GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS

SCHEME OF SERVICE SPECIFIED UNDER REGULATION 15 OF THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGULATIONS

Ministry: Health and Quality of Life
Post: Aids Education Nurse [Redacted: Specialised Aids Nurse]
Salary: Rs 12,600 x 400 – 15,000 x 500 – 17,000 x 600 – 18,200 (09 39 51)
Effective Date: 22 March 2006
Qualifications:
Candidates should:
A. (i) be registered as Nurse in accordance with legislation in force in Mauritius;
   (ii) reckon at least 10 years’ experience in general nursing;
   (iii) have at least two years’ working experience in HIV/AIDS/STI; and
   (iv) have received training in HIV/AIDS/STI.
B. Candidates should also -
   (i) possess good communication and interpersonal skills;
   (ii) have a forceful outgoing personality; and
   (iii) be able to interact with people of different backgrounds.

Candidates should produce written evidence of experience claimed.

NOTE
For the first intake, consideration will be given to officers who are serving in the AIDS Secretariat and who possess the qualifications laid down at A and B above.

Duties:
1. To conduct educational programmes on the prevention of HIV/AIDS/STI, targeting the general public, in and out of school youth, sex workers, homosexuals, drug addicts, inmates of prisons, Rehabilitation and Correctional Youth Centres and Probation House and Shelters, sailors, hotel and restaurant workers and other industrial employees, including foreign workers.

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2. To counsel the general public, people with high risk groups (sex workers, homosexuals, prison inmates, injecting drug users) and blood donors as well as ward staff in relation to in-patients suffering from HIV/AIDS on immediate and continued care.

3. To counsel HIV positive pregnant women in Antenatal Clinics.

4. To receive people living with HIV/AIDS and their families in privacy.

5. To assist in the follow-up of people living with HIV/AIDS and their families and babies born of HIV positive mothers and in the supply of maternal milk substitutes to them.

6. To carry out home visits to people living with HIV/AIDS and counsel members of the family.

7. To attend to queries on hot-line service and, whenever necessary, direct callers to appropriate services.

8. To withdraw and collect blood specimen for laboratory investigation.

9. To promote the use of safe sex devices such as condom and ensure their distribution.

10. To ensure infection control by educating health care workers for the adoption of universal precautions in public and private settings.

11. To participate in the Hospital Management meetings and attend committees, whenever required.

12. To liaise with the Nursing Administrators and Heads of Allied Services as regards implementation of any in-service training programmes for students, whenever necessary, and participate in community mobilisation in connection with prevention of HIV/AIDS.

13. To train peer educators of high risk groups (sex workers, homosexuals), peer educators of youth, health care workers and community leaders on HIV/AIDS.

14. To carry out special surveys, keep appropriate records and provide reports and statistical data, as and when required.

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15. To participate actively in the organisation of special events related to HIV/AIDS, in particular, World AIDS Day.

16. To implement HIV/AIDS programmes after normal working hours, including Sundays and Public holidays.

17. To promote and safeguard the well-being and interest of patients/people living with HIV/AIDS.

18. To ensure that the customs, values and spiritual belief of patients/people are respected and that confidential information obtained in the course of professional practice is respected and not disclosed except when such disclosure is required.

19. To control supplies and stores and to keep inventory.

20. To participate actively in the monitoring and evaluation of the National Aids Control Programme by submitting reports, papers, statements and any other information on a regular basis, as and when required.

21. To perform such cognate duties as may be assigned.

Note 1

Aids Education Nurses will be required to work at staggered hours.

Note 2

Aids Education Nurses will be responsible administratively to the Chief Nursing Officer and technically to the National Aids Coordinator.

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