



## ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

# VACANCY NOTICE

## Surgeon/Medical Officer

**Total package value up to £102,172 per annum**

**Comprising salary of up to £84,994 plus food and utilities allowances, housing and other benefits – details below.**

### About the role

This is a rare and rewarding opportunity to join the Ascension Island Government's Health Services team in a vital clinical capacity. As Surgeon/Medical Officer, you will be responsible for delivering high-quality primary and secondary medical care on a remote island where resources are limited and access to external medical support is not always immediately available. The role is critical in safeguarding the health and wellbeing of the island's residents and visitors, and offers a unique chance to work at the forefront of remote medicine in a small, supportive community.

### What you'll do

You will provide a full range of general medical services, including outpatient consultations, inpatient care, and emergency treatment. In your surgical capacity, you will be expected to manage a broad spectrum of procedures, including general surgery, trauma care, and endoscopies, all in accordance with the standards set by the Royal College of Surgeons. You will also participate in a 24/7 on-call rota and carry out ultrasound screening for relevant cases.

Working closely with the Senior Medical Officer, you will contribute to the clinical governance of the service, manage referrals, support stock control of pharmaceuticals, and assist with updating the medical formulary. In addition, you will be involved in public health promotion, delivering lectures on health issues and first aid as required. Experience in managing obstetrics cases (including emergency Caesarean section) will be an advantage.

### What you'll bring

You will hold a recognised medical degree and be fully registered with the UK General Medical Council or an equivalent international professional body. A postgraduate qualification in General Surgery and specialist registration are essential, along with substantial experience in both surgical case management and trauma.

You will also have strong experience as a General Practitioner, capable of handling a range of complex conditions independently. Excellent communication and teamwork skills are essential, as is the ability to remain calm and make sound clinical decisions under pressure. A flexible, resilient approach is important for working in a remote setting with limited backup. A current driving licence is required.

### What's it like to live and 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 UK 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. To thrive here in this high-profile role, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in a remote environment and small community.

### What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £84,994 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts an accompanied status contract and the following benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,680 pa accompanied, or Single status £3,840 pa
- An electricity allowance worth £3,296 pa

- A water allowance worth £3,202 pa accompanied, or £1,921 single status
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- 30 days' annual holiday (with an additional 9 days public holidays)
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- Free primary dental and medical care and off island, with medical referral if required including medivac arrangements in an emergency.
- Free schooling for dependent children from 4 to 16 years.
- Free annual travel insurance
- Death in Service insurance

**The appointment will be subject to:**

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

**Closing date:** Tuesday 26 August 2025

**Interviews:** Late August/Early September (via video call if off island)

**Start date:** As soon as possible

**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 questions about the role, email:** [recruitment@ascension.gov.ac](mailto:recruitment@ascension.gov.ac)