



Job Description Form

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00003920, Chief Veterinary Officer

Position details

Classification / Level: Specified Calling Level 5

Award agreement: PSGOGA

Organisational unit: Livestock Biosecurity

Physical location: South Perth

Reporting relationships

Number of positions supervised: 0

Supervisor

Position number: 20010081

Position title: Director

Classification / Level: Specified Calling Level 5

Key work description

This section provides a brief summary of the key functions of the position.

At a very high professional level, using independent judgment within generally directed programs, provides national and State leadership, and strategic and operational advice on activities to enhance outcomes in relation to quarantine, border control, surveillance, and animal disease control and eradication, and provides leadership and relevant expertise to other Department programs and related industries.

Organisational context

The Department of Agriculture and Food leads the economic development of the agriculture and food sector in Western Australia.

We support the success of our state's agrifood businesses through services and partnerships that help drive the growth and transformation of industries. We also safeguard our state's precious natural resources.

We are a dynamic organisation with a strong focus on innovation and collaboration. Our strategic links with businesses and government organisations in WA, Australia and overseas allow us to create value and opportunities across supply chains, including through improved markets and trade.

Our state-wide network of dedicated and talented staff work professionally and with integrity. We listen to and support our clients and partners to help deliver meaningful results to industry, government and the community.

Work description

This section outlines the results and outcomes required.

As a conscientious, professional, constructive, cooperative and effective team member:

Animal Health Policy and other relevant working groups.

Carries out statutory responsibilities under relevant legislation, including those of the Chief Inspector of Stock, Chief Veterinary Officer and Chief Veterinary Surgeon

Represents Western Australia on the national Animal Health Committee (AHC), and the Consultative Committee on Emergency Animal Diseases (CCEAD) and their working groups.

Provides strategic and operational advice in relation to quarantine, border control, surveillance, animal disease control and eradication.

Oversees, implements or provides advice to emergency responses, in liaison with the Director, Livestock Biosecurity and Project Managers and other relevant staff, agencies and industry.

Maintains national communications in relation to disease status and implements specific national animal health programs for which the Chief Veterinary Officer is responsible.

Prepares and coordinates responses to the Minister and to peak national policy committees including the council of Ministers (AGMIN), the committee of CEOs (AGSOC), National Biosecurity Committee (NBC), Animal Health Australia (AHA) and industry organisations.

Oversees the regulatory aspects of animal disease prevention and control Projects, provides leadership and expert advice to projects and other organisations, Departments and industry.

Reviews and makes recommendations on legislation, and develops and processes new legislation or amendments to relevant legislation.

Is the Department member on the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Western Australia.

Briefs and consults with overseas veterinary delegations

General

Develops and maintains effective relationships with relevant staff, stakeholders, industry groups, national stakeholders and agribusiness.

Applies risk management to all business processes.

Contributes leadership, knowledge and relevant expertise to other Department programs, and to Department and interagency committees and working groups.

Maintains professional veterinary expertise acumen and knowledge through continual learning and development.

Contributes to ongoing learning within the Department, associated organisations and related industries.

Provides veterinary and professional leadership within DAFWA.

Applies the guidelines and principles of the Western Australian Public Sector Code of Ethics and the Departments Code of Conduct.

Applies strategies and procedures to minimise Occupational Health and Safety risks and to improve staff welfare.

Other duties as required.

Work related requirements

This section outlines the mix of pre-employment requirements and competencies required of an individual in this position. The following is to be read in the context of the preceding sections of this document.

ESSENTIAL PRE-EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

Australian citizenship or permanent resident of Australia as defined by the Commonwealth Immigration Act (if not currently held, must be acquired prior to commencement at applicants expense for permanent appointment). For appointment on a casual or fixed term basis a relevant work visa must be held (if not currently held, must be acquired prior to commencement at applicants expense) if not an Australian citizenship or permanent resident of Australia.

A degree in Veterinary Science or approved equivalent, registrable in Western Australia

Western Australian C (car) class motor drivers license, or equivalent (if not currently held, must be acquired prior to commencement at applicants expense).

An acceptable National Police Certificate (police clearance), or approved equivalent is required (if not currently held, must be acquired prior to commencement at applicants expense).

CORE ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

The successful applicant will have excellent judgment, leadership, written and verbal communication, interpersonal, relationship and management skills.

Context: The position is required to apply excellent judgment on complex matters related to the development and conduct of national and State animal disease prevention, control and eradication programs, including emergency animal disease responses. A Post graduate training in veterinary epidemiology and / or veterinary public health would be advantageous.

The successful applicant will have a strong results oriented approach to animal health program management. The applicant will have a proven high level ability to identify, promote and implement constructive change to the benefit of animal health program outcomes. The applicant will have demonstrated knowledge of the livestock and allied industries and of legislation relevant to the protection and enhancement of animal health and welfare.

The successful applicant will have demonstrated ability to effectively build and maintain relationships and consult collaboratively with a wide range of stakeholders to achieve positive outcomes.

Note:

Consideration may be given to your alignment to the value sets and needs of the Department, workgroup, customer and community.

Special equipment/requirements

Certification

Signature:

Date: