



**ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT**

## **VACANCY NOTICE**

### **DENTAL OFFICER**

**2-year fixed term contract**

#### **About the role**

The Ascension Island Government Dental Clinic is situated in Georgetown, close to the hospital. It is a single surgery facility, and the Dental Officer will provide the dental service to the island's population.

#### **What you'll do**

You'll provide routine general dentistry services, which includes examination, prevention, periodontics, paediatric dentistry, restorative, endodontics, extractions and minor oral surgery, along with occasional crown, bridge and denture prosthetic work. You'll manage the running of the surgery, including ordering and procurement, managing the budget, and line management of the Dental Nurse.

#### **What you'll bring**

You'll be an experienced dental Officer, with at least 5 years post-qualification experience be registered with the relevant dental professional body in your country of residence or practice. You'll have the confidence, skills and knowledge to work independently as the only dentist on an isolated island, and will have strong communication skills to relate well with a diverse population living in a very small community.

#### **What we offer**

In addition to an annual salary of £71,000 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts an **Accompanied status** contract and the following benefits:

- **Rent free** accommodation (with Accompanied or Single status electricity and water allowances)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of **£6,700** per annum (or if Single status **£3,350**)
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

#### **The appointment will be subject to:**

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance (employee and any accompanying dependents)

## What's it like to work on Ascension?

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-34°C). We are part of the wider British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and 800 miles from our nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. Ascension Island has no right of abode, so all people living on the island are employees or dependents of one of the organisations here. Children accompanying parents up to the age of 18 are dependents, following which they are either required to take up their own employment on the island, or move away.

Travel to and from the island is a challenge, even more so with recent travel restrictions worldwide. A charter flight travels to Ascension via St Helena from South Africa, and returns, approximately every 4 weeks. To thrive here on this unique, challenging and beautiful island, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in an incredibly small community.

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**Closing date: Monday 13 June 2022**

**First stage interviews: w/c 20 June, by Skype if off island**

**Required start date: End August 2022 (flying to Ascension around 25 August)**

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: [www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/](http://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/)

If you have any queries about the role, email [recruitment@ascension.gov.ac](mailto:recruitment@ascension.gov.ac) and an informal discussion with the current Dental Officer, or our SMO, can be arranged.