# OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION FORM



Our operations and professional relationships are built on the foundation of independence exercised with integrity and objectivity. In achieving our purpose of serving the public interest, we will act in a way that values:

**Integrity** – We conduct our business in an independent, professional and ethical manner. We apply an open, honest and fair approach to our stakeholders.

**Quality** – We provide credible work that makes a difference. We take pride in our work and strive to deliver above expectations, using continuous improvement opportunities to improve our efficiency and effectiveness. **Respect** – We value the contribution of our people, clients and the community, and encourage a collaborative approach to our work.

Our Office is committed to the highest standards of corporate governance - managing our resources, managing our people and managing our relationships as befits a leader in public sector audit.

Position Title		
Principal Performance Auditor		
Effective Date	Position Number	Level
May 2019	Generic	Level 6
Program	Business Unit	Salaries Agreement/Award
Performance Audit	Performance Audit	PSGO(CSA)GA
Reports to	Other positions reporting to Director may include	
Director Performance Audit	Associate Directors, Principal Performance Auditors and Senior Performance Auditors	

#### **Performance Audit**

Performance audits provide Parliament with information and analyses public sector program and operational performance, recommending opportunities for improvement when appropriate. Controls, compliance and accountability audits provide Parliament with information about entity compliance with legislation, public sector policies and accepted good practice.

# **Improving Public Sector Performance**

The role of the Auditor General is not simply about ensuring public money is spent according to the rules - it is also about ensuring that the community receives value for its tax dollars. Performance audits are comprehensive examinations of government activities to ensure they are both efficient and effective. These audits do not question the objectives of government programs, but focus on whether stated objectives; and regulatory, financial and administrative compliance and performance standards are being met. Ultimately they deliver reports to Parliament detailing findings, identifying matters of significance and making recommendations for changes that will improve public sector performance.

By highlighting examples of good practice in these reports, Parliament is better informed in assessing government performance. To make sure performance audits are adding value to government activities, the business unit conducts follow-up reviews of selected examinations usually 2 years after the original report. Most OAG recommendations are accepted and implemented by government.

# Role of this position

 project team member leading and conducting performance audits of complex government programs, services and activities.

#### **Essential Qualifications**

1. Relevant tertiary qualification and/or relevant experience

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### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS POSITION**

Principal Performance Auditors work in project teams contributing to independent broad scope performance audits of complex government programs, services and activities. They work with minimal direction of project leaders and assist in planning future performance auditing.

#### **Performance audits**

- plan and conduct comprehensive research and analysis of qualitative and quantitative information
- develop findings based on sound evidence and analysis
- prepare draft reports of audits
- liaisie and negotiate with external stakeholders
- attend and present meetings internally and externally and conduct interviews to gain information
- provide advice to senior team members and management on audit conduct
- monitor/manage audits within agreed budgets and timelines.

### Business unit management, planning and policy

- · contribute to/plan future performance audits
- conduct preliminary data collection and analysis
- provide advice to management about factors impacting public sector performance.

#### Other duties

- represent the office at external events and committees.
- undertakes other duties and special projects as directed.

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### **Essential Capabilities**

These reflect the specialist technical and leadership capabilities of the position.

### **ESSENTIAL - Technical**

- Demonstrated strong research and analytical skills, using qualitative and quantitative information.
- Demonstrated high level experience in report writing and interview skills.
- Experience in delivering time and budget-based outcomes in a project/small team environment.
- Understanding of auditing principles, methodologies and standards.

## **ESSENTIAL - Leadership**

### **Managing operations**

- Demonstrates a sense of purpose and direction
- Able to link operational activities to team and Business Unit objectives
- Harnesses information
- Shows sound judgement, intelligence and common sense

#### **Achieving results**

- Contributes to organisational skill and responsiveness
- Utilises professional expertise
- · Accepts and implements change
- · Delivers intended results

### **Building productive relationships**

- Maintains internal and external relationships
- Facilitates team cooperation
- Values differences and diversity
- Supports and develops people operationally
- Exemplifying personal integrity and self-awareness

## Demonstrates public service professionalism and probity

- Identifies risk and proactively responds
- Commits to action
- Displays resilience
- Demonstrates self awareness and a commitment to personal development

## Communicating and influencing effectively and respectfully

- Communicates clearly
- Listens, understands and adapts to audience
- Negotiates persuasively

## Head Office is in Perth CBD.

Work locations include metro, outer metro and intrastate client locations.

Travel allowances paid for intrastate travel.

## CERTIFICATION

The details in this document are an accurate statement of the responsibilities and requirements of this position.				
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