

Post: Principal Legal Officer (P-5)

General Information

- **Contract Type:** Fixed-term Professional
- **Grade:** P5
- **Total Salary (including post adjustment):** USD 132,419
- **Closing Date:** 22/01/2021

Job Summary

OPCW is looking for a dedicated and a hardworking professional with knowledge and practical application of International Law, including the Law of Treaties, the Law of International Organisations and International Administrative Law. The Principal Legal Officer will have to facilitate the functioning of the OPCW in accordance with the legal regime of the Chemical Weapons Convention and the internal regulations of the OPCW, in providing legal advice and related assistance. In this position the post holder will prepare and supervise the preparation of legal opinions on the interpretation and implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention for the policy-making organs of the OPCW and to provide advice to States Parties.

Main Responsibilities

Under the supervision of the Legal Adviser, as the Principal Legal Officer you will be responsible to prepare and to supervise the preparation of legal opinions for other organisational units of the Technical Secretariat. You will participate in the preparation and negotiation of international agreements including Facility Agreements, Privileges and Immunities Agreements. In addition, you will assist the Legal Adviser in general management and administration of the office. You will represent the Office of the Legal Adviser on internal advisory bodies.

Qualifications and Experience

Education

Advanced university degree in Law, in addition to a first degree in Law.

Knowledge and Experience

Experience

At least 10 years of progressively responsible experience in international organisations and/or government service, in the areas of International Law, Disarmament or Administrative Law; Knowledge of the legal aspects of the United Nations common system, including the case law of international administrative tribunals; Experience in the UN common system or in the OPCW would be an asset.

Skills and Competencies

The post holder should have profound knowledge of international law and extensive experience in the practical application of International Law, including the Law of Treaties, the Law of International Organizations and International Administrative Law. The officer will be able to independently prepare legal briefs, opinions, and related documents. The officer should have good interpersonal skills, critical thinking skills, tact and discretion, ability to establish and to maintain collaborative and effective working relations with people in a multi-cultural environment.

Languages

Fluency in English is essential and a good working knowledge of one of the other official languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, and Spanish) is desirable.