



INVITATION TO SUBMIT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

[Prices Commission, Trade Division, Office of the
Premier]



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ISSUED BY: TRADE DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE PREMIER
Government Headquarters, Brades, Montserrat

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Overview

The Prices Commission is established under the Distribution and Price of Goods Act 2013. The Act was created to stipulate the price build-up [inclusive of maximum wholesale and retail prices] for specific commodities in Montserrat.

In an effort to afford a more transparent selection of members who serve on the Prices Commission, we are inviting Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified candidates who wish to be considered as part of the Commission.

The successful candidates will be selected following an assessment based on the eligibility (qualifications and experience) criteria outlined below. The individuals selected are expected to perform their duties professionally and ethically, in accordance with the functions of the Commission as prescribed below.

Background

Under the Distribution and Price of Goods Act, 2013, the Governor, acting on the advice of Cabinet may appoint a Committee to be called the Prices Commission whose duty is to advise the Government on all matters appertaining to the distribution and prices of goods in Montserrat. The Commission can consist of no less than three and no more than 7 members. On this occasion, the Trade Division is seeking the interest of 3 individuals to serve on the Prices Commission.

The main functions of the Commission are:

- To advise the Government on matters pertaining to the Distribution and Price of Goods in Montserrat.
- To champion the development of effective policies geared towards addressing consumer related issues within the marketplace;
- To advise the Government on matters related consumer protection, consumer awareness and consumer education
- To advise Government on a mechanism which should be in place to ensure that price control regulations are adhered to
- To make investigations and report to the Government on all instances of non – compliance or any other discrepancies by merchants.
- To keep records of customer complaints and queries and assist with addressing same

- To recommend policy improvements to government with regards to consumerism and commodity pricing.

Qualifications and Experience

Highly Desirable Skills/Attributes

- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively with groups or different individuals;
- Consumer focused and demonstrate good customer service skills
- Excellent conflict resolution and negotiation skills
- Attention to detail demonstrated in analyses and written reports.
- Broad knowledge and understanding of the Montserrat Business/Trade landscape
- Awareness and understanding of private sector challenges and needs
- Affiliation with a support organization- eg. Chamber of Commerce, Montserrat Christian Council, Montserrat Union of Teachers, etc

Desirable Skills/Attributes

- Qualifications in a business and/or legal related field
- Confidence to contribute to discussions and provide technical opinions [whether verbally or in writing] in regards to the distribution and prices of goods in Montserrat
- Previous experience being a part of a similar committee
- Shows initiative and demonstrates a sound interest in advancing commerce and consumerism in Montserrat

Application: Content and Deadline

Individuals who wish to serve on the Prices Commission are invited to submit a Personal Statement detailing suitability in regards to the eligibility criteria above. This statement should also highlight the value which he/she can add to the Commission while serving in this role. Previous experience on similar committees or related work experience should be submitted via a Curriculum Vitae (CV).

The **Personal Statement** and **CV** are to be contained in an envelope labelled 'Prices Commission Application' which is to be submitted to the Permanent Secretary, Office of the Premier, Government Headquarters, Brades, Montserrat.

OR

Emailed to: opjobs@gov.ms no later than **August 31, 2022**.

Prospective applicants seeking additional information on this assignment are invited to contact Adena D Johnson on email johnsona2@gov.ms.

Remuneration:

Members of the Price Commission will be awarded a quarterly stipend.