sick patients.

Skills and Abilities

1. Good Clinical Skills including Procedural skills.
2. Excellent communication skills.
3. Strong organisational skills.
4. Ability to work within a multidisciplinary team, work under pressure in a resource constrained environment/facility and can cope with adverse outcomes.

5. Able to recognize and assist in solving complex medical problems using evidence-based approach and offer a clinical opinion on a range of problems in Ophthalmology with guidance from Specialists.
6. Demonstrated ability in organising professional development activities (conferences, meetings and workshops), personal development and learning new skills.

Selection Criteria

1. Advance Clinical competence in Ophthalmology and should have extensive experience in the Specialty.
2. Experienced officer who can contribute in the unit to maintain patient safety and quality of care.
3. Highly effective oral and written communicator.
4. Demonstrated ability to collaborate with Stakeholders and Health Advocates.
5. A Leader experienced in training, mentoring and supporting research.
6. A professional who demonstrates the highest values and ethical practice.

Personal Character and Eligibility

Applicants for employment in the Ministry of Civil Service must be in sound health and with a clear police record. The normal requirement of being a Fiji Citizen under the age of 55 years can be waived under special circumstances.

The successful applicant will be required to provide a medical certificate and police clearance as a condition of employment.

The Ministry of Civil Service is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Applications are encouraged from all eligible, qualified applicants.