Role Description
Grants Officer

Cluster	Justice
Agency	Legal Aid NSW
Division/Branch/Unit	Grants Division
Location	Central Sydney
Classification/Grade/Band	Clerk Grade 3/4
Kind of Employment	Temporary
Role Number	Various
ANZSCO Code	599215
PCAT Code	599215
Date of Approval	24 July 2014
Agency Website	www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Agency overview

Legal Aid NSW is the largest legal aid agency in Australia, comprising a Central Sydney office and 21 regional offices in metropolitan and regional centres across NSW and a number of specialist services and advice clinics. It was established under the Legal Aid Commission Act 1979 as an independent authority to assist economically and socially disadvantaged people to understand and protect their rights in the legal system. People with disabilities, from people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, women and children, Indigenous people and people with mental illness are some of the groups who may experience difficulties when enforcing and defending their rights.

Working in partnership with private lawyers, Legal Aid NSW provides legal advice, information and minor assistance and legal representation to eligible people in many areas of law. Legal Aid NSW also provides alternative dispute resolution services, community legal education programs, and publications on legal issues.

Primary purpose of the role

Process, assess, determine and administer applications/extensions for grants of aid within policy, guidelines and delegations to meet client service and Legal Aid NSW standards and benchmarks.

Key accountabilities

- Determine and administer applications for grants of legal aid.
- Ensure consistency in the application of Legal Aid NSW policies, guidelines, delegations and budgetary restrictions.
- Advise clients and/or their legal representatives in a timely manner as to the status and determination of applications.
- Provide information on policies, practices and processes.

- Maintain and create accurate records, reasons for determinations using the Grants management system.
- Contribute to the improvement in policies, guidelines and practices for Grants in order to enhance services to client, practitioners and other stakeholders.

Key challenges

- Achieving consistent and high level of performance in the processing, data entry and determination of applications and in client service.
- Determining applications within strict timeframes in a high volume environment.

Key relationships

Who	Why
Internal	
Team Leader	Direction and Guidance
In-house practitioners	Advice regarding applications
External	
Clients	Advice of application
Private practitioners	Advice of applications

Role dimensions

Reporting line

Team Leader

Capabilities for the role

The NSW Public Sector Capability Framework applies to all NSW public sector employees. The Capability Framework is available at www.psc.nsw.gov.au/capabilityframework

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	Intermediate
Relationships	**Communicate Effectively**	**Intermediate**
	Commit to Customer Service	**Intermediate**
	Work Collaboratively	Foundational
	Influence and Negotiate	Foundational
Results	**Deliver Results**	**Intermediate**
	Plan and Prioritise	Intermediate
	Think and Solve Problems	Intermediate
	Demonstrate Accountability	**Intermediate**
Business Enablers	Finance	Foundational
	Technology	**Intermediate**
	Procurement and Contract Management	Foundational
	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.

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Group and Capability	**Level**	**Behavioural Indicators**
Personal Attributes Display Resilience and Courage	Intermediate	• Be flexible and adaptable and respond quickly when situations change • Offer own opinion and raise challenging issues • Listen when ideas are challenged and respond in a reasonable way • Work through challenges • Stay calm and focused in the face of challenging situations
Personal Attributes Act with Integrity	Intermediate	• Represent the organisation in an honest, ethical and professional way • Support a culture of integrity and professionalism • Understand and follow legislation, rules, policies, guidelines and codes of conduct • Help others to understand their obligations to comply with legislation, rules, policies, guidelines and codes of conduct • Recognise and report misconduct, illegal or inappropriate behaviour • Report and manage apparent conflicts of interest

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Group and Capability	**Level**	**Behavioural Indicators**
Relationships Communicate Effectively	Intermediate	• Focus on key points and speak in 'Plain English' • Clearly explain and present ideas and arguments • Listen to others when they are speaking and ask appropriate, respectful questions • Monitor own and others' non-verbal cues and adapt where necessary • Prepare written material that is well structured and easy to follow by the intended audience • Communicate routine technical information clearly
Relationships Commit to Customer Service	Intermediate	• Support a culture of quality customer service in the organisation • Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the services provided and relay to customers • Identify and respond quickly to customer needs • Consider customer service requirements and develop solutions to meet needs • Resolve complex customer issues and needs • Co-operate across work areas to improve outcomes for customers
Results Deliver Results	Intermediate	• Complete work tasks to agreed budgets, timeframes and standards • Take the initiative to progress and deliver own and team/unit work • Contribute to allocation of responsibilities and resources to ensure achievement of team/unit goals • Seek and apply specialist advice when required
Results Demonstrate Accountability	Intermediate	• Take responsibility and be accountable for own actions • Understand delegations and act within authority levels • Identify and follow safe work practices, and be vigilant about their application by self and others • Be alert to risks that might impact the completion of an activity and escalate these when identified • Use financial and other resources responsibly
Business Enablers Technology	Intermediate	• Apply computer applications that enable performance of more complex tasks • Apply practical skills in the use of relevant technology • Make effective use of records, information and knowledge management functions and systems • Understand and comply with information and communications security and acceptable use policies • Support the implementation of systems improvement initiatives and the introduction and roll-out of new technologies

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