



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Social Worker

Total Package value up to £44,950 per annum

(comprising salary of up to £27,772 per annum + food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits – details below)

About the role

The Ascension Island Government is currently seeking a qualified and experienced Social Worker to lead the delivery of social care services in a truly unique environment. This is a high-impact, autonomous role within a remote island community in the South Atlantic, where you'll provide essential safeguarding and welfare services across both children's and adults' social care. Working collaboratively with local services and supported by off-island professional supervision, you'll play a vital role in promoting community wellbeing and ensuring effective statutory support is in place for those most in need.

What you'll do

As the island's only Social Worker, you'll take on a wide-ranging and varied caseload, delivering responsive support that meets the diverse needs of individuals and families. You'll lead on safeguarding investigations, manage risk, and coordinate multi-agency responses to complex cases. Your day to day work will involve assessments, care planning, outreach visits, and offering practical support in areas such as mental health, domestic abuse, child protection, and adult vulnerability. You'll also contribute to local policy development, deliver training and awareness sessions, and act as an advisor to the Ascension Island Safeguarding Children's Board.

What you'll bring

You'll be a qualified Social Worker, registered with Social Work England (or equivalent), with substantial experience applying UK social care legislation, statutory guidance, and best practice. This may have been gained in a UK setting or through equivalent international roles where UK frameworks were directly applied. You'll be confident working independently, with sound judgement, strong communication, and a trauma-informed approach. Resilient and adaptable, you'll build trust quickly and be focused on ensuring individuals and families receive the support they need in a remote setting.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £27,772 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts an accompanied status contract and these benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth up to £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 £1,850 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
- Free schooling for dependant 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 Clearance

Closing date: 21 September 2025

Interviews: Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and interviews may be scheduled before the application deadline. Early applications are encouraged.

Start date: As soon as possible

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/>. **If you have any questions about the role, email:** recruitment@ascension.gov.ac