

JOB DESCRIPTION

Agency	Department of Health			Work Unit	Environmental Health
Job Title	Environmental Health Officer			Designation	Professional 2
Job Type	Full Time			Duration	Ongoing
Salary	\$78,097 - \$93,655			Location	Alice Springs
Position Number	50241	RTF	120554	Closing	23/11/2017
Contact	Fiona Smith on 08 8955 6122 or fionam.smith@nt.gov.au				
Agency Information	http://www.health.nt.gov.au/				
Information for Applicants	Applications must be limited to a one-page summary sheet and an attached detailed resume/cv. For further information for applicants and example applications: click here				
Information about Selected Applicant's Merit	If you accept this position, a detailed summary of your merit (including work history, experience, qualifications, skills, information from referees, etc.) will be provided to other applicants, to ensure transparency and better understanding of the reasons for the decision. For further information: click here				
Special Measures	The NTPS values diversity and aims for a workforce which is representative of the community we serve. Therefore under an approved Special Measures recruitment plan, ATSI applicants will be given priority consideration and preference in selection for this vacancy if they meet all essential selection criteria and are suitable at the position level. For further information: click here				
Apply Online Link	https://jobs.nt.gov.au/Home/Application?rtfid=120554				

Primary Objective

Plan, develop and undertake community environmental health promotion and enforcement programs and activities to protect the public from physical, chemical and biological agents in the environment, which may adversely impact on human health.

Context Statement

This role may incorporate working in both an urban and remote community depending on the business needs of the Branch. Employees must travel to remote communities by light aircraft or road. Hours of work may range to incorporate working within the standard span of hours.

Key Duties and Responsibilities

1. Provide environmental health services in a professional manner consistent with legislative requirements, good practice and departmental policy.
2. Act as an authorised officer and delegate of the Chief Health Officer in administering the provisions of Northern Territory public and environmental health, and food legislation, including statutory surveillance; enforcement activities; special investigations; insect vector management; public health and food complaint resolution; participating in emergency/disaster relief operations as required; and other duties as required by the Manager.
3. Engage with communities, urban rural and remote to assist in improving environmental health outcomes and participate in the development and implementation of projects and promotion activities.
4. Monitor record and report on all environmental health activities in accordance with Departmental policy and procedure.
5. Assist Environmental Health practitioners, including Aboriginal Environmental Health Workers and Environmental Health Students in the development of their skills and duties.
6. Travel to remote sites by air/road, and work outside normal hours on weekends and public holidays as required.
7. Follow defined service quality standards, work health and safety policies and procedures relating to the work being undertaken in order to ensure high quality, safe services and workplaces.

Selection Criteria

Essential:

1. Degree in Environmental Health or science degree with appropriate post graduate qualification in Environmental Health from an Australian tertiary institution, eligible for recognition as an Environmental Health Officer.
2. Knowledge of legislation, policies and practices relevant to the provision of effective environmental health services in urban and remote environments and experience as an Environmental Health Officer to effectively implement program activities, operate independently in the field, and provide quality input to program objectives and policies.
3. Good interpersonal, written and oral communication skills, including the ability to negotiate and liaise at all levels and from a range of social and diverse cultural backgrounds, an ability to analyse and address complex issues, think strategically and express ideas and concepts in a clear and concise manner.
4. Hold a current Northern Territory (NT) manual driver's licence or the ability to obtain.

Desirable:

1. Additional qualifications e.g. health promotion, vector management, disaster management, food safety auditing.
2. Experience in Aboriginal community environmental health, waste management, land use development or other.

Further Information

Department of Health has a Smoke Free Policy. Staff are not permitted to smoke anywhere on Departmental premises, facilities or vehicle nor whilst working off-site. The preferred or recommended applicant will be required to hold a current Working with Children clearance notice and undergo a criminal history check. A criminal history will not exclude an applicant from this position unless it is relevant to the position.

Approved: January 2017

Xavier Schobben, Director Environmental Health