

# **Role Description**

# **Sentence Administration Officer**

Cluster	Stronger Communities	
Department	Department of Communities and Justice	
Division/Branch/Unit	Corrective Services NSW, Corrections Strategy & Policy, State-wide Administration of Sentences & Orders, Sentence Administration	
Location	Various	
Classification/Grade/Band	Clerk Grade 3/4	
Role Number	599999	
ANZSCO Code	Various	
PCAT Code	1119192	
Date of Approval	11 April 2018	Ref:
Agency Website	www.dcj.nsw.gov.au	

## **Agency overview**

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is the lead agency under the Stronger Communities Cluster. DCJ works to enable everyone's right to access justice and help for families through early intervention and inclusion, with benefits for the whole community. Stronger Communities is focussed on achieving safe, just, inclusive and resilient communities by providing services that are effective and responsive to community needs. For the first time, the creation of DCJ and Stronger Communities provides an opportunity to focus on prevention and early intervention across both the social welfare and justice systems.

## Primary purpose of the role

The Sentence Administration Officer performs administration and records management functions and services that pertain to the detention and release of inmates, either as part of a team or individually.

The role performs core processing work within a Sentence Administration business unit, which may include liaison with external and internal stakeholders, data integrity checking/entry and general administrative tasks.

## Key accountabilities

- Undertake, with minimal supervision, individually or as part of a work team, administrative services that relate to sentence administration processes and procedures, in accordance with legislation and policy.
- Ensure enquiries that pertain to inmate detainment are addressed, resolved and/or re-directed for resolution as required.
- Follow administrative systems and processes to ensure that all information relating to inmate detainment is accurately reflected and stored, in accordance with procedures and protocols, and is accessible as required.



## Key challenges

- Consistently performing to a high standard in a high volume, busy and complex work environment.
- Maintaining quality, output and ensuring all deadlines are met.

## **Key relationships**

Who	Why
Internal	
Supervisor / Manager	Escalate issues and provide updates
Work team	Work as a collaborative team member to assist colleagues
Clients/customers	Communicate and build effective relationships
	Address and/or escalate requests

### **Role dimensions**

## **Decision making**

The role operates with minimal supervision and is expected to make decisions based on their daily workload, however, complex matters should be referred to the Senior Sentence Administration Officer or Team Leader for advice and action.

#### Reporting line

The role reports to either the Senior Sentence Administration Officer or Team Leader, Sentence Administration

## **Direct reports**

Nil

## **Budget/Expenditure**

Nil

#### **Essential requirements**

Current driver's licence, and preparedness to travel to support operational and business unit needs.

Appointments are subject to reference checks. Some roles may also require the following checks/ clearances:

- National Criminal History Record Check in accordance with the Disability Inclusion Act 2014
- Working with Children Check clearance in accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012

#### Capabilities for the role

The NSW Public Sector Capability Framework applies to all NSW public sector employees. The Capability Framework is available at <a href="https://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/capabilityframework">www.psc.nsw.gov.au/capabilityframework</a>

#### Capability summary

Below is the full list of capabilities and the level required for this role. The capabilities in bold are the focus capabilities for this role. Refer to the next section for further information about the focus capabilities.



NSW Public Sector Capability Framework				
Capability Group	Capability Name	Level		
Personal Attributes	Display Resilience and Courage	Intermediate		
	Act with Integrity	Intermediate		
	Manage Self	Intermediate		
	Value Diversity	Foundational		
Relationships	Communicate Effectively	Intermediate		
	Commit to Customer Service	Intermediate		
	Work Collaboratively	Foundational		
	Influence and Negotiate	Foundational		
Results	Deliver Results	Foundational		
	Plan and Prioritise	Foundational		
	Think and Solve Problems	Foundational		
	Demonstrate Accountability	Foundational		
Business Enablers	Finance	Foundational		
	Technology	Intermediate		
	Procurement and Contract Management	Intermediate		
	Project Management	Foundational		

# Focus capabilities

The focus capabilities for the role are the capabilities in which occupants must demonstrate immediate competence. The behavioural indicators provide examples of the types of behaviours that would be expected at that level and should be reviewed in conjunction with the role's key accountabilities.

NSW Public Sector Capability Framework			
Group and Capability	Level	Behavioural Indicators	
Personal Attributes  Manage Self	Intermediate	<ul> <li>Adapt existing skills to new situations</li> <li>Show commitment to achieving work goals</li> <li>Show awareness of own strengths and areas for growth and develop and apply new skills</li> <li>Seek feedback from colleagues and stakeholders</li> <li>Maintain own motivation when tasks become difficult</li> </ul>	
Relationships  Communicate Effectively	Intermediate	<ul> <li>Focus on key points and speak in 'Plain English'</li> <li>Clearly explain and present ideas and arguments</li> <li>Listen to others when they are speaking and ask appropriate, respectful questions</li> <li>Monitor own and others' non-verbal cues and adapt where necessary</li> <li>Prepare written material that is well structured and easy to follow by the intended audience</li> </ul>	



<b>Group and Capability</b>	Level	Behavioural Indicators	
		Communicate routine technical information clearly	
Relationships  Commit to Customer Service	Intermediate	<ul> <li>Support a culture of quality customer service in the organisation</li> <li>Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the services provided and relay to customers</li> <li>Identify and respond quickly to customer needs</li> <li>Consider customer service requirements and develop solutions to meet needs</li> <li>Resolve complex customer issues and needs</li> <li>Co-operate across work areas to improve outcomes for customers</li> </ul>	
Results  Deliver Results	Foundational	<ul> <li>Complete own work tasks under guidance, within set budgets, timeframes and standards</li> <li>Take the initiative to progress own work</li> <li>Identify resources needed to complete allocated work tasks</li> <li>Seek clarification when unsure of work tasks</li> </ul>	
Business Enablers Technology	Intermediate	<ul> <li>Apply computer applications that enable performance of more complex tasks</li> <li>Apply practical skills in the use of relevant technology</li> <li>Make effective use of records, information and knowledge management functions and systems</li> <li>Understand and comply with information and communications security and acceptable use policies</li> <li>Support the implementation of systems improvement initiatives and the introduction and roll-out of new technologies</li> </ul>	

