



Principal Consultant – Practical Examinations Examination Logistics

Position number	00037461
Agreement	Public Sector CSA Agreement 2022 or as replaced
Classification	Level 7
Reports to	Manager - Examination Logistics (Level 8)
Direct reports	Senior Consultant – Examinations (Practical) x2 (Level 6)

Context

The School Curriculum and Standards Division provides administrative and secretariat services for, and implements the decisions of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority). The Authority provides quality curriculum, assessment and standards to enable all Western Australian students to become confident, creative learners and active, informed citizens who contribute positively to society.

The Examinations, Certification and Testing (ECT) Directorate is responsible for:

- implementing the logistics for the delivery of Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) course examinations
- implementing the logistics for the delivery of Externally Set Tasks (EST)
- developing and maintaining strategies to acknowledge student performance including the development of online exam structures
- designing, implementing and evaluating educational measurement activities in Years 11 and 12, including the moderation of external assessment activities
- implementing the logistics for the delivery of National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) across Western Australia
- designing, developing and analysing tests, and implementing the logistics for the delivery of the literacy and numeracy assessments of the Online Literacy Numeracy Assessment (OLNA)
- ensuring that data is of the highest integrity and that it is collected, assured, analysed and reported within all required timelines
- ensuring that there is a strong interface between schools and the Authority for the purpose of data transferal
- managing all reporting requirements for the Authority and assuring the efficacy of any data reported to stakeholders.

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Key responsibilities

- Develop, implement and review procedures relating to designated Year 12 ATAR course practical examinations (performance, oral, portfolio and production), and Interstate Language examinations and the quality assurance of language eligibility.
- Manage organisation of designated practical examinations, including allocation of courses to staff, marking venues and the procurement and distribution of all materials required for the ATAR course practical examinations and Interstate Language examinations.
- Provide line management to the Senior Consultant– Examinations (Practical), ensuring the efficient and accurate organisation, conduct and marking of ATAR course practical examinations.
- Prepare personalised examination timetables for performance and oral examinations and Interstate Language examinations, and liaise with the interstate assessment agencies regarding the arrangements for the borrowing of the language examinations.
- Manage processes for collection and recording of data required from interstate assessment bodies, schools and candidates for the conduct and marking of Interstate Language examinations.
- Manage training of contract personnel (supervisors, chief markers and markers) and casual staff relating to the conduct of practical and Interstate Language examinations.
- Manage marking process for the practical examinations, and liaise with chief markers on matters relating to the marking.
- Collate and process practical examination materials, including recording of candidates' marks.
- Manage processes for collection and recording of data required from schools and candidates for the conduct of the practical examinations.
- Disseminate information relating to the conduct and marking of practical examinations and interstate language examinations to schools and students, supervisors, chief markers and markers and other relevant parties.
- Assist with the breach of examination rules process for practical examinations.
- Review, develop and implement procedures for ensuring the integrity of the database for the processing of practical examination results.
- Review examination materials and processes to improve the efficiency of the practical examinations in collaboration with chief markers and other Authority staff.
- Write documents, reports, briefing papers, and other written material related to the ATAR course practical examinations.
- Assist with ATAR course written examinations, and exhibition and award activities of the branch, including conducting visits to examination centres, processing examination results, carrying out integrity checks on examination data, and other post-examination processes.
- Collate and edit reports from chief markers and prepare summary reports.
- Coordinate the Authority's annual awards Exhibition and Awards ceremony
- Monitor and manage staff leave entitlements to ensure accrued leave is cleared within a reasonable timeframe and in accordance with relevant awards, agreements and Department policy.
- Manage staff performance in accordance with Public Sector Performance Management Standard and internal policy.
- Maintain effective records and Year 12 ATAR course information databases in accordance with the Department's record keeping policy.

Selection criteria

1. Demonstrated extensive knowledge and understanding of assessment and curriculum in the context of the Western Australian Certificate of Education and Year 12 ATAR course examinations.
2. Demonstrated highly-developed project management skills, including demonstrated experience in planning, monitoring, reviewing, evaluating and reporting on complex projects.
3. Demonstrated highly developed organisational skills with a proven ability to deliver outcomes on schedule in a demanding environment and within tight timeframes.
4. Demonstrated ability to provide leadership and work collaboratively to manage a range of complex projects and issues.
5. Demonstrated highly developed communication and interpersonal skills, including experience in undertaking high-level consultations, collaborations and negotiations.

Eligibility and training requirements

Employees will be required to:

- hold a relevant tertiary qualification or equivalent substantial experience
- consent to a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check and obtain a current Screening Clearance Number issued by the Department of education's Screening Unit prior to commencement of employment
- obtain or hold a current Working with Children Check
- complete the Department's induction program within 3 months of commencement
- complete any training specific to this role required by Departmental policy
- complete the Department's training in Accountable and Ethical Decision-Making within 6 months of appointment, and every 3 years thereafter
- complete the Department's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural awareness online course within 3 months of commencement.

Certification

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

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