

Economist Group

<p>Required qualifications for your group:</p> <p>Degrees</p> <p>An MSc in Economics</p> <p>Professional membership</p> <p>All DFID HCS economists are members of the Government Economic Service. DFID SAIC economists are eligible for Associate Membership of the GES.</p> <p>Professional accreditation</p> <p>B1D economists are recruited via the Economist Fast Stream.</p> <p>Economists may move departments on level transfer without a further GES process.</p> <p>External recruitment at A2 and above, or internal promotion must involve an external member of the GES on the panel, to ensure that GES membership is maintained.</p> <p>The GES also has a process for accrediting economists who have not entered the department via one of the above routes (e.g. into a policy role), subject to their having the appropriate qualification and experience, and the approval of the Chief Economist.</p>	<p>Required experience for your group:</p> <p>B1D economists will be professionally qualified in economics and will be computer literate and able to manipulate spreadsheets. They will receive professional supervision to develop their skills as development economists, whilst gaining increased experience of international development, of working in developing countries and of DFID. An economist does not necessarily have to live in or spend long periods of time working as an economist in a developing country: a strong understanding of developing-country issues and an ability to apply previous experience may in some case be sufficient for day-to-day working requirements and for promotion.</p> <p>A2 economists and above are expected to demonstrate significant experience of applied economics. Prior to promotion to A1, economists should broaden their experience through postings in different geographical and policy jobs, normally including overseas postings.</p>
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