

PROFESSIONAL OFFICER – PSYCHOLOGY – ACT, SA TAS, WA, NT

Role description

Role title	Professional Officer - Psychology, ACT Professional Officer - Psychology, SA Professional Officer - Psychology, TAS Professional Officer - Psychology, WA Professional Officer – Psychology, NT	EAO00107 EAO00108 EAO00109 EAO00110 EAO00111
Reports to	Directors of Registration in ACT, SA, TAS, WA, NT	
Classification	Professional Officer PO-1	
Salary	\$74,627 - \$96,046 (Pro rata for part time)	
Employment Status	Part time or full time	
Location	State Offices: ACT, SA, TAS, WA, NT	
Date	May 2010	

Organisational context

AHPRA is a new national agency established to improve the quality and safety of Australia's health services through a modernised national regulatory system for health professionals. AHPRA will have an office in each State and Territory which will be responsible for the majority of operational matters and a national office in Melbourne. AHPRA reports to a Ministerial Council and is governed by an Agency Management Committee appointed by the Ministerial Council. AHPRA supports the operations of the national boards for each profession covered by the scheme, and the State and Territory boards and committees established by the national boards.

The initial ten health professions included in the scheme are:

• Chiropractic	• Osteopathy
• Dental	• Pharmacy
• Medical	• Physiotherapy
• Nursing and midwifery	• Podiatry, and
• Optometry	• Psychology.

The job

The successful applicant will be required to:

1. Manage the supervised internship program for psychologists including assessing case studies, supervision plans and auditing log books submitted by provisional psychologists in a nationally consistent manner.
2. As part of a small team, provide expert advice with regards to all aspects of the 4+2 internship program which require psychological expertise and knowledge of the profession and its practice.
3. Represent and promote the Agency and the Psychology Board of Australia with stakeholders including in presentations and at industry forums
4. Participate in activities related to ensuring the standards of psychology are upheld, including a range of compliance activities including participating in audits, interviews, examinations, site visits and peer reviews.
5. Where required provide expert psychological knowledge and advice to AHPRA and the Psychology Board of Australia on:
 - the eligibility of applications for psychologist registration, renewal of registration and re-registration,
 - applications for endorsements on psychologist registration, including assessing and approving supervision programs leading to endorsement of registration in a nationally consistent manner.
 - the investigation of notifications about the performance or health of a psychologist including arranging for or participating in assessments and make written recommendations to the Psychology Board or a committee of the Board or their delegate following the outcome of an investigation.

Key Selection Criteria

Our ideal applicant will be someone who will have:

1. A higher Degree in Psychology (Masters or Doctorate) with a minimum of 5 years of general registration as a psychologist is essential.
2. Endorsement as a clinical psychologist or other endorsed area is desirable.
3. High level written and verbal communication skills and high level analytical and conceptual capabilities.
4. Demonstrated involvement in ethical issues, standards of practice, and health regulation of the psychology profession.
5. Demonstrated senior experience in psychology professional practice, training, supervision, and research.
6. Well developed interpersonal skills and the ability to work as part of a professional team.
7. Excellent organisational and administrative skills.