OFFICE CIRCULAR

HEAD OF SECTION (GRADE A4) IN THE AID POLICIES REVIEW DIVISION
OF THE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION DIRECTORATE (DCD)

Closing date for applications: 2 September 1997

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Role

Under the supervision of the Head of Division (A5), the main responsibilities of the post-holder
will be to contribute to reviews of the development co-operation policies and programmes, and analysis of
the development co-operation efforts and performance of Development Assistance Committee (DAC)
Members - "Country Peer Reviews".

Main Duties

1. Perform the main part of preparatory work for several Peer Reviews annually, including missions
to the capitals and field visits to recipient countries.

2. Collect information and monitor and analyse the development co-operation efforts and
performance of DAC Members, with reference to agreed DAC strategies and guidelines.

3. Provide input to the annual Development Co-operation Report of the DAC and other special
reports.

4. Supervise several administrators and assistants in preparation of Peer Reviews.
5. Assist the Head of Division in managing the divisional work programme and staff. Replace him/her in his/her absence.

**Principal Qualifications**

1. Advanced university degree in economics, government, law or political science with specialisation in international and development affairs.

2. Substantial practical experience in a national or international aid agency, preferably both at headquarters and in the field.

3. Demonstrated skills in handling policy coherence and non-aid aspects of relations with developing countries would be a definite asset.

4. Experience in international aid consultative processes would be desirable.

5. Adaptability for taking on new tasks, i.e. related to publication of Peer Reviews, and for coping with a tight work schedule with frequent missions abroad. Capacity to adapt rapidly to new tasks; proven ability to work effectively in a multicultural environment, both independently and as part of a team; good judgement in dealing with complex and sensitive policy issues; ability to communicate effectively with Delegations; ability to formulate and advance initiatives.

6. Proven experience in supervising teams and in guiding staff.

7. A demonstrated ability to produce clear and concise drafts of technical and policy-oriented reports in French is essential and in English would be desirable.

8. Excellent speaking ability in French and good working knowledge of English.
GENERAL INFORMATION ON VACANCIES AND APPLICATIONS

Who may apply: Posts in the Organisation are open to both male and female nationals of Member countries. External candidates must be less than 65 years old at the time of appointment.

Closing date: The date shown is that at which the selection procedures begin officially. Applications received later will be considered only on an exceptional basis.

Duration of appointment: A fixed-term appointment (usually for two or three years, with the possibility of renewal) will be offered.

Grade of appointment: Posts are normally filled at the grade indicated. Some posts, however, may be filled provisionally at the level immediately below if the qualifications and professional experience of the chosen candidate correspond to that level and if such a possibility has been indicated on the vacancy notice. In this case, the duties and responsibilities assigned will be adjusted accordingly.

Place of work: Unless otherwise stated, work will be carried out in Paris. However, for some posts, occasional travel may be required.

Duties: The duties mentioned are the main duties to be carried out at the time of appointment. They may be modified according to the work programme of the Service or with the introduction of new work methods and/or equipment.

Qualifications: The qualifications listed are those which are most important to the performance of the duties mentioned. Their sequence is not an indication of the relative importance attached to them.

Tests: For some posts, candidates may be required to take a written or oral examination. The result will be a factor in the selection.

Interviews: The best-qualified candidates will be called for interview. Those who are not to be interviewed will be so informed. Candidates who are not native speakers of either of the two official languages will be assessed at interview in the official language of their choice -- unless the post in question requires an excellent or very good knowledge of both languages in which case all candidates will be required at interview to demonstrate competency in the two languages.

Final selection: The final selection will be made on the basis of the qualifications mentioned in the Vacancy Notice and in comparison with those of the other candidates. Unsuccessful candidates will be notified not later than one month after the appointment procedure has been completed.

How to apply: Those who wish to apply for a post should send a detailed Curriculum Vitae (indicating the vacancy reference number) to Human Resource Management, accompanied by supporting documentation, such as titles of publications and/or copies of diplomas, as appropriate. Other than employment history and educational background your CV must include your nationality, sex and birthdate.

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