



JOB DESCRIPTION -VETERINARIAN (LAB/PEQ/CENTRAL)

Job Purpose

The post aims to address service delivery and policy & strategic development in the Veterinary Section taking into account the advancements in laboratory diagnosis, disease surveillance, quarantine control, and emerging issues relevant to animal health and biosecurity.

Principal Accountabilities

- Provide integrated veterinary input into all aspects of BAF services in accordance with the BAF Annual Corporate Plan.
- Cooperate with the Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), Senior Veterinary Officer (SVO), and other colleagues within the Veterinary Section in advancing the vision, strategies, projects, and milestones.
- Assist the Veterinary Section in managing the Animal Health Laboratory and performing disease investigations and laboratory diagnosis.
- Facilitate live animal exportation, and supervision of the imported live animals during the post-entry quarantine period.
- Assist the Veterinary Section with liaisons and correspondences within BAF and other stakeholders.
- Assist the Veterinary Section with research and the formulation of disease surveillance and control plans and their effective implementation.
- Provide statutory services and advice in relation to biosecurity and animal health through effective coordination with CVO, SVO, and other members of the Veterinary Section.

Main Activities

- Uphold the Biosecurity Act 2008 and all biosecurity laws of Fiji.
- Manage animal health laboratory, and supervise and provide guidance for the execution of disease investigations and laboratory diagnosis.
- Supervise and manage animal quarantine activities at post-entry quarantine of live animals.
- Implement statutory and voluntary disease control programs.
- Supervise and guide the execution of animal disease surveillance activities
- Supervise and management of veterinary report forms (laboratory reports, export health certificates, etc.) to ensure the accuracy of the biosecurity trade requirements relevant to traded animals or animal products.
- Assist in reviewing and maintaining animal disease contingency plans for possible epizootic disease outbreaks
- Assist the veterinary team with emergency preparedness for animal disease incursions.

- In consultation with CVO, maintain direct liaison with stakeholders on emerging issues related to animal health and biosecurity.
- To perform other duties as reasonably required by CVO.

Management of Staff and Resources

The post holder will be assigned a delegated management line of subordinates within the Veterinary Section. The post holder must ensure that all assigned personnel and resources are effectively utilized.

Qualifications, Knowledge, and Skills

- A veterinarian eligible to be registered in Fiji under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1956.
- A bachelor's degree in Veterinary Medicine or Veterinary Science with 1 year of experience in the field of veterinary medicine, laboratory diagnosis, and veterinary administration.
- Knowledge of animal health, quarantine protocol of animals, import/export protocol of animal and animal products, animal disease surveillance, laboratory diagnostics, epidemiology, and biosecurity.
- Knowledge of WOAHI International Standards and the WTO SPS Agreement on safe trade will be an added advantage.
- Good understanding of modern farming and processing practices.
- Ability to work on one's initiative within the statutory and policy framework.
- Strong teamwork, interpersonal, and organizational skills.
- Excellent communication skills (verbal and written).
- Excellent customer service skills.
- Knowledge of internet search engine usage, Microsoft Excel, Word, and Outlook.
- Able to deliver effective results and targets under pressure and within tight deadlines.
- Good judgment and decision-making skills.
- Having a class 2 driving licence will be an added advantage

REMUNERATION

Remuneration will be commensurate based on an individual's qualifications and experience within the relevant salary band.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR APPLICATION

1. Visit our website www.baf.com.fj to access the **Job Description** and click on the **link** to apply.
2. Applications are required to submit cover letter, curriculum vitae and at least 2 referees, academic certificates and transcripts while applying through the online recruitment portal.
3. Applications close on Friday 7th February 2025 at 05:00pm.

Please note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. If you have not been contacted by BAF, then your application has not been successful and we thank you for your interest in applying.

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