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PUBLIC NOTICE

HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR FOOD AND WATER LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Health Directorate for a Food and Water Laboratory Technician. The successful candidate will be expected to carry out all tasks involved in the collection, preparation of samples for chemical and microbiological analysis of food, water and animal feed samples, and to perform all associated administrative and general laboratory tasks as required. Duties will include ensuring adequate stocks of culture media which has undergone stringent quality control procedures as required by the ISO 17025 accreditation standard .

Some of the key tasks for this post include:

- To assist the Senior Food Microbiologist with routine preparation and testing of food and water samples
- Responsible for preparation of microbiological media according to documented Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) in accordance with ISO 17025 standards and for Quality Assurance of prepared media in accordance with ISO 17025 accreditation requirements
- Responsible for chemical, microbiological and other analysis of food, water and animal feed samples
- Liaise with overseas accreditation organizations via video link to demonstrate quality control and maintain records required for UKAS/ISO 17025 accreditation at required levels in readiness for external verification by UKAS
- Responsible for maintenance and verification of equipment used in media preparation to agreed schedules, such as autoclaves, water baths and incubators to ISO 17025 standard requirements
- Responsible for receiving and storing samples for analysis appropriately

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The successful candidate should be in possession of a GCSE qualification or equivalent in Maths, English and a Science related subject at grade C or above and must be computer literate. A minimum of one years' experience working in a medical laboratory, or similar environment is desirable.

Salary for the post is at Grade B, commencing at £6,722 per annum.

All appointees are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting or DBS Disclosure and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

For further information please contact Mr Geoffrey Benjamin, Lab Manager on email Geoffrey.Benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh or Mr Gift Sibanda, Senior Food Microbiologist on email gift.sibanda@sainthelena.gov.sh or by telephone no. 22500 extension 2035/2043 via the Hospital switchboard.

Application forms are available from the Health Directorate and should be completed and submitted to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by Tuesday, 25 September 2018.

Akeem Ali (Dr)
Director

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