



Principal Economist

Classification	Level 7
Position number	00030071
Business unit	Economic
Directorate	Economic and Revenue Forecasting
Award and Agreement	Public Service Award 1992 and relevant Public Sector CSA Agreement

About us

The Department

The Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) is at the centre of Government decision-making. As the principal economic and financial advisor, we provide leadership and strategic advice and influence to support the delivery of services and outcomes for the benefit of Western Australia.

What we do is integral to the Government's decision-making processes about where and how to spend taxpayer's money to ensure Western Australians have access to quality services on a financially sustainable basis.

We lead procurement and leverage our buying power to secure products and services for government, achieving value for money for WA.

We collect revenue to fund government services and administer payment of grants and subsidies to the WA community.

The Directorate

The [Economic and Revenue Forecasting Directorate](#) monitors and analyses economic conditions in Western Australia, its key trading partners and commodity markets. It forecasts key economic aggregates, as well as tax and mining revenues (accounting for around half of total revenue) for the State.

The role

Key responsibilities

The **Principal Economist** is primarily responsible for:

- preparing and coordinating economic forecasts and providing advice using a range of models and analytical techniques applied to data from diverse sources;
- consulting with experts from other agencies, companies, and the private sector to inform analysis and recommendations; and
- working both independently and collaboratively as part of a broader team, while also mentoring and supporting other team members.

Key duties

- Leads the preparation, co-ordination and presentation of more complex evidence-based advice and forecasts on economic conditions, commodity markets and revenue trends.
- Undertakes research and analysis of quantitative and qualitative data to assess information, identifying trends and develop an evidence base for decision making.
- Writes briefing notes on data releases as well on reports and analysis released by other organisations.
- Uses and develops data sources and models (including using spreadsheets and/or quantitative and statistical tools) for analysis and/or forecasting.
- Works collaboratively with other parts of DTF and external stakeholders to prepare forecasts and provide advice to Government.
- Actively participates in the Business Unit's industry consultation program by identifying and regularly meeting with key industry stakeholders and incorporating feedback into advice to Executive and Government.
- Manages, supervises and/or shares knowledge to develop other team members to achieve organisational outcomes.
- Exhibits accountability, professional integrity and respect consistent with DTF's values, Code of Conduct and the Public Sector Code of Ethics.
- Undertakes other duties as required.

Key requirements

Core competencies

The five core capabilities below, which form part of [Capability Framework](#), articulate the desired behaviours and skills required for successful performance in the role. Each capability is supported by a set of behavioural indicators. You will need to ensure that you consider and demonstrate the behavioural indicators relevant to the classification level and within the context of the role.

1. Shapes and manages strategy
2. Achieves results
3. Builds productive relationships
4. Displays personal drive and integrity
5. Communicates and influences effectively

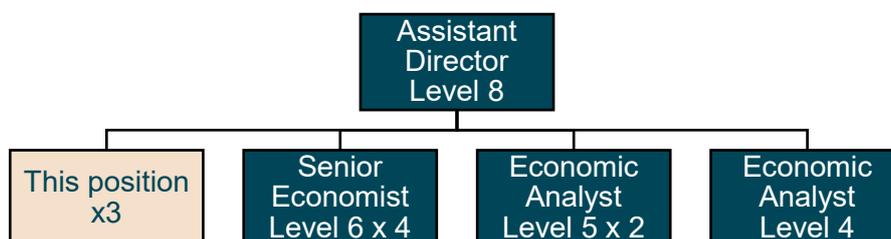
Essential role-specific requirements

1. Extensive experience in preparing and presenting evidence-based advice on relevant economic and/or revenue issues.
2. Demonstrated experience in developing time-series models and techniques to analyse and forecast economic and/or revenue aggregates.
3. Ability to lead, manage and mentors others in meeting team objectives.
4. Degree in economics, econometrics or similarly relevant discipline and/or cumulative relevant experience.

Desirable role-specific requirements

Nil

Reporting relationships



Certification

The details contained in this document are an accurate statement of the key responsibilities, duties and other requirements of the position.

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