

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Ombudsman Commission of Papua New Guinea

**AM9013 - Ombudsman**

### **INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

#### **THE OMBUDSMAN APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

*invites applications for the position of*

#### **OMBUDSMAN**

in the Ombudsman Commission of Papua New Guinea.

This position is created by virtue of Section 217 of the Constitution.

The Ombudsman Commission is an independent constitutional institution established to promote good governance and leadership in Papua New Guinea. It consists of a Chief Ombudsman and two Ombudsmen. The Commission's primary functions include investigation of complaints against government bodies and alleged discriminatory practices and enforcement of the Leadership Code.

#### **Qualification for Appointment:**

Section 4(3) of the *Organic Law on the Ombudsman Commission* as amended, states that the Ombudsman "shall have such administrative or legal qualifications and experience as, in the opinion of the Committee, is appropriate."

The candidate must possess appropriate leadership qualities. An Ombudsman is a Member of the Commission (MOC) and is expected to provide leadership, guidance, direction and inspiration to fellow leaders of the country who, amongst others, include Constitutional Office Holders and Members of Parliament.

#### **The Successful candidate will be a person:**

- of integrity, independence of mind, resolution and with a high standing and reputation in the community;
- who will command the respect of other leaders;
- with considerable legal or administrative experience and a distinguished career;
- with a demonstrated commitment to the values underpinning the constitutional functions of the Ombudsman Commission;
- with a fair knowledge of the constitutional framework of Papua New Guinea;
- capable of maintaining a high degree of independence; and
- with extensive knowledge and appreciation of the functions and responsibilities of the legislative, executive, and judicial arms of Government.

#### **Terms and Conditions:**

The Ombudsman is a Constitutional Office-holder and holds office (a) in the case of any citizen of Papua New Guinea appointed to office for the first time within 10 years after Independence Day—for a term of three years; and (b) in the case of any other citizen—for a term of six years; and (c) in the case of a non-citizen—for a term of three years, and is eligible for reappointment. The terms and conditions of an Ombudsman are determined by the Parliament under Section 216A of the Constitution in accordance with recommendations of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission. Further conditions are imposed by the *Organic Law on the Ombudsman Commission* as amended, and the *Organic Law on the Guarantee of the Rights and Independence of the Constitutional Office-holders*.

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**Applications close COB Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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*Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted*

**Authorised by: The Chairman – Ombudsman Appointments Committee**

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