



AMERICAN EMBASSY, COTONOU

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 032/15

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates/All Sources

POSITION: Registered Nurse - FSN-9; FP-5
(Full Performance Level)

OPENING DATE: August 28, 2015

CLOSING DATE: Opened until filled

WORK HOURS: Full time; 40 hours/week

***SALARY:** AEFM FP-5 \$50,883 to \$55,602*
USEFM/NOR EFM/NOR MOH/NOR
FP-5 \$43,812 to \$47,875*

OR/MOH
FSN-9 Exception Rate Range (ERR)
\$34,234 to \$63,326*

NOTE: ALL QUALIFIED ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST BE RESIDING IN COUNTRY AND ABLE TO QUALIFY FOR A BENINESE WORK PERMIT.

The U.S. Embassy in Cotonou is seeking an individual for the position of **Registered Nurse** in the Embassy Medical Unit.

Please note that this position is being advertised at the training level under vacancy announcement N0. 032-15-T. Respond only to the vacancy announcement for which you are qualified.

* Final step to be determined by employee's qualifications.

Applicants *must* submit a cover letter, a completed DS-174 (resume is not accepted) in one single document. Required certificates should be attached as well as residency documents for third-country nationals. Applications without the required documents and those submitted in several attachments will not be considered.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

Under the supervision of the Medical Officer at Post, the position functions as the Post's primary health care provider. The incumbent serves as the U.S. or Western trained Registered Nurse and provides the full range of professional nursing services to direct-hire Americans and their eligible family members, and immediate care for on-the-job-injuries for locally employed staff.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact: 229 21 30 06 50, Ext. 7898/7842.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

NOTE: All applicants are instructed to address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each criteria.

- a) **Education:** Graduate of a U.S. or Western European accredited nursing school and must possess a current and unrestricted Registered Nurse license from a reputable US or Western European licensing board.
- b) **Prior Work Experience:** At least two years of occupational health experience, with at least one year being with US Federal agency or US Government primary health care facility. Previous experience teaching at least three of the following health promotion activities: smoking cessation, weight reduction, well-child anticipatory guidance, emergency First Aid, prenatal classes, community emergency response, CPR, safe food services, healthy lifestyle, stress management and relaxation, drug and alcohol dependence, and/or HIV prevention.
- c) **Language Proficiency:** English Level IV (Fluent) speaking, reading and writing is required. French Level II (Limited Knowledge) speaking, reading is required.
- d) **Knowledge:** Must be familiar with American Nursing standards of care. Must possess working knowledge in emergency preparedness, including management of both natural disasters and those caused by weapons or mass destructions. Must possess a good working knowledge or experience of current health promotion recommendations in the U.S. population.
- e) **Skills and Abilities:** Must be able to administer adult and pediatric immunization program according to current Center of Disease Control (CDC) standards. Must have strong interpersonal skills and a client-oriented disposition. Must possess basic Word processing and Excel spreadsheet skills on the computer.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, both US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and the residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed U.S. Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
6. Priority consideration will be given to RIFed U.S. Mission to Benin former LE Staff for a period of twenty-four (24) months after the date of separation. Such an applicant must qualify for the announced vacancy and must present an evaluation record for the past five years that demonstrates consistent effectiveness as an employee.

TO APPLY

Interested candidates for this position must submit the following or HR cannot consider the application:

- A. Cover letter.
- B. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) as Locally Employed Staff or a Family Member **(DS-174) Form**
http://photos.state.gov/libraries/benin/19452/pdfs/DS174_APPLICATION_FOR_EMPLOYMENT_FORM.doc; plus
- C. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.

This preference can only be applied for hire once per agency at the same post.

- D. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Application packages containing all the information listed in items “A” through “D” above can be scanned into pdf format and sent as a single file to the following E-mail address. Files should not exceed 10 MB or they may be rejected by the embassy’s server. **Paper applications mailed to the embassy will not be accepted for this vacancy announcement.**

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

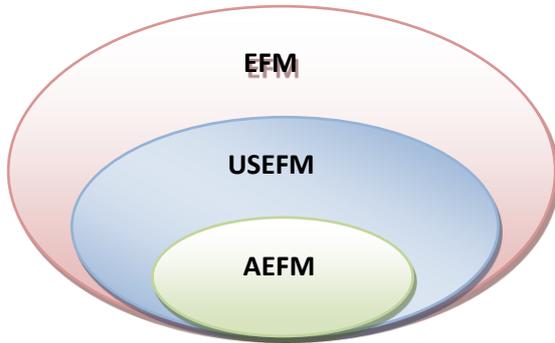
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CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: Until Filled

The U.S. Mission in Cotonou provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices and/or courts for relief.

DEFINITIONS



This diagram demonstrates how an Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM) is also a U.S.- citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) as well as an Eligible Family Member (EFM).

1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#));
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. **U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. **Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):** EFM (see above) eligible for a

Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad,
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. **Member of Household (MOH)**: An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

5. **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** - An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).