



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Nurse and Pharmacy Assistant

Total package value up to £34,636 per annum

Comprising salary of up to £17,458 plus food and utilities allowances, housing and other benefits – details below.

About the role

This is a unique opportunity to live and work on Ascension Island, where no two days in healthcare are ever the same. Based at Georgetown Hospital, you will play a key role in managing the pharmacy while also supporting the delivery of patient care. You will be responsible for overseeing medication supplies, dispensing prescriptions and ensuring the pharmacy operates safely and efficiently. Alongside this, you will contribute to clinical care across the hospital, including outpatient services and emergency response. This is a varied, hands-on role where you will use a broad range of skills and make a meaningful contribution within a close-knit community.

What you'll do

You will manage the day-to-day operation of the pharmacy, including ordering, stock control and the safe storage of medicines, ensuring accurate records are maintained at all times. You will dispense medication and support outpatient clinics as required. The role also involves providing nursing support when needed, including covering for colleagues and responding to emergencies. You will contribute to maintaining a safe, clean and well-organised clinical environment and work collaboratively with colleagues to ensure effective service delivery.

What you'll bring

You will be a registered nurse with experience in a hospital or acute setting, confident in administering medication and working with patients with a range of needs. You will have strong attention to detail, good organisational skills and the ability to work independently, using sound judgement. A flexible and adaptable approach is essential, along with the ability to respond to changing priorities. You will be IT literate, maintain confidentiality at all times and communicate clearly with both colleagues and patients. A Pharmacy Technician qualification would be desirable, or a willingness to work towards this.

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 £17,458 (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 (taxable benefit)
- 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 Clearance (employee and any accompanying dependents)

Closing date: Friday 10 April 2026

Interviews: Week Commencing 13 April 2026 (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/

If you have any questions about the role, email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac