Environmental Health Officer

Our Destination 2030: Great Care for Central Queenslanders strategy will shape the future of healthcare across our region and support our aim for Central Queenslanders to be amongst the healthiest in the world. Great staff working in great teams with a culture of supporting and investing in our people's future. Find out more visit online www.health.gld.gov.au/cq/destination-2030



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Role Details

| Role Title | Environmental Health Officer | Classification | HP3 |
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| Status | Permanent Full Time (Multiple positions) | Salary | \$80,851 - \$108,466 p.a. |
| Unit/Facility | Public Health Unit | Total Package | Up to \$123,756 p.a. |
| Location | Rockhampton | Contact | Angela Rea (07) 4920 6989 |
| Job Ad Reference | RK3l512411 | Closing Date | Sunday, 15 October 2023 |

^{*}Please note: there may be a requirement to work at other facilities located across Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service

Public Health Unit

Central Queensland Public Health Unit provides services to both the Central Queensland and Central West regions. Our team includes epidemiologists, public health medical officer, public health nurses, environmental health officers, public health data officer and business support staff.

Public health units focus on:

- Protecting health
- Preventing disease, illness and injury
- Promoting health and wellbeing at a population or whole of community level

The Opportunity

Deliver complex regulatory and non-regulatory environmental health services across CQ Health to protect, promote and prevent risks to the community arising from environmental health hazards that impact on the natural and built environment and human health.

Total Package

- 12.75% employer superannuation contribution
- Annual leave loading 17.5%
- Salary packaging
- Work/life balance, variety, and flexibility
- Employee Assistance Program

CQ Health

Living our values

| Care | We are attentive to individual needs and circumstance | Integrity | We are consistently true, act diligently and lead by example |
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| Respect | We will behave with courtesy, dignity and fairness in all we do | Commitment | We will always do the best we can all of the time |



The Role

Environmental Health Practice

- Demonstrate expertise, skill and knowledge, commensurate with the level of experience, to undertake
 routine environmental health services and incident response, implement projects and research, under
 the supervision and professional guidance of a more senior environmental health officer.
- Develop ability to use evidence-based practice to investigate, enforce and prosecute in a court of law, relevant health legislation, in compliance with departmental policies and procedures and in line with contemporary investigatory practice, under the supervision of a more senior environmental health officer.

Communication and Partnerships

- Provide environmental health advice to internal and external stakeholders and prepare routine reports
 and submissions on environmental health issues to the Manager Environmental Health Services through
 the Senior Environmental Health Officers, commensurate with the level of experience,
- Work within a multi-disciplinary team, including other environmental health officers, to deliver an environmental health response to outbreaks and incidents to address specific public health issues.
- Use knowledge obtained through tertiary education, professional development and experience, to inform and improve environmental health practice.
- Engage in continual learning and development of environmental health practice knowledge and
 expertise through active learning within the team and by engaging in ongoing, relevant professional
 development activities.

Mandatory Qualifications/ Professional Registration/ Other Requirements

- **Mandatory qualification/s:** The successful applicant must hold a tertiary degree (or equivalent) qualification that is accredited by the Environmental Health Australia or deemed eligible for appointment by the Queensland (Qld) Health Environmental Health Officer Appointments Review Committee.
- Qualifications and/or licences in a related field (e.g., pest management, water/sewerage operations) would be well regarded.
- **Non-mandatory qualifications/requirements:** While not mandatory, experience in Environmental Health will be highly regarded.
- **Proof of identity documents:** Candidates must provide certified copies of requested proof of identity documents for the purposes of General Criminal History and National Police Certificate checks.
- **Licence to operate vehicle:** This position requires the incumbent to operate a class C motor vehicle and an appropriate licence endorsement to operate this vehicle is required. Proof of this endorsement must be provided prior to the commencement of duty.
- Travel: Travel throughout the health service may be required as part of this position.
- Vaccine Preventable Diseases: It is a condition of employment for this role for the employee to be, and remain, vaccinated against the following vaccine preventable diseases during their employment Health Employment Directive No. 01/16:
 - o Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
 - Varicella (chicken pox)
 - o Pertussis (whooping cough)
 - Hepatitis B
 - It is also a condition of employment for this role for the employee to be, and remain, vaccinated against COVID-19 <u>Health Employment Directive No. 12/21</u> and <u>Queensland Health Human Resources</u> <u>Policy B70</u>
 - o All new employees who will be working in clinical areas must be assessed for their risk of tuberculosis and screening undertaken if required.

Further vaccinations may be required due to risks for a role; examples include:

- Hepatitis A Workers in regular contact with untreated sewerage
- o Q Fever Research or Laboratory staff regularly handling specimens
- o Influenza

How you will be Assessed

You will be assessed on your ability to demonstrate the best fit for the role. Within the context of the responsibilities described under 'The Role', the ideal applicant will be someone who can demonstrate the following:

- Demonstrated base level of knowledge, expertise and skill to deliver routine environmental health services.
- Demonstrated ability or ability to rapidly acquire knowledge and expertise in the interpretation and enforcement of environmental health legislation and relevant state, national and international standards used in connection with environmental health.
- Ability to contribute to the management of environmental health projects/programs.
- Demonstrated ability to provide competent clinical advice on environmental health matters and ability to participate in a single-discipline or multidisciplinary team.
- Demonstrated written and interpersonal communication skills, including the ability to be an effective team member.
- Demonstrated ability to self-manage work activities and impart professional knowledge to environmental health colleagues.
- Demonstrated commitment to continually developing environmental health practice knowledge and expertise.

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