

SUNDAY TIMES

## Steps to Review **Your Office Systems**

unning an efficient business is all about continuously improving and 'tweaking' your office management systems so that they grow with your business and not hinder your business

But why do you need efficient office systems in place? Here are some answers

- To quickly and easily find important contact informa tion.
- To be able to respond to client's requests straightaway
- So that you can immediately submit a proposal.
- To keep track of your business
- To be able to follow-up with clients and contacts.
- So that you can stay on track with your projects.

To monitor your latest marketing campaign. Sometimes though problems don't become apparent with

your office systems until you actually start using them -- and then you may find out that they're not working in the way that you'd hoped.

#### So what can you do about it?

Step #1 Look at where the problems are. Are you constantly searching around looking for an email address? Or cannot tell at a glance if your project is on track?

Or you don't know your cashflow situation? Step #2 Analyse what percentage of your time is being

spent on administrative tasks. Keep a diary for a week of how you are spending your time. At the end of the week look it over and see what percentage of your time is being spent on these jobs. Could this time be better spent on income-generating activities? Or market research?

Step #3 Compile a list of all non-income generating tasks that you currently do.

#### Could some of these be delegated? Would it help if you took on an assistant?

Once you have followed these 3 steps you should have a good idea of where your time is being spent, what your biggest time drains are, and where you can make improvements. You will be well on your way to deciding if you need to partner with a Virtual Assistant and will be able to see exactly where you need the support.

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# Top 5 strategies to get your office schedule back on track!

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fter the long, lazy, summer Alazy, summer have let your office schedule slipfollow these great

tips and get YOUR office schedule back on track! #1 Clear out your desk and files Make way for those exciting new projects that have been put on the

too!

#2

Resource

backburner over the summer. I recently did this and apart all-important pieces from getting rid of of information that four grocery bags of vou come across daily. How? Create a papers, I felt much more motivated to Resource Folder: - on vour PC--store

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Apply Immediately.

Principal

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start those projects that had been lurkall those downing for months! And loaded documents and create a shortit's amazing what cut on your desktop you come across so that you can easi-Set up a ly access your infor-Folder mation. Go one step Keep track of those further and create

#### VACANCY FOR ADMIN. OFFICER

vacancy exists at the Past Pupil's Office Dharmapala Vidyalaya Pannipitiya for an Administrative Officer suitably qualified with experience

The ideal candidate would be a retired person, 55-60 years of age who is self motivated and could manage the office on his own. A thorough knowledge of accounts and book-keeping is a must, while computer literacy and knowledge of English are considered as added qualifications. Salary negotiable.

Your application with full details should reach us on or before 31st January 2009, marked 'Admin Officer" on the top left hand corner of the envelope under registered cover with names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees who are not politicians.

> Secretary **Past Pupils' Association** Dharmapala Vidyalaya Pannipitiya.

#### them again. Create subject specific folders within the main resource folder. using a ring binder file--print out articles that you

come across while surfing or any emails that you may need to refer to again; cut out useful magazine articles; store newsletters, circulars or maga-

In fact use your resource binder to store anything that you will want to keep and refer to again! Use divider cards so that you can access resources on a particular topic.

Get back in touch with your clients and contacts Now's a good time to update your client and contact data-

base. It's easy to let things slip over the summer, so drop them a personal note or email and make sure that the information vou current-

ly have for them is

up-to-date-- and this

will ensure that your

rate when you come to send those allimportant

Christmas greetings! #4 Get your website listed in as many places as possible! Update your directory listings; get entered on new industry directories; check backlinks--set up a spreadsheet to

this.

#5

keep track of all of

Get your

information is accu- finances organised I know, it's summer; you'd rather be outside enjoying the sunshine than inside organising your receipts. Now's the time to drag out all those business receipts and get your bookkeeping system back on track!

Follow these simple tips and you'll soon have your office schedule back on track!

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1500-3000

800-1000

zines. folders within your folder, each relating to a specific topic, i.e. industry news, marketing, accountwhat works best for your business! - in your easily Favourites Folder in your web browser-bookmark those web

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can easily access cy!	Service Engineer	1	5000-800	
IMAGEDIATE	Asst. Supervisor	4	3000-600	
IMMEDIATE	Office Clerk	3	2000-350	
VACANCIES	Technicians	2	1300-250	
Wanted experienced, qualified Lady Teachers to teach	Electronic Technician	2	1300-250	
in the English Medium for the	Drivers	28	1500-300	
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Free Air Ticket will be provided after successful completion of contract



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### Middle East Vacancies VACANCIES IN SAUDI ARABIA

NO.	Category	Qty.	Salary (S.R.)
01	Lieutenant	100	2500.00
02	Firefighter	200	1500.00
03	Fire Alarm System Operator	20	1500.00
04	Ambulance Attendant	20	1400.00
05	Fire Training Technician (Instructor)	10	2000.00
06	<b>Fire Prevention Technician</b>	10	2000.00
07	<b>Breathing Apparatus Technician</b>	10	2000.00
80	Mechanic, Diesel Engineer	10	2500.00
09	Clerk, Parts	10	1200.00
10	Body Repair Specialist	10	1200.00
11	Mechanic Fire Apparatus System	10	1200.00
12	Driver / Operators	100	900.00
13	Purchase Agent	10	1300.00
14	Specialist, Vehicle Maintenance	10	1500.00
15	Mechanic, Hydraulic	10	1200.00

#### ACANCIES IN DOHA-QATAR (SPORT CITY)

NO.	Category	No.Required	Salary (Q.R.)
01	Receptionist (Male)	23	1000.00
02	Receptionist (Female)	06	1200.00
03	Office Boys	69	900.00
04	Office Girls	24	900.00
05	Supervisor (Male)	14	1200.00
06	Supervisor (Female)	07	1300.00
(6 Daț Fr airt	ms & Conditions : 2 y ys per week) • Free Accomm ee Medical & Free Food, w icket will be provided after t period,Probation peri ease call over per	odation, Free Tran ill be provided. • C he completion of od will be 90 days	nsportation One way Contract-

Passport, 6 Passport size colour photographs with white background and experience certificates

interviews will be held on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> **21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January** at 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

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SALES SUPERVISORS (11 NOS.) Interview with foreign principals starts from end of January 2009 SALARY: SR 4,640/- P.M.

30-40 years old with at least 3-5 years supervisory experience in a van sales environment, preferably gained from FMCG business. Should be able to use computers to make reports, good command of English both spoken and written. Must have a valid driving licence.

#### SALESMEN (23 NOS.) SALARY: SR 1.875/- P.M.

Ideal candidates should be between 25-40 years and have at least 2-3 years proven experience in sales and delivery, capable of physical work. Good interpersonal skills are essential and basic knowledge of computers is required. Must have a valid GCC Class driving licence. NOTE : GCC Countries other than KSA.

#### **SALESMAN ASSISTANTS (45 NOS.)** SALARY: SR 930/- P.M.

25-30 years old, at least junior high school level, able to lift over 24 kg of products. Able to communicate effectively in English. Can work with minimal supervision. FMCG experience ideal.

#### **MERCHANDISING SUPERVISORS (01 NO.)** SALARY: SR 3,900/- P.M.

Diploma in Business Management or Business related certificates with 3 years experience in FMCG sales and marketing supervisory and experience as Lead Merchandiser in merchandising related job. Must be a computer literate and possess a driving licence. Age 30-40 years.

#### **MERCHANDISERS** (05 NOS.) SALARY: SR 1,875/- P.M.

25-35 years with 2nd level education with 1 year experience in FMCG related job. Able to speak fair English and communicate effectively. Ability to lift over 25 kg of product case.

#### SHELF STACKERS (30 NOS.) SALARY: SR 930/- P.M.

21-30 years old, junior high school level, able to lift 24 kg of products. Good spoken and written English. Experience not necessary.

#### PANEL BEATER (01 NO.) SALARY: SR 1,560/- P.M. + SR 400/- as Food Allowance.

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25-30 Years old. Technical Certificate in Auto Tinkering and Painting, minimum 2 years relevant experience gained from a reputable workshop, with valid driving licence.

#### **MECHANICS II** (02 NOS.)

SALARY: SR 1,350/- P.M. + SR 400/- as Food Allow-

ance.

Ideal candidates should be Diploma holders from a recognized Technical College or Institute in Diesel Mechanics or Automobile Engineering. Should also have 3-5 years working experience in servicing, fault finding and the repair and maintenance of either heavy duty diesel engines, both mobile and fixed, or a large fleet of vehicle.

**REFRIGERATION TECHNICIANS II** (02 NOS.) SALARY: SR 1,350/-/- P.M. + SR 400/- as Food Allowance. Technical Certificate or Trade Qualification in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning preferred. Preferably with more than 3 years experience of fridge repairs and preventive maintenance.

**PERSONNEL TECHNICIAN** (01 NO.) SALARY: SR 2,632/- P.M.

#### **DRIVERS - GENERAL DUTIES** (02 NOS.) SALARY: SR 940/- P.M. + SR 400 as Food Allowance.

High School with and be able to speak, read and write English. 2-3 years experience in a similar environment and attend safety and first aid seminar workshops. Be proficient in driving and trouble shooting of light duty service vehicles.

#### **ATTRACTIVE BENEFIT PACKAGES ARE ON OFFER FOR CANDIDATES WITH GOOD POTENTIALS**

Terms & Conditions : Free food (or allowance), free medical, free accommodation, free transportation, working hours per day 8, working days per week 6, contract period 2 years (renewable), both way air ticket will be provided by the company, other terms & conditions as per gulf countries labour law.

Please call over immediately with 02 sets of type written bio-data's, relevant educational & work experience certificates & any other supporting documents with 03 white background PP size colour photographs for registration.

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**ACCOMMODATION OFFICER (01 NO.)** 

Core responsibility is to ensure the staff accommodation is

maintained in the highest standard of hygiene and safety.

Applicants must have higher secondary qualification and with min

3 years experience in a similar role. Excellent communication skills

High school Graduate, 3-5 years experience in store keeping, clear

written and spoken English, computer literate, analytical and

Ideal candidates should have a minimum of 03 years experience as

a cook and have successfully completed a hotel management

course. He should also have communication skills, a good person-

ality and knowledge of cleaning and safety, if necessary. Age

LEAD MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS (01 NO.)

Minimum 03 years full-time Degree / Diploma in Mechanical

Engineering in a recognized University or Institute and minimum 2

years experience in Industry in a similar position. Good command

To pick and load customer orders accurately and efficiently. G. C.

E. (O/L) with ability to speak, read and write English and be numer-

ate. Minimum 2 years in warehousing environment with experi-

Able to communicate, read, write and understand English.

Working experience in a Dairy Plant or any Food Processing

Industry would be an added advantage. Must have a good physic.

SALARY : SR 1,781/- P.M. + SR 400/- as Food

**MATERIAL HANDLERS** (04 NOS.)

and computer knowledge is must. Age limit 40 years maximum.

STOCK CONTROL CLERKS (09 NOS.)

SALARY : SR 3,447/- P.M.

SALARY : SR 2,144/- P.M.

numerate with valid driving licence.

SALARY : SR 1,875/- P.M.

**COOKS** (04 NOS.)

of written and spoken English.

SALARY : SR 1,065/- P.M.

LABOURERS (29 NOS.)

SALARY : SR 930/- P.M.

Age : Between 25-35 years.

below 42 years.

Allowance

ence Food Industry.