

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT AMERICAN EMBASSY – LOME

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TO: All employees, all Agencies

Subject: VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN TO: All interested Candidates
POSITION: Consular Assistant, FSN-8 (FP-06, AEFM only)
OPENING DATE: April 25, 2007
CLOSING DATE: May 9, 2007
WORK HOURS: Full-time: 40 hours/week

NOTE: ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Embassy in Lome is seeking individual for the position of Consular Assistant in the Consular Section.

To apply, please go to: <http://lome.usembassy.gov/employmt.html>

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

Under the supervision of the Consular Officer, serves as one of two Assistants in the Consular Section, with responsibility for managing the Immigrant/Diversity Visa caseload, processing Non-Immigrant Visa and passports, fielding inquiries from visa applicants and American citizens, drafting French and English correspondence for the Consular Officer. Serves as back-up Consular Cashier.

The major duties and responsibilities are pasted at the end of the announcement.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. **Education:** Completion of secondary school is required.
2. **Work experience:** Minimum of three years in visa/consular work is required.
3. **Language:** Level III (good working knowledge) both speaking and reading English and French is required. English language will be tested.
4. **Knowledge:** Considerable knowledge of operating procedures relating to all aspects of consular services is required

SELECTION PROCESS

When equally qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (AEFMs) and U.S. Veterans will be given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a FMA appointment are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
4. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Application for U.S. Federal Employment OF-612; or
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information as an OF-612; plus
3. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
4. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

NOTE:

1. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE THE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER AND THE POSITION TITLE IDENTIFIED.**
2. **ALL APPLICATION MUST BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO HROLome@state.gov EMAIL ADDRESS.**
3. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FOR AN OPEN/ADVERTIZED POSITION.**
4. **APPLICATIONS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED FOR A JOB WILL NOT BE HELD/CONSIDERED FOR FUTURE JOBS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, YOU MUST RE-APPLY.**

DEFINITIONS

1. AEFM: A type of EFM that is eligible for direct hire employment on either a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or Temporary Appointment (TEMP) provided s/he meets all of the following criteria:

--US citizen;

--Spouse or dependent who is at least age 18;

--Listed on the travel orders of a Foreign or Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a US Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority;

--Is resident at the sponsoring employee's or uniform service member's post of assignment abroad, approved safehaven abroad, or alternate safehaven abroad; and

--Does not receive a USG annuity or pension based on a career in the US Civil, Foreign, or uniform services.

2. EFM: Family Members at least age 18 listed on the travel orders of a Foreign of Civil Service or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed to a US Foreign Service post or establishment abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority who do not meet the definition of AEFM above.
3. Member of Household: A MOH is a person who: 1) Has accompanied, but is not/not on the travel orders of a U.S. citizen Foreign or Civil Service employee or uniform service member permanently assigned to or stationed at a U.S. Foreign service post or establishment abroad; 2) Has been declared by the sponsoring employee to the Chief of Mission as part of his/her household; and 3) Resides at post with the sponsoring employee.
4. Ordinarily Resident (OR): A citizen of the host country or a citizen of another country who has shifted the main residency focus to the host country and has the required work and/or residency permits for employment in country.
5. Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): Typically NORs are US Citizen EFMs and EFMs of FS, GS, and uniformed service members who are eligible for employment under an American USG pay plan, on the travel orders and under Chief of Mission authority, or other personnel having diplomatic privileges and immunities.

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The US Mission in Lome provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

Barbara J. Martin
Management Officer

Major duties and responsibilities:

A. Acts as lead person for processing Immigrant/Diversity Visas as well as Asylee applications. Drafts correspondence to applicants, unclassified cables, monthly and annual reports and transportation letters. Pre-screens immigrant visa applicants before interviews, enters biographic data into the IV automated systems, conducts name checks and prints visas. Assembles visa packages prior to applicant's departure. Maintains files and records on applicants according to FAM regulations and procedures. For Non-Immigrant Visa applications, pre-screens applicants before interviews, enters data into NIV automated system, captures photographs and prints MRVs on visa foils. Collects related fees and backs up the sub-cashier, conducting daily and monthly cash reports.

B. Provides back-up assistance to American citizens by preparing passport applications for processing, processing Consular Reports of Birth Abroad, amending and adding pages to passports, making emergency passports, responding to American citizen inquiries, maintaining the registration and warden system computer database and files. Helps activate the warden system as needed. Prepares required reports including the draft F-77 report of potential evacuees. Assists Consular Officer and EFM Consular Assistant with visits and assistance to Americans in prison.

C. Drafts signs and public notices in both French and English. Prepares correspondence for Consular Officer in French and English. Drafts responses to congressional inquiries in English, and answers to local visa inquiries in French.