



PAPUA NEW GUINEA PUBLIC SERVICE

JOB DESCRIPTION



1. IDENTIFICATION

AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE	SYS. POSN. NO:	REF. NO DFPDFM.023
OFFICE: TWIN TOWER 1, WAIGANI	DESIGNATION/CLASSIFICATION REGIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY - SOUTHERN	GRADE GRADE 18
DIVISION: PROVINCIAL & DISTRICT REPORTING AND MONITORING DIVISION	LOCAL DESIGNATION REGIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY- SOUTHERN	
BRANCH: SOUTHERN REGIONAL BRANCH	REPORTING TO: FAS -PDRMD	SYS. POS. N/A
		REF. NO: DFPDRMD.001
SECTION: N/A	LOCATION TWIN TOWER 1 WAIGANI	

HISTORY OF POSITION

FILE REF.	DATE OF VARIATION	DETAILS
	23. 01. 2021	Revise, rename, redesign
	26.03.2024	Rename
	24.02.2025	Revised and Redesignated according to Re-org

2. PURPOSE

Reporting and Monitoring of mandatory reports by the Provincial Governments and Local Level Governments in the Southern Region and to achieve its intended purpose of providing a robust and effective government public financial management, accounting and reporting services at the Sub-National.

3. DIMENSIONS

The position of the Regional Assistant Secretary – Southern directly reports to the First Assistant Secretary for Provincial District Reporting and Monitoring Division (PDRMD) and is responsible for eight (8) subordinates that includes two (2) Manager Reporting and Monitoring and Manager Accounting, one (1) Provincial Reporting & Monitoring Officer, one (1) Senior Accountant Provincial One (1) District Reporting & Monitoring Officer, two (2) Accountant LLG and one (1) Assistant District Reporting & Monitoring Officer.

4. PRINCIPLE ACCOUNTABILITIES

- I. Daily Management of the functioning of the Regional Branch.
- II. Provide advice and support to the members of the Executive and Senior Management of the department on all matters relating to submission of mandatory reports for the Region by respective Provincial Governments and Local Level Governments in the Region.

- III. Be the Department of Finance representative on the Provincial Government Audit, Accounting, and Finance Committees or other such intergovernmental Committees or Sub Committees, if any, at the Provincial level, and to prepare and present advice on accounting and financial management initiatives relating to Public Accounts, Public Financial (Management) Acts, and other related financial matters as might arise from time to time
- IV. Maintain professional conduct, confidentiality and ethical standards.

5. MAJOR DUTIES

- Maintain overall direction, control and management of the Regional Branch directing the efforts towards the development and implementation of its services;
- Create and maintain financial report databases for Provincial Governments and Local Level Governments;
- Carry out review of Financial procedures and system and report on recommendation for improvements;
- Effectively Provide Leadership and Management of the Regional Branch and participate in Departmental Committee Meetings;
- Manage Southern Regional staff affairs and wellbeing through effective supervision, authentic assessment of work performance via Staff Performance Appraisal (SPA), monitoring of general workplace behaviour, attendance and punctuality and provide guidance and counselling where needed;
- Initiation and delegated tasks and review of draft works by subordinates;
- Ensure training needs of subordinated are communicated to Organizational Strategy Division (OSD) and any internal training is properly managed and facilitated;
- Train, coach and mentor subordinates to ensure ongoing staff capacity building on the job and knowledge and skills transfer;
- Ensure effective leadership, management and professionalism is displayed through proper conduct, teamwork and interactions at the workplace resulting in positive working relationship with staff and stakeholders;
- Effectively manage and maintain staff attendance and punctuality records, and ensure zero to minimal disciplinary issues, quality work output and positive staff morale;
- Effectively manage staff training needs and communicate to the Organizational Strategy Division (OSD) any training programs and ensure it is properly managed and facilitated;
- Effectively coach, train and mentor subordinated Staff to ensure ongoing staff capacity building on the job and knowledge and skills transfer;
- Ensure subordinate staff is trained and instilled with operational knowledge and understanding of the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS);
- Maintain professional standards of dress, communication, confidentiality and work ethic with good work outcomes in compliance with the Public Service Code of Conduct and the General Orders.

6. NATURE AND SCOPE

1.1 WORKING RELATIONSHIP

(a) Internal

- All members of the Department pertinent to Divisional matters arising

(b) External

- All Provincial & LLG Administrations, Extended National Departments, Statutory Bodies or entities relevant to matters arising involving the Department of Finance

7. CONSTRAINTS FRAMEWORK AND BOUNDARIES

7.1 Rules & Procedures:

- Public Finance (Management) Act and related instructions
- Organic Law on Provincial & Local Level Government
- Goods and Services Tax Act
- Fiscal Responsibility Act
- Public Service (Management) Act and General Orders
- Medium Term Fiscal Strategy
- PNG Vision 2050
- Development Strategic Plan (2010 – 2030)
- Treasury Bill Act 1974
- Medium Term Debt Strategy
- PNG Medium Term Development Plan
- Public Service Policies on Accounting, Procedures, Systems and Practices.
- Government Accounting Systems.
- Internal Department of Finance Policies and Procedures

7.2 Recommendations:

- Provide recommendations to First Assistant Secretary - PDRMD on branch matters.
- Recommend to the FAS - PDRMD possible resolutions and identify ways to improve issues, systems and process within the branch, division and Department.

7.3 Decisions:

- Provide insights and make decisions on delegation/allocation of tasks;
- Decide on relevant recommendation to be brought to the attention of the Deputy Secretary through the FAS – PDRMD.

8. CHALLENGES

- Assisting the FAS - PDRMD with planning and development of Divisional Work plan and Divisional Budget.
- Keeping update and aware the with changes in legislations, Acts, and internal policies;
- Performing higher role of duty in the absence of the incumbent;
- Contribute to the alignment of personal goals with divisional goals in open communication and cooperation with management, and contribute to a work environment appropriate for the work and conducive to shared employee well-being;
- Limited resources may constrain resourcing and development capacity. In addition, gaps created as result of staff turnover or staff undertaking long term study can influence priorities and resource allocation. It is important that people are aware of the potential impact of a broad array of resource limitations;
- Contribute to identifying and acquiring the skills and knowledge to perform tasks to produce the desired output. Ensure that all supervised staff are trained on the operation of all specific IT or other tools relevant to efficiently undertaking their roles and responsibilities. This includes the Integrated Financial Management Systems (IFMS).

9. QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCES AND SKILLS

Qualifications and Work Experience:

- Have a Master Degree in Commerce, Accounting, Business Management, or Economics from a recognised University;
- Postgraduate Diploma in the above disciplines would be highly desirable;

- Have ten (10) years of work experiences at Provincial & District Finance and Provincial & Local Level Government;
- Experience in all areas of accounting, budget and financial management;
- Exposure at a supervisory role in financial management;
- Have some experiences in managing Public Investment Projects;
- Be a Member of a Professional body in one of the fields mentioned above.

Knowledge:

- In-depth knowledge of Public Finances (Management) and Public Services (Management) Acts, the Public Service General Orders, the Organic Law on Provincial and Local Level Government;
- Knowledge of PNG Government Legislation and PNG Public Service systems;
- Sound understanding of the overarching aims and objectives of PNG Vision 2050 and Medium Term Development Strategy (MTDS);
- Knowledge of accounting and Provincial Government financial management systems encompassing internal revenue, audit, public policy analysis and development, government planning and budgetary systems and reporting practices;
- Have experiences in managing Provincial and District Finance Offices.
- Knowledge of Provincial Government Accounting Systems (PGAS);
- Be knowledgeable on IFMS application, its usage and function within the Department and the whole of government's financial businesses.

Skills and Abilities:

- Well-developed level of communication (both written and verbal);
- Effective people and management skills;
- Ability to manage the PFDF Offices of the region.
- Advanced report writing and interpersonal skills;
- Well-developed analytical and problem solving skills;
- Ability to lead, manage and train a team of professionals in accounting and financial management at the Provincial and District Finance Office including Provincial and Local Level Governments;
- Strong ability to develop and analyse policies, guidelines, devise plans and strategies, and research;
- Ability to manage multiple tasks, can work under pressure, and meet deadlines;
- Ability to provide effective management advice and client service.

NOTE: This job description is not designed to be all-inclusive. Employee may perform other related duties required to meet the ongoing needs of the Department.

