The OECD is an international organisation based in Paris with some 2000 staff. We are looking for a Head of Section of the Main Economic Indicators Division in the Statistics Directorate.

The job...

1. Keep abreast of new statistics, data and metadata systems and publications being developed by the producers of short-term statistics and the requirements of users of these statistics in order to enhance the quality and coverage of OECD databases of short-term statistics, in particular, the Main Economic Indicators database.

2. Perform statistical analysis on short-term economic indicators with a view to improving, or developing methods and systems to improve the quality and coverage of OECD short-term statistics databases and outputs derived from them. Initiate the development of new data products as appropriate.

3. Arrange workshops and other meetings for statisticians from Member and selected non-Member countries with a view to developing short-term statistics in emerging areas of user need and/or to improve the reliability, timeliness, comparability and analytic usefulness of existing short-term economic statistics. Prepare papers and give presentations at meetings on these topics.

4. Initiate and contribute to the preparation of publications and documents on the coverage, sources, methods, reliability and comparability of the data included in OECD short-term statistics databases, in particular for the Main Economic Indicators database. Provide advice to users on these topics.

5. Develop and maintain contacts with agencies in Member countries and selected non-Member countries, and with other data-collecting Directorates in the OECD to co-ordinate the collection of relevant, high-quality and timely statistical data, minimising the response burden for the reporting countries and the use of resources in the OECD.

6. Organise, co-ordinate and direct the work of staff in the Main Economic Indicators Division undertaking development work on short-term statistics. Ensure close co-ordination of the development work of the Division with the staff who also undertake the on-going collection, processing and dissemination of short-term statistics based on the Main Economic Indicators database.

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**The person we are looking for should have...**

1. An advanced university degree or equivalent qualification in applied statistics, economometrics or economics.

2. At least ten years’ experience in a national and/or international statistical agency. This experience should include the collection, storage, processing, analysis and dissemination of a range of different short-term economic statistics.

3. Expertise in the concepts, classifications and methodology used in some of the following areas of economic statistics: demand and output indicators; labour indicators (including earnings and costs); cyclical analysis and leading indicators; industry statistics, including service statistics.

4. Ability and flexibility to quickly acquire in-depth knowledge and expertise in new fields of short-term statistics reflecting the changing priorities and needs of the work of the Division and the Directorate.

5. Proven experience and skills in organising, directing and supervising the work of a team of statisticians.

6. Ability to draft reports and documents to a high standard for publication or discussion by statistical expert groups or working parties.

7. Ability to work co-operatively with staff in national and international agencies on methodological or data exchange activities.

8. Familiarity and practical experience with information technology used for the collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of short-term statistics. Knowledge of new dissemination media would be an advantage.

9. Excellent knowledge of one of the two official languages of the Organisation (English and French), and proven ability to write clearly and concisely in that language. Good knowledge of the other language.

N.B. The appointment may initially be made at the level immediately below if the qualifications and professional experience of the selected applicant correspond to that level; in this case, the duties and responsibilities assigned to the post will be adjusted accordingly.

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*Only candidates selected for interview will be contacted.*

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