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BECCS FACILITATING JOB INTERVIEWS FOR NURSES

The Barbados Employment and Career Counselling Service (BECCS) will be facilitating interviews for nurses next month, which will be undertaken by recruiters from WE Solutions, a recruiting company out of the United Kingdom (UK).

WE Solutions is a registered sponsor, licensed through the UK Home Office to sponsor workers under the Tier 2 - General Work Visa.

BECCS has advised that to be eligible for an interview, applicants should possess a Bachelor's Degree in General Nursing or an Associate Degree in Nursing and an RN Licence from the Barbados Nursing Council, and have previous experience working in adult or psychiatric nursing. Additionally, at least one year of post registration experience is preferred, but not necessary.

Interested persons should take their curriculum vitae, along with photo identification to the office of BECCS, located on the First Floor, Warrens Office Complex, Warrens, St. Michael, by January 31.

Applicants are asked to note that while the interviews will be conducted at the Warrens Office Complex only those selected will be notified of the scheduled appointments.

For further information, persons may call Judith Branch at 535-1537, Allana Waithe at 535-1548, or the Reception Desk at 535-1535 or 535-1559. **(JG/BGIS)**

NO: 07/19

REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR GREASE TRAPS

The public is asked to note the requirements and guidelines for proper disposal of fats, oils and grease (FOGs).

ADD: REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR GREASE TRAPS-1

Grease traps, also known as grease interceptors are required to remove FOGs from the waste stream to prevent the sewer from clogging and reducing the harmful effect grease has on the bacterial and settling action of a primary sedimentation system.

The grease interceptor or automatic grease removal device receives the grease-laden wastewater from fixtures and equipment that is generated in food preparation within restaurants, hotels and hospital kitchens, cafeterias and households.

The Ministry of Energy and Water Resources (acting through the Barbados Water Authority), in collaboration with the Ministries of Health and Wellness and Environment and National Beautification (Environmental Protection Department), reminds home owners and businesses of the provisions of the Health Services (Building) Regulations, 1969 ("Health Services Regulations") and the Barbados Water Authority (Sewerage) Regulations, 1982 ("Sewerage Regulations").

They state, inter alia, that all existing and planned new buildings, as well as those buildings proposing renovations which are within an area where sewers have been laid are required to connect to the sewerage system.

Persons desirous of constructing, extending or performing any material alteration to any building should apply to the Minister of Health for permission showing details, inclusive of a proper wastewater disposal system. Residences and businesses that use grease or other noxious substances, and are connected to the public sewer, should have on their premises an adequately-sized grease trap as a component of the wastewater disposal system, for the entrapment of grease generated from their kitchens and other relevant operations. The Environmental Protection Department, on behalf of the Minister of Health, will receive all planning applications.

ADD: REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR GREASE TRAPS-2

The discharging of any matter likely to damage the sewer, to interfere with the free flow of its contents, or to adversely affect treatment and disposal of its contents is prohibited, and no person shall discharge grease or any other noxious substance into any public sewer.

Discharges from sinks in hotels, restaurants, laundries, garages, motor vehicle service stations or places where vehicles or other machines are washed, have to be trapped and drained through a properly constructed grease trap of a design approved by the Barbados Water Authority's General Manager.

In addition, appropriately-sized grease traps should be maintained to prevent the discharge of grease to the sewer or disposal well. Operators are therefore advised to establish maintenance programmes inclusive of weekly inspections of the grease trap to ensure the right frequency based on usage.

Home owners and businesses are urged to adhere to the requirements and guidelines for proper disposal of FOGs and the design of grease traps, as well as to put all necessary measures in place to become compliant with the Health Services Regulations and the Sewerage Regulations, by Friday, February 1.

Persons found guilty of breaching the Health Services Regulations may be liable to a fine of \$5,000.00 or to imprisonment for 12 months or both, and in the case of a continuing offence, a further fine of \$200.00 for each day or part thereof during which the offence continues. The fine for a breach of the Sewerage Regulations is \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for 12 months or both, and \$100.00 per day for each day the offence continues.

For any queries on grease trap designs, please call the Environmental Protection Department at 535-4600.

To view the Guidelines on Grease Trap Design, visit the Barbados Government Information Service's website www.gisbarbados.gov.bb, click on the **Downloads** link under **Resources**, and select **General Information. (SF/BGIS)**

NO: 08/19

NEW OPENING HOURS AT REGISTRATION UNIT

Effective February 1, the Registration Unit in the Ministry of Health and Wellness will introduce new opening hours.

The Unit, located on the 3rd Floor, Frank Walcott Building, Culloden Road, St. Michael, will be opened to the public on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 1:30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

The Registration Unit comprises the Medical, Dental, Nursing, Pharmacy and Paramedical Councils. **(JS/BGIS)**

NO: 09/19

TOURS OF ESTABLISHMENTS TO CONTINUE

The outreach tours to business establishments and vendors started last year by Minister of Small Business, Entrepreneurship and Commerce, Dwight Sutherland, will continue this month.

Designed to improve strategic alliances with stakeholders, the initiative begins with a focus on gas stations, markets and business entities. On Wednesday, January 9, Minister Sutherland will visit Sol, Warrens, St. Michael, at 10:30 a.m., while on Friday, January, 11, he will tour the Cheapside Market, in The City, from 11:00 a.m.

The following Wednesday, January 16, the Minister will visit Pricesmart, Lodge Hill, St. Michael, at 10:30 a.m., and on Friday, January 18, the Palmetto Market, High Street, Bridgetown, from 10:30 a.m.

Minister Sutherland is also expected to meet with management and staff of Rubis Kendal Hill during the month.

He will be accompanied by Permanent Secretary, Terry Bascombe, and representatives from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, as well as the Barbados National Standards Institution. **(JG/BGIS)**

ATTENTION NEWS EDITOR:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE TOURS BY MINISTER SUTHERLAND AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM HIS MINISTRY BEGINNING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATES AND TIMES OF TOURS OR ANY CHANGES WILL BE GIVEN IN THE MINISTERS' DIARY, OVER THE COMING WEEKS.

NO: 10/19

DEADLINE APPROACHING TO REGISTER PRIVATE DAY NURSERIES

Owners and operators of private day nurseries are reminded that their licences expire on January 31. This includes owners of family day care centres who provide care for three or more children other than their own within their homes.

Failure to register by January 31 of each year may result in closure of the day care centre, or a penalty, which is a fine of \$500 and/or six months' imprisonment.

Applications for the renewal of licences must be accompanied by a Certificate of Inspection from the Fire Department, a Certificate of Inspection and an appropriate Food Licence issued by the Ministry of Health, current medical certificates for all staff, and current Food Handler Certificates for all persons dealing with food. Certificates of Character from the Royal Barbados Police Force for all staff, and an application fee of \$50.00 are also required.

Meanwhile, persons applying for the first time must have the above documents, in addition to a Certificate of Registration of the business from the Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office, and a proposed programme of activities for the establishment.

ADD: DEADLINE APPROACHING TO REGISTER PRIVATE DAY NURSERIES-1

Deputy Director of the Child Care Board, Denise Nurse, has advised owners and operators to start their registration as early as possible as the process could be time consuming. However, she stressed that registration was absolutely necessary to avoid the closure of centres.

Any changes to original applications, transfers or relocations must be reported in writing to the Director of the Child Care Board, Fred Edghill Building, Cheapside, St. Michael, as inspections must be carried out before permission can be granted.

Owners or representatives of registered centres are also reminded that they must visibly display their certificates from the regulatory agencies at all times, as well as submit statistics to the Child Care Board at the end of each month, and attend all quarterly meetings being hosted by the Board.

For further information regarding the registration of child care centres, persons should call the Child Care Board at 535-2800. **(PHG/BGIS)**

ATTENTION NEWS EDITOR:

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY, INDAR WEIR, WILL TOUR THE SIX ROADS, EAGLE HALL AND CHEAPSIDE MARKETS, TOMORROW, FRIDAY, JANUARY 4. THE TOUR WILL BEGIN AT THE SIX ROADS MARKET, ST. PHILIP AT 10:30 A.M., AND WILL END AT THE CHEAPSIDE MARKET.

THE MINISTRY WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR MEDIA PERSONNEL AS THEY TRAVEL FROM THE SIX ROADS MARKET TO THE EAGLE HALL MARKET AND THE CHEAPSIDE MARKET WHERE THE TOUR ENDS.

NO: 11/19

CLEAN UP OF ST. JUDES PRIMARY SCHOOL ON SATURDAY

The St. Jude's Primary School will hold a general clean-up of the school this Saturday, January 5, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The clean-up of the St. George school and its grounds is to prepare for the re-opening of school on Tuesday, January 8, following the three-week Christmas break.

Those persons taking part in the initiative are asked to bring their tools, including lawn mowers and shears, as well as gloves. **(MR/BGIS)**