



Principal Advisor

Classification	Level 7
Position number	00030847
Business unit	Economic
Directorate	Economic Policy
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 Policy directorate](#) develops economic strategies and policies, advances economic reforms, drives better regulation across the State's public sector, and undertakes economic modelling and in-depth economic impact analysis. Economic Policy also manages DTF's economic engagement program to gain valuable insights from industry and research organisations on emerging economic issues.



The role

Key responsibilities

The **Principal Advisor** is part of the Better Regulation Unit within the Economic Reform team and is primarily responsible for:

- driving best practice regulation development and review across the public sector, consistent with the framework underpinning the Western Australian Government's Better Regulation Program; and
- assessing and evaluating regulatory proposals from public sector agencies to identify whether they are likely to have significant economic impacts and whether advice to the Government adequately captures their likely costs and benefits.

Key duties

- Works collaboratively and proactively with external stakeholders, including public sector agencies, to promote, lead and drive the Better Regulation Program and enhance engagement across the sector.
- Provides high quality advice to public sector agencies on regulatory proposals to ensure the requirements of the Better Regulation Program are being met.
- Builds regulatory capability across the public sector, including facilitating workshops and/or partnering with agencies to assist in developing and designing regulatory proposals that support improved economic and social outcomes.
- Contributes to the broader reform work of the Economic Reform team as relevant, including work on National Competition Policy and productivity reforms.
- Prepares briefing notes, presentations and responses to correspondence on regulatory reform and related issues.
- Prepares, maintains or updates regulatory guidance material for public sector agencies.
- Participates in, and represents, the Directorate, Business Unit and DTF on internal/external committees and/or working groups.
- 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, part of the [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. Build productive relationships
4. Displays personal drive and integrity
5. Communicates and influences effectively

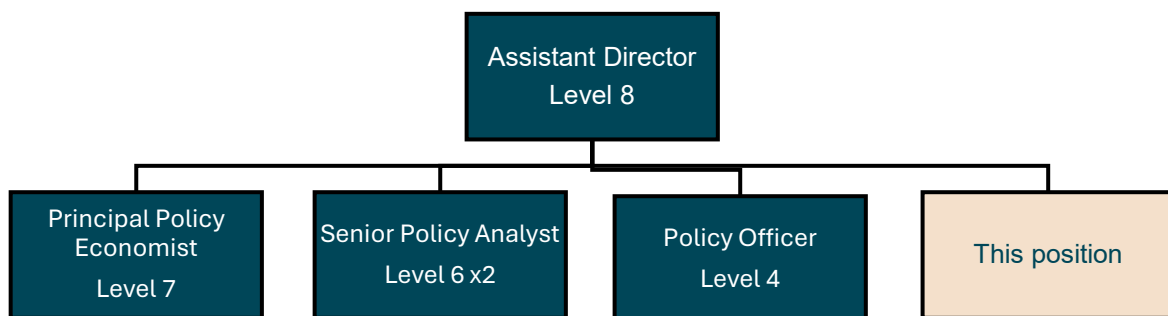
Essential role-specific requirements

1. Demonstrated experience in considering the economic impacts of policy and regulatory proposals.
2. Understanding of best practice design, development and/or review of regulatory proposals.

Desirable role-specific requirements

1. Relevant Bachelor degree or post-graduate qualification (for example, but not limited to Economics, Law or Public Policy).

Reporting relationships





Certification

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

Assistant Director, People and Culture 11/06/2026
