

Attorney-General's Department Job Application Guide

Thank you for your interest in applying for the advertised vacancy within the Attorney General's Office (AGD). The following information is provided to assist you in submitting your application for the role.

About the Attorney-General's Department

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 AGD supports the value of creating a diverse workforce which includes people with disabilities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people that identify as LGBTIQ+, and older workers.

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.

The South Australian public sector supports flexible ways of working including part-time working arrangements wherever reasonably possible.

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.



Applying for a vacancy

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.

Download and read the Job & Person Specification carefully. If you have any questions relating to the role, or wish to gain further information, please contact the **enquiries person** as listed in the job advertisement.

Unless the job advertisement specifies otherwise, the following information is required when applying for a vacancy in AGD:

- A **Cover Letter** addressing the criteria of the role. 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). Cover letters should be clear and concise (2 pages maximum unless stated otherwise in the job advertisement).
- A **Curriculum Vitae** with the names and contact details of 3 referees (preferably including your current manager)

NOTE: A **Pre-Employment Declaration** 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.

AGD's Leadership Approach

These are the expectations of leadership across our organisation, across the central themes of self-awareness, trust and teamwork



...are self
aware

Reflect and adapt

Seek feedback - about yourself and your own performance from staff/peers/manager/client
Understand yourself - what are your own strengths, unconscious biases and areas for development?
Know your impact on others - how own behaviour is received by others? How do others react to you?
Be flexible - adjust your own behaviour/style to suit others' needs



...build
trust

Understand and
support

Listen - to others
Create connection and belonging - get to know employees as a worker and person; understand how people feel valued
Empower employees to make decisions - involve them in decision making
Be fair and consistent - follow through on your commitments to avoid disappointment
Show empathy, care and consideration - be aware and supportive of personal/wellbeing needs



...build
teams

Communicate
openly and honestly

Set clear direction and expectations
Promote and role model ethical behaviour - be intolerant of incivility
Be transparent - explain the why not just how and what of a task/change/decision
Provide regular, timely feedback - to encourage growth and development
Be open - share your own thoughts and ideas and encourage others to do the same without consequence