HEALTH ECONOMIST/STATISTICIAN
Grade A2/A3 (three posts or more)
Health Policy Unit, Social Policy Division,
Directorate for Education, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs

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The job...

1. Carry out cross-country health policy and health economic analyses of issues of current policy relevance for the newly established OECD project on health in the Directorate for Employment, Education, Labour and Social Affairs. The topics covered will vary according to the needs of the project, and may include for each post one or more areas among the following:

   - assessing alternative private/public mixes of health insurance in co-operation with the OECD Directorate for Financial, Fiscal and Enterprise Affairs.

   - participating in reviews of Member country health care systems.

   - conducting research/consultancy on comparisons of equity of health care finance - and, equity of access - across selected OECD countries.

   - carrying out econometric analysis of the determinants of health and health expenditure.

   - keeping abreast of major performance measurement and management activities in Member countries and to report on the institutions which support these activities.

   - analysing medical workforce issues, analysing supply and demand for physicians, nurses and other health professionals, and in particular reviewing payment mechanisms.

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− reviewing supply of hospitals and related institutions and the reimbursement incentives they face.

− contributing to a review of national institutional arrangements of long-term care issues, including home care and the other services to provide older persons and their families with a continuum of care. This will require examination of the equity and efficiency of long-term care financing mechanisms, and a comparison of national projections of demand and expenditure.

− administering a research project to analyse the social policy implications of dementia.

− analysing the organisation and financing of health and social services at the boundary between long-term care, disability, health and other social services for selected Member countries. This will involve playing a leading role in the drafting of statistical guidelines to reconcile various sets of OECD data collections on health and social expenditure.

− contributing to a review of current practice of price and volume measurement in health care and related social services and provide methodological guidance on the integration of these statistics with the expenditure statistics.

Posts will be defined in the light of the profiles of the applicants and the priorities of the project.

2. Draft reports and articles summarising empirical knowledge, recent policy developments for the areas under his or her responsibility. Create and administer a network of experts and consultants in Member countries. Brief senior officials and help disseminate findings.

3. Maintain contacts with officials in national administrations involved in the project, other international organisations and Member country Delegations. Keep abreast of economic policy developments in Member countries, and on developments in the academic literature. Participate in missions to Member or non-member countries, as required.

4. Work with colleagues concerned with OECD Health Data to improve the data provided to the Organisation by Member countries on health system.

5. Maintain regular contacts with government officials, academic organisations, and statistical institutes and staff members of international organisations.

The person we are looking for should have...

1. A good university degree in economics, economic statistics or a similar quantitative discipline, and/or a post-graduate qualification in economics. For some of the positions, a background in health policy, or public health, jointly with an economics background, would be an advantage. Specific expertise in one or more of the fields previously mentioned would be an advantage.

2. Minimum of three years’ experience in applied research or analysis in the field of economics. Experience in the health field would be desirable: previous experience with a national administration or an international organisation would also be an advantage.

3. Proven ability to administer project work and to work in a multicultural team.
Applications (in English or French) from nationals of OECD Member countries should quote reference EXD/HRM/VAC(2001)061 and be sent via our on-line application form on www.oecd.org/hrm by 23 August 2001.

Only candidates selected for interview will be contacted.

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We are an equal opportunity employer and encourage applications from female candidates.