

Graduate Solicitor Pool

Attorney-General's Department (AGD)

With over 1,700 staff, the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) forms an important portfolio within the South Australian Government. AGD provides high-level legal services and advice to Ministers and agencies across the whole of government, specialist policy advice, regulation and compliance, and direct service delivery to the public.

The AGD's vision is one of an inclusive, safe and fair South Australia. The AGD strives to promote justice through protecting rights and holding people to account according to the law, improving safety, and contributing to an efficient and fair justice system.

The Attorney-General's Department is an equal opportunity employer committed to providing a working environment that embraces and values diversity and inclusion.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and people with disability are strongly encouraged to apply.

We are committed to making reasonable adjustments to provide a positive, barrier-free recruitment process and supportive workplace. If you have any support or access requirements, we encourage you to advise us at the time of application via the contact below or our website <https://www.agd.sa.gov.au/>.

The South Australian public sector supports flexible ways of working including part-time working arrangements wherever reasonably possible. The sector is diverse and desires to increase in diversity and to create opportunities for more South Australians.

Crown Solicitor's Office

The Crown Solicitor's Office, through the Attorney-General, provides legal services to government, Ministers, agencies and departments including legal advice, representation before courts and tribunals, negotiating commercial contracts, drafting and production of legal documents, counsel for the conduct of summary prosecutions and Magistrate's appeals, native title claim management, land conveyancing and investigation services.

For more information, please visit <https://www.agd.sa.gov.au/justice-system/crown-solicitors-office>

Employment is dependent upon a National Police Certificate clearance that the AGD finds satisfactory. Successful applicants will be provided with further information if an interview is requested.



Job Application Guide

This guide is formulated to assist you when applying for roles with the Attorney-General's Department (AGD).

A job application is often the first contact the selection panel has of you. As the application informs the panels' decision to short list applicants for an interview, it is important to ensure that you adequately address your suitability for the role.

Your application **must** include a **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** and a **Cover Letter**.

Additional information/ documentation to support your application are not required beyond these documents, unless outlined in the job advertisement instructions.

The **Cover Letter** should be clear and concise (2 pages maximum). The name of the role, vacancy number and where it was advertised needs to be clearly stated. Discuss your employment background, reasons for applying for the role and why you believe you would be suited to the team/organisation (refer to tips for addressing your role suitability).

Curriculum Vitae (to include the following):

- Name, address, contact number and email address;
- Educational/qualification details;
- Employment history (including responsibilities and achievements);
- Relevant experiences;
- Three current referees (include their role title/address/contact number- one of which should be your current or immediate supervisor/manager).

NOTE: The **Pre-Employment Declaration** (provided on page 3) will only need to be completed if invited to attend an interview for the role.

Tips for addressing your role suitability

- It is vital that you demonstrate that you have the essential technical expertise outlined as required for the role and where possible that you have the desirable technical expertise;
- If one of the requirements is knowledge, it can be useful to demonstrate this by briefly discussing the topic and how your knowledge has been applied in your work.
- Whilst some areas may require greater explanation than others, be as succinct as possible;
- Use relevant examples of how these have been demonstrated in the past (and how they directly relate to the responsibilities/duties of the role);
- Your ability to meet several requirements can be demonstrated in one example.



NOTE: The **Pre-Employment Declaration** (provided below) will only need to be completed if invited to attend an interview for the role.

DECLARATION IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SECTOR

You must answer all of the following questions fully and truthfully.
Attach additional pages as necessary.

Please print details:

I
(name in full)

of
(physical address (not post office box))

declare as follows:

I am an applicant for the role of
(name of role)

in the
(name of agency)

Tick the appropriate box:

MEDICAL AND/OR DISABILITY:

The following question is designed to assist in ensuring you are fit to perform the duties of the role you have applied for; in ascertaining if any reasonable workplace adjustments are required in order for you to perform the inherent requirements of the role; and to assist the Crown and responsible officers of the Crown in meeting obligations under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*.

This question is important to assist public sector agencies to implement workplace diversity initiatives.

1. Do you currently have any disability (including learning disability) or medical condition which might prevent or impede you from being able to satisfactorily perform any duties or functions that might be reasonably required of you in the role for which you have applied?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

If yes or unsure, please provide details (please include details of any assistance/adjustments that may reasonably be required so that you can perform the inherent requirements of the role.

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Please note, you may be required to participate in a medical and/or functional capacity assessment in order to assist in assessing your suitability to be offered employment in the role and South Australian public sector.



If you do not agree to participate, you will not be further considered to receive an offer of employment.

CRIMINAL HISTORY:

Public sector employees are under significant ethical obligations, in assessing whether it is appropriate to offer you employment in the South Australian public sector. It is important to consider your suitability by reference to those ethical obligations including by having regard to your character and prior conduct. The following questions are important in assisting to assess your suitability to be offered employment in the South Australian public sector.

2. Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offence, including road traffic offences not resolved by expiation?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Note: Spent Convictions

You are not required to divulge information about a spent conviction. A spent conviction is a criminal conviction that lapses either immediately or after a period of time pursuant to the provisions of the *Spent Convictions Act 2009*.

- 2.1 Are you currently facing criminal charges that are yet to be determined?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

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- 2.2 Have you undergone Criminal History Screening and/or other relevant background history assessments/screening in the last 3 years?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please append the results of such screening or assessment/s.

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Note:

In addition to this declaration, you may be asked to agree to Criminal History or other background history screening or assessment. You will not be further considered for an offer of employment in the South Australian public sector if you do not agree to participate in such history or other background screening or assessment.

If you are offered and accept employment in the South Australian public sector, it will be a condition of such employment that you agree to periodic history or background screening or assessment.



EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

The following questions are also designed to assist in assessing your suitability to be employed in the South Australian public sector with regard to the significant ethical obligations on public sector employees.

3. Has your employment been terminated by any organisation, including a South Australian public sector agency, for any reason?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

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- 3.1 Have you ever been found to have committed misconduct or otherwise performed your duties unsatisfactorily in previous employment?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

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- 3.2 Are you currently the subject of an investigation or any other process relating to suspected or alleged misconduct or other unsatisfactory performance by you?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

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VOLUNTARY SEPARATION AND REDEMPTION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION ENTITLEMENTS:

4. Have you ever received any voluntary early retirement or voluntary separation package from employment in the South Australian public sector?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details of resignation date and name of agency/authority issuing retirement/separation package. Please attach additional pages if necessary.



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Note: the term “public sector” means any agency or instrumentality of the Crown in right of the State of South Australia and includes any public sector corporation that is in existence or which is established by or under any Act.

- 4.1 Have you ever received any payment, involving your resignation from employment in the South Australian public sector upon the redemption of workers compensation entitlements?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide details of resignation date and name of agency/authority issuing retirement/separation package. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

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ELIGIBILITY TO WORK IN AUSTRALIA:

5. Are currently eligible to work in Australia?

Yes, I am a permanent resident/citizen ☐

Yes, I have a current work permit/Visa - Please provide a copy of any current work permit or Visa ☐

No ☐

WORKPLACE DIVERSITY:

6. The SA public sector is committed to increasing employment opportunities for Aboriginal people at all levels within the South Australian public sector.

Do you identify with being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes ☐ No ☐

DECLARATION:

I declare that the information in this declaration and in any other documents completed by me and/or any other statement made by me in support of my application for employment in the South Australian public sector, and the information provided by me in connection with my application for employment in the South Australian public sector, including in any interview, is true and correct in every detail.



DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

I acknowledge that if I am employed in the public sector either in the role for which I have been offered or in any other role, I may, during the course of that employment, gain access to confidential information. Detailed provisions regarding disclosure of confidential information are contained in relevant public sector legislation, regulations, determinations, guidelines and industrial instruments. Without detracting from such sources, unless such information is clearly not of a confidential nature, and unless I am expressly advised to the contrary by someone with requisite authority, policy or as required by law all information I gain access to as a public sector employee is to be treated as confidential. The expression "confidential information" as used in this declaration means all information which must be treated as being of a confidential nature. I understand that I must not disclose or make use of that confidential information, during or after that employment, except in the proper course of my duties and/or with requisite authority and/or otherwise according to law. In particular, I undertake not to use any confidential information gained by virtue of any public sector employment, with the intent of securing a benefit for myself, any person, company or any future employer. In any case where I am in doubt as to whether information gained during employment in the South Australian public sector is confidential and/or how such information should be managed. I undertake to seek advice and instruction from a supervisor or manager.

POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I undertake that if I am employed in the public sector either in the role for which I have been offered or in any other role, I will not engage in any external or private activities which will result in a conflict or potential conflict of interest with any of my duties as a public sector employee. I am aware that detailed provisions regarding conflict of interest and disclosure of conflict of interest are contained in relevant public sector legislation, and guidelines. Without detracting from such sources, in any case where there is possible doubt regarding a potential conflict of interest, I undertake to seek advice and instruction from a supervisor or manager.

EMPLOYMENT BASED ON PROVISION OF TRUE AND CORRECT INFORMATION

I understand that if I am offered employment in the public sector it has been made on the basis that the information that I have provided in connection with my application for employment is true and correct in every detail. I understand that any false statement made in connection with my application for employment in the South Australian public sector - which will include information withheld or incomplete - may lead to a rejection of my application from employment, or, in the event that I am employed or continue employment in the South Australian public sector, will amount to misconduct and render me liable to disciplinary action, including termination of employment.

Applicant's name, printed:

Applicant's signature:

Date: