

VACANCY NOTICE Allied health professionals council members

The Government of the Virgin Islands, Ministry of Health and Social Development is seeking a qualified medical practitioner and a registered naturopath to serve as **Members of the Allied Health Professionals Council.**

ALLIED HEALTH PROFFESSIONALS COUNCIL

The Allied Health Professionals Council ("the Council") was established under the **Medical Act, 2000 (No. 4 of 2000)** now cited as the Medical, Dental and Allied Health Practitioners Act, 2000 as amended (No. 23 of 2020).

The Medical Act, 2000 provides for the licensing and regulation of allied health practitioners in the Territory, through the establishment of an Allied Health Professionals Council.

The role of the Council is to consider all applications and give direction with respect to the registration of applicants wishing to be registered as Allied Health Practitioners, and the rights, liabilities and obligations of such practitioners or other related matters.

In accordance with Schedule 4 of the Act, this category of health workers includes but not limited to dieticians, pharmacists, chiropractors, medical laboratory technologists, opticians, physiotherapists, podiatrists, psychologists, environmental health inspectors, imaging technologists, naturopaths, therapists, athletic planners and licensed social workers.

Schedule 5 of the Act stipulates that the Council shall consist of the following persons:

- 1) the Chief Medical Officer, ex officio;
- 2) two medical practitioner appointed by the Minister; and

 four Allied Health Professionals (one of whom would be a registered Naturopath) appointed by the Minister.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Persons applying to serve on the Allied Health Professionals Council should have the professional competencies that exemplify integrity, respect, and a balance of skills and experience that supports the purpose of the Council.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE EMBODY THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES:

- a) Be willing to make a professional commitment to the Allied Health Professionals Council in carrying out its functions;
- b) Be willing to attend scheduled meetings, and actively contribute to the Council's deliberations.
- c) Possess leadership skills and experience in areas relevant to the Council's functions and responsibilities;
- d) Commit to confidentiality, integrity, and good governance;
- e) Demonstrate the ability to think strategically, manage complexity and act decisively;
- f) Possess strong communication and interpersonal skills;
- g) Exercise discretion and good judgement.

TERMS OF SERVICE:

Members of the Council, other than the Chief Medical Officer, shall hold office for three years, but are eligible for reappointment.

No member with the exception of the Chief Medical Officer shall hold office for

more than two consecutive terms. **COMPENSATION**

Members of the Allied Health Professionals Council do not receive stipendiary compensation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested persons should submit a Letter of Interest and Résumé/ Curriculum Vitae to the address provided below by the closing date.

AGENCY:

Permanent Secretary Ministry of Health and Social Development Government of the Virgin Islands Road Town, Tortola VG1110 British Virgin Islands

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For more information, please contact the Ministry by email or call (284) 468-2174 /2272.

CLOSING DATE: Friday, 30t^h May, 2025