

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Our Vision

"A citizen-centric public service"

Our Mission

"To reform and transform the public service for efficient and effective service delivery"

VACANT POSITION IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR BROADCASTING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Applications are invited from qualified persons for the position shown below:

GOVERNMENT SPOKESPERSON - ONE (1) POST

V/NO. 50/2023

Basic Salary Scale:	Ksh. 292, 765 - 576,120 p.m.	CSG 3/JobGroup 'U'
House Allowance:	Ksh. 100,000 p.m	··· -
Entertainment Allowance:	Ksh.100,000 p.m	
Extraneous Allowance:	Ksh.100,000 p.m	
Domestic Servants Allowance:	Ksh.100,000 p.m	
Leave Allowance:	As existing in the Civil Service	
Annual Leave:	30 working days per financial year	
Medical Cover:	As provided by the government	
Terms of Service	Permanent or Local Agreement	

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINMENT

For appointment as Government Spokesperson, a candidate must:

- (i) be a Citizen of Kenya;
- (ii) have served for a minimum period of ten (10) years as a media or communication practitioner, three (3) of which should have been in the grade of Deputy Director, CSG 6/Job Group 'R' and above or in comparable and relevant position in the wider public service or private sector;
- (iii) have a Bachelors Degree in any of the following fields: Public Relations, Journalism, Communications and Media Studies, Education, Linguistics, Political Science, Social Sciences or equivalent qualifications from a university recognised in Kenya;

- (iv) possess excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- (v) demonstrate an indepth understanding of the National development goals, policies and objectives, including the Government's transformation agenda;
- (vi) be fluent in both spoken and written English and Kiswahili;
- (vii) meet the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity; and
- (viii) demonstrate ability to think strategically and respond effectively to changing circumstances.
 - Note: Possession of a Masters Degree in any of the following disciplines: Public Relations, Journalism, Communications and Media Studies, Education, Linguistics, Political Science, Social Sciences or equivalent qualifications from a university recognised in Kenya will be considered as an added advantage.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Government Spokesperson is responsible to the Principal Secretary for communicating government policies, programmes, and initiatives to the public through media channels. The role requires the individual to at all times represent the Government in a positive and professional manner to the media and the public. The main duties of the Spokesperson include:

- (i) propagating Government policies and initiatives by providing timely and accurate dissemination of information;
- (ii) creating synergy, partnerships and collaborations with creators and consumers of government information including the media fraternity;
- (iii) publicizing Government programmes and projects through media and community engagement;
- (iv) responding to inquiries from journalists and media outlets about Government actions and decisions;
- (v) drafting and distributing official statements, press releases, and other communications materials;
- (vi) representing the Government at press conferences, media interviews, and other public events;
- (vii) monitoring news coverage and tracking public perceptions of Government policies and initiatives;
- (viii) collaborating with other Government agencies and departments to coordinate messaging and ensure consistent communication; and
- **(ix)** advising Government officials and decision-makers on public relations and media strategies.

MODE OF APPLICATION

Interested and qualified persons are requested to make their applications **ONLINE** through the Commission website: <u>www.publicservice.go.ke</u> or jobs portal: <u>www.psckjobs.go.ke</u>

Please Note:

- (i) This advertisement replaces the one that appeared in the print media on 7th February 2023 as V/NO. 13/2023. Those who had applied earlier and wish to be considered should apply afresh.
- (ii) Applicants should provide all the details requested for in the advertisement. It is an offence to include incorrect information in the application. Details of academic and professional certificates not obtained by closure of the advert (5th June 2023) should not be included.
- (iii) Only shortlisted and successful candidates will be contacted.
- (iv) Canvassing in any form will lead to automatic disqualification.
- (v) The Public Service Commission is committed to implementing the provisions of the Constitution - Chapter 232 (1) on fair competition and merit, representation of Kenyans diverse communities and affording equal employment opportunities to men and women, members of all ethnic groups and persons with disabilities. THEREFORE, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THE MARGINALIZED AND THE MINORITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.
- (vi) **Shortlisted candidates** shall be required to produce **originals** of their National Identity Card, academic and professional certificates and transcripts during interviews.
- (vii) It is a criminal offence to present fake certificates/documents.
- (viii) Letter of recognition of qualifications from the Commission for University Education (CUE) for candidates who possess degrees from foreign universities shall be required; and
- (ix) Serving officers shall be required to produce the **original letter of appointment** to their current substantive post during the interview.

Applications should reach the Commission on or before 5th June, 2023 latest 5.00 pm (East African Time).

SECRETARY/CEO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION