

GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS

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

- Organisation:** Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Agriculture)
- Post:** Scientific Officer (Agronomy) (Rodrigues)
- Salary:** Rs 19,600 x 600 – 23,200 x 800 – 28,000 x 1,000 – 30,000 x 1,250 – 40,000 (19 45 67)
- Effective Date:** 26 June 2012
- Qualifications:** By selection from among officers who hold a substantive appointment in the grades of Senior Technical Officer (Agriculture) and Technical Officer (Agriculture) in the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and who possess –
 - A. a Cambridge Higher School Certificate with a pass at “Principal Level” in one Science subject or passes in at least two subjects including one Science subject obtained on one certificate at the General Certificate of Education “Advanced Level”; and
 - B. a degree in Agronomy or Horticulture or Agriculture or Agricultural Botany or Crop Science or Agricultural Science or Plant Science or Biotechnology or Botany from a recognised institution.

OR

Equivalent qualifications to A and B above acceptable to the Public Service Commission.

NOTE

In the absence of suitably qualified Senior Technical Officers (Agriculture) and Technical Officers (Agriculture), by selection from among candidates who possess the qualifications at A and B above and are computer literate.

Note

Qualification at A above should have been obtained prior to qualification at B above. However, candidates who, as at 30 June 2003, did not possess the qualification at A above, will also be considered provided they hold –

- (a) a Cambridge School Certificate or passes obtained on one certificate at the General Certificate of Education “Ordinary Level” either (i) in five subjects including English Language with at least Grade C in any two

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subjects or (ii) in six subjects including English Language with at least Grade C in any one subject or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Public Service Commission; and

- (b) a Master's Degree or a postgraduate diploma from a recognised institution in one of the fields at B above or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Public Service Commission.

Qualification at (a) under 'Note' should have been obtained prior to qualifications at B above and at (b) under 'Note'.

Candidates should produce written evidence of knowledge claimed.

**Role and
Responsibilities:**

To be responsible for the promotion and development of agronomy in the Agricultural Service.

Duties:

1. To conduct, monitor and publish research, experimental and development work on crop husbandry practices in laboratory, Government stations and "on farm" levels.
2. To carry out studies in –
 - (i) post harvest technology;
 - (ii) the improvement of seed quality and production;
 - (iii) the development and improvement of planting material;
 - (iv) the development of new technologies such as hydroponics and aeroponics; and
 - (v) the promotion of sustainable crop production including organic farming.
3. To improve cultural practices which would enhance marketing of export oriented crops.

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4. To supervise and train subordinate technical staff including extension staff in the performance of their duties.
5. To ensure the basic maintenance, repair and calibration of equipment and apparatus used.
6. To carry out site surveys, as and when required.
7. To use ICT in the performance of his duties.
8. To perform such other duties directly related to the main duties listed above or related to the delivery of the output and results expected from the Scientific Officer (Agronomy) (Rodrigues) in the roles ascribed to him.



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