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| Role Description | Assistant Policy Officer |
| Classification/Grade/Band | Clerk Grade 5/6 |
| ANZSCO Code | NA |
| PCAT Code | NA |
| Date of Approval | 10 March 2020 |

Agency overview

The Department of Regional NSW was formed in 2020 as a central agency for regional issues. The Department is responsible for building resilient regional economies and communities, strengthening primary industries, managing the use of regional land, overseeing the state’s mineral and mining resources and ensuring government investment in regional NSW is fair and delivers positive outcomes for local communities and businesses.

Primary purpose of the role

The Assistant Policy Officer undertakes a range of research, analysis and administrative activities to support the formulation of policy advice and recommendations and contribute to the development of policies that support Agency and/or Government commitments.

Key accountabilities

* Assist the team in the delivery of a range of policy related projects and initiatives to facilitate the timely delivery of policy objectives
* Undertake basic research and analysis in assigned areas and contribute to the preparation of reports to inform decision making and contribute to policy development
* Contribute to the preparation of draft correspondence, papers, and minutes to support the development of policy initiatives
* Provide a range of administrative activities, including coordinating working groups and committees, to support stakeholder engagement as well as policy development and implementation
* Respond to routine policy queries to provide consistent advice and information

Key challenges

* Delivering multiple policy support activities within agreed standards and objectives, given tight deadlines and competing demands and priorities

Key relationships

| Who | Why |
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| **Internal** |  |
| Manager | * Participate in discussions and decision making * Escalate issues, suggest advice and receive instructions * Receive guidance and instructions and report on progress against work plans |
| Work Team | * Participate in meetings, share information and provide input on issues |
| Stakeholders | * Respond to enquiries * Coordinate meetings and activities * Provide routine policy advice |
| **External** |  |
| Stakeholders | * Respond to enquiries * Coordinate meetings and activities * Provide routine policy advice |

# Role dimensions

## Decision making

NA

## Reporting line

NA

## Direct reports

NA

# Capabilities for the role

The [NSW public sector capability framework](https://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/workforce-management/capability-framework/the-capability-framework) describes the capabilities (knowledge, skills and abilities) needed to perform a role. There are four main groups of capabilities: personal attributes, relationships, results and business enablers, with a fifth people management group of capabilities for roles with managerial responsibilities. These groups, combined with capabilities drawn from occupation-specific capability sets where relevant, work together to provide an understanding of the capabilities needed for the role.

The capabilities are separated into **focus capabilities** and **complementary capabilities**.

# Focus capabilities

*Focus capabilities* are the capabilities considered the most important for effective performance of the role. These capabilities will be assessed at recruitment.

The focus capabilities for this role are shown below with a brief explanation of what each capability covers and the indicators describing the types of behaviours expected at each level.

| FOCUS CAPABILITIES | | | | |
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| **Capability group/sets** | **Capability name** |  | **Behavioural indicators** | **Level** |
| Personal Attributes | **Manage Self**  Show drive and motivation, an ability to self-reflect and a commitment to learning | | Adapt existing skills to new situations  Show commitment to achieving work goals  Show awareness of own strengths and areas for growth, and develop and apply new skills  Seek feedback from colleagues and stakeholders  Stay motivated when tasks become difficult | Intermediate |
| Relationships | **Communicate Effectively**  Communicate clearly, actively listen to others, and respond with understanding and respect | | Focus on key points and speak in plain English  Clearly explain and present ideas and arguments  Listen to others to gain an understanding and ask appropriate, respectful questions  Promote the use of inclusive language and assist others to adjust where necessary  Monitor own and others’ non-verbal cues and adapt where necessary  Write and prepare material that is well structured and easy to follow  Communicate routine technical information clearly | Intermediate |
| **Commit to Customer Service**  Provide customer-focused services in line with public sector and organisational objectives | | Recognise the importance of customer service and understanding customer needs  Help customers understand the services that are available  Take responsibility for delivering services that meet customer requirements  Keep customers informed of progress and seek feedback to ensure their needs are met  Show respect, courtesy and fairness when interacting with customers  Recognise that customer service involves both external and internal customers | Foundational |
| Results | **Plan and Prioritise**  Plan to achieve priority outcomes and respond flexibly to changing circumstances | | Understand the team and unit objectives and align operational activities accordingly  Initiate and develop team goals and plans, and use feedback to inform future planning  Respond proactively to changing circumstances and adjust plans and schedules when necessary  Consider the implications of immediate and longer-term organisational issues and how these might affect the achievement of team and unit goals  Accommodate and respond with initiative to changing priorities and operating environments | Intermediate |
| Business Enablers | **Project Management**  Understand and apply effective planning, coordination and control methods | | Perform basic research and analysis to inform and support the achievement of project deliverables  Contribute to developing project documentation and resource estimates  Contribute to reviews of progress, outcomes and future improvements  Identify and escalate possible variances from project plans | Intermediate |

# Complementary capabilities

*Complementary capabilities* are also identified from the Capability Framework and relevant occupation-specific capability sets. They are important to identifying performance required for the role and development opportunities.

Note: capabilities listed as ‘not essential’ for this role are not relevant for recruitment purposes however may be relevant for future career development.

| COMPLEMENTARY CAPABILITIES | | | | |
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| **Capability group/sets** | **Capability name** |  | **Description** | **Level** |
| Personal Attributes | Display Resilience and Courage | | Be open and honest, prepared to express your views, and willing to accept and commit to change | Foundational |
| Act with Integrity | | Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values | Intermediate |
| Value Diversity and Inclusion | | Demonstrate inclusive behaviour and show respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives | Intermediate |
| Relationships | Work Collaboratively | | Collaborate with others and value their contribution | Foundational |
| Influence and Negotiate | | Gain consensus and commitment from others, and resolve issues and conflicts | Foundational |
| Results | Deliver Results | | Achieve results through the efficient use of resources and a commitment to quality outcomes | Foundational |
| Think and Solve Problems | | Think, analyse and consider the broader context to develop practical solutions | Intermediate |
| Demonstrate Accountability | | Be proactive and responsible for own actions, and adhere to legislation, policy and guidelines | Foundational |

| COMPLEMENTARY CAPABILITIES | | | | |
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| **Capability group/sets** | **Capability name** |  | **Description** | **Level** |
| Business Enablers | Finance | | Understand and apply financial processes to achieve value for money and minimise financial risk | Foundational |
| Technology | | Understand and use available technologies to maximise efficiencies and effectiveness | Foundational |
| Procurement and Contract Management | | Understand and apply procurement processes to ensure effective purchasing and contract performance | Foundational |