



U. S. MISSION

Vacancy Announcement

Riyadh – Jeddah - Dhahran

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OPEN TO	ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS
POSITION	VISA ASSISTANT - POSITION # 100318 FULL PERFORMANCE LEVEL – FSN 07 OR TRAINEE LEVEL – FSN 06
OPENING DATE	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014
CLOSING DATE	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 03, 2014 @ 1700 HRS (Local Saudi time)
WORK HOURS	FULL-TIME; 40 HOURS/WEEK
SALARY	<p>* ORDINARILY RESIDENT: POSITION GRADE - FULL PERFORMANCE LEVEL FSN-07, SR. 78,285 (ANNUAL BASIC SALARY EXCLUDING ALLOWANCES) - TRAINEE LEVEL FSN-06 SR 70,329 (ANNUAL BASIC SALARY EXCLUDING ALLOWANCES)</p> <p>* NOT ORDINARILY RESIDENT (NOR): POSITION GRADE: - FULL PERFORMANCE LEVEL FP-07, US\$ 40,262 PER ANNUM - TRAINEE LEVEL FP-08, US\$ 35,993 PER ANNUM</p> <p>*SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON THE HIRING MECHANISM *FINAL HIRING GRADE/ SALARY DETERMINATION WILL BE APPROVED BY WASHINGTON. *U. S. FEDERAL AND STATE TAXES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE SALARY</p>

NOTE:

- ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED TRANSFERABLE WORK/RESIDENCE PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

- **ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS (EFMs): INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST BE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF SCHEDULED ARRIVAL AT POST FROM THE CLOSING DATE OF THIS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF THE URGENT REQUIREMENT TO FILL THIS POSITION.**
- **EFMs MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR REMAINING ON THEIR SPONSORING EMPLOYEE'S TOUR OF DUTY FROM THE EFM'S HIRING DATE.**
- **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 THAT APPOINTMENT.**
- **CURRENTLY EMPLOYED NORS HIRED UNDER A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) ARE INELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR ADVERTISED POSITIONS WITHIN THE FIRST 90 CALENDAR DAYS OF THAT APPOINTMENT UNLESS CURRENTLY HIRED INTO A POSITION WITH A WHEN ACTUALLY EMPLOYED (WAE) WORK SCHEDULE.**
- **CURRENT LE STAFF EMPLOYEES OF THE MISSION APPLYING FOR VACANT POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS MUST HAVE SERVED A MINIMUM OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS IN THEIR CURRENT POSITION IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY VACANT POSITION.**

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION

The incumbent must screen incoming documentation and information from a variety of sources to organize and track visa requests accordingly to a relatively complicated set of laws and procedures so that the Consular Officer can make decisions and ensure that the legal requirements of the application have been met. Assist the American Citizen Services (ACS) unit by reviewing applications, data entry, scanning applications, etc., as needed.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item:

1. **Education**: Completion of Secondary school is required.

2. **Experience**:

Full Performance Level: Two (2) years of progressively responsible Administrative/ Government service/Para Professional work experience preferably involving the application of complex status and /or regulations is required.

Trainee Level: One (1) year of progressively responsible Administrative/ Government service/Para Professional work experience preferably involving the application of complex status and /or regulations is required.

3. **Language Requirements:** Level IV English language (Fluent - speak, read, write) and Level III Arabic language (Good working knowledge - speak, read, write) required. Skills will be tested.
4. **Knowledge/Other Criteria:** Must have a basic knowledge of the State Department procedures and a standard knowledge of the Consular services environment.
5. **Other Skills:** Standard clerical, keyboard / data entry and IT software experience. Basic numerical and mechanical skills required. Exercise of tact and judgment in dealing with the public. Ability to work under pressure for long periods of time, including paid overtime. Must be able to draft correspondence in English. Should be able to apply good judgment in applying complex statutes and regulations.

SELECTION PROCESS

When equally qualified, U.S. citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidates address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. 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 that appointment.
3. EFMs must have at least one year remaining on their sponsoring employee's tour of duty from the EFM's hiring date.
4. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of that appointment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
5. Current LE Staff employees of the Mission applying for vacant position announcements must have served a minimum of twelve (12) months in their current position in order to be considered for any vacant position.
6. 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.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following and incomplete applications will not be considered

1. Application for U.S. Federal Employment DS-174
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae;

3. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
4. A clear copy of valid Saudi identity/iqama card and work permit.
5. Any other documentation (e.g. copy of essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualifications requirements of the position as listed above.

SUBMIT APPLICATION AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS A SINGLE PDF ATTACHMENT TO:
HRORiyadh@state.gov

DEFINITIONS*

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, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; 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, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- 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, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. 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, and 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).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

6. **Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 03, 2014
@ 1700 HRS (Local Saudi time)**

The U.S. Mission in Saudi Arabia 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.