



## ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

# HYDROPONICS ASSISTANT

**Total package value up to £17,178 pa**

**(inc. salary of up to £10,080 plus accommodation, food allowance and other allowances and benefits)**

We are offering a unique opportunity to become a key team member providing the supply of food crops to the island, ensuring a regular supply of high-quality food production. You'll work to ensure that food production is managed as efficiently and profitably as possible, and manage the relationships with retailers and customers.

You'll assist in the vital service of crop production at our hydroponics site, including seeding, tending and harvesting crops, as well as management of pest control.

You'll have effective communication and customer service skills, as you'll be liaising regularly with customers and retailers about crop production, varieties and generally marketing the facility.

### What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £10,080 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a single status contract and the following benefits:

- Rent free, furnished, single accommodation valued at £1,200 per year (taxable as a benefit in kind)
- A single status food allowance of £3,600 per year (taxable and paid with salary each month),
- A non-taxable electricity allowance paid in kind up to £938 per year
- A non-taxable water allowance paid in kind worth up to £1,360 per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects from your home country
- Shipment of a vehicle from the UK or St. Helena
- 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
- Free annual travel insurance

### The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- A basic Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

Applicants must have a clean valid driving licence for class A & B vehicles. NB: This is a single status post - accompanied status is not possible for this position.

**Closing date: 10 December 2023**

**Interviews: W/c 11 December 2023, via Skype if off island**

**Required start date: Early February 2024**

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)

