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Job Title : UN Police Officer, P-4

Department / Office : Mission Management and Support Section

Duty station : NEW YORK

Posting period : 04/12/2025 - 04/03/2026

Job Opening Number : DPO/SEC25P/P-4/05

United Nations Core Values: Inclusion, Integrity, Humility and Humanity

Organizational Setting and Reporting :

This position is located in the Mission Management and Support Section of the Police Division in the Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peace Operations. The incumbent reports directly to the Chief of Section. The overall objectives of the Police Division are to effectively direct police components in peacekeeping operations and special political missions; to strengthen the strategic direction, planning, and management of police components in peacekeeping operations; and, to work towards a shared understanding among all stakeholders on the future direction of police peacekeeping. Additional information available in <https://police.un.org/en>.

Responsibilities :

Within delegated authority, the Police Officer will be responsible for the following duties:

- Provides advice and substantive support to the Police Division (PD) on police issues related to peace operations.
- She/he assists in the development of policies and strategies for all police dimensions in peace operations; participates in the police aspects of negotiations; develops police Concepts of Operations in support of integrated mission planning; conducts assessments of post-conflict police institutions and recommends on their immediate short-term needs and the role of UN police therein.
- The incumbent reviews and assesses more broadly the long-term institutional needs of post-conflict police institutions with a view to developing strategies and partnerships to ensure their long-term sustainable development; and, liaises with UN Agencies and Programmes, international and regional organizations, and Member State governments to ensure an effective and coordinated approach to the long-term institutional development of post conflict police institutions.
- She/he ensures the adherence of police components to their mandated tasks; advises and guides the components in their activities; evaluates and reviews components' progress; and, performs all other required administrative functions pertaining to the operations of the components and the serving police officers, ensuring the appropriate administration of police personnel, police mission budgets, and disciplinary cases related to police officers.
- The incumbent must be prepared to travel to the field at short notice.
- She/he works in close collaboration with counterparts from the Regional Offices, especially Integrated Operational Teams (IOT), Office of Military Affairs (OMA), Policy Evaluation and Training Division, Department of Operational Support (DOS) and other offices in the Secretariat UN agencies.
- She/he conducts presentations and provides information and recommendations to senior UN officials and other national government officials regarding substantive police peace operations issues.

Competencies :

Professionalism: In-depth knowledge of issues related to the operations and support of police components in UN field missions; sound understanding of police planning, management, and administration;; ability to provide seasoned advice on police administration and operational planning to senior UN and national government officials; versatile in planning a wide range of international police activities; excellent conceptual, analytical and evaluative skills; ability to conduct independent research and analysis, identify issues, formulate opinions and make conclusions and recommendations. Takes responsibility for incorporating gender perspectives and ensuring the equal participation of women and men in all areas of work.

Planning and Organizing: Develops clear goals that are consistent with agreed strategies; identifies priority activities and assignments; adjusts priorities as required; allocates appropriate amount of time and resources for completing work; foresees risks and allows for contingencies when planning; monitors and adjusts plans and actions as necessary; uses time efficiently.

Teamwork: Works collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals; solicits input by genuinely valuing others' ideas and expertise; is willing to learn from others; places team agenda before personal agenda; supports and acts in accordance with final group decision, even when such decisions may not entirely reflect own position; shares credit for team accomplishments and accepts joint responsibility for team shortcomings.

Qualifications :

Education:

Advanced university degree (Master's Degree or equivalent) in the field of Criminal Justice, Law, Political Science or related field. First level university degree with a combination of relevant academic qualifications and qualifying experience in police and peace operations may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. Graduation from a police academy or a similar law enforcement institution is also required.

Experience :

A minimum of seven years of progressively responsible experience in an active national police service with a current rank of at least Superintendent or Lt. Colonel. Specialization in planning and implementing police operations and projects, monitoring and evaluation of complex police tasks and projects is required. At least one year of experience in a peace operation, UNHQ, or similar international institution is desirable. Qualifying years of experience are calculated following the graduation from the national police academy or similar law enforcement institution.

Languages :

English and French are the working languages of the United Nations Secretariat. For this post advertised, fluency in English (both oral and written) is required. Knowledge of a second official UN language, preferably French, is desirable.

Assessment Method :

Kindly note that you may, as part of the evaluation of your application for this position, be requested to undergo written knowledge-based assessment exercises, which may be followed by a competency-based interview depending on the result of the test.

Special Notice :

Circulation of this Job Opening is limited to the Member States of the United Nations. Only police personnel who are currently employed in their national police service and who have received authorization from their respective national authority to apply for this Job Opening will be considered.

Please note that during their secondment to the United Nations, police personnel are not eligible for reassignment or transfer to any other position within the Department of Peace Operations

(DPO) or other parts of the UN Secretariat. Active-duty seconded personnel may serve under a UN Secretariat staff contract for a period of up to three years (cumulative), which, in exceptional cases, can be extended for a fourth and final year subject to operational needs and satisfactory performance. This service limit includes periods of any prior services with the United Nations as an active-duty seconded officer under a UN Secretariat staff contract.

Candidates who have previously served as active-duty seconded personnel may reapply after a break in service of at least one year from their last secondment under a UN Secretariat staff contract, subject to the contract limitation as indicated above.

Nominations of currently serving active-duty seconded police personnel on a UN Secretariat staff contract will not be considered.

Candidates must meet all the requirements of the Job Opening at the time of nomination in order to be considered for the position.

Nominations from women candidates are strongly encouraged.