

Role Description

Project Officer



Cluster	Communities & Justice
Department/Agency	Department Communities & Justice / Homes NSW
Division/Branch/Unit	Housing Portfolio / Portfolio Management (Assets)
Classification/Grade/Band	Administration & Clerical Grade 7/8
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Agency overview

The NSW Government is determined to make NSW a place where everyone has access to safe and secure housing, and where experiences of homelessness are rare, brief and non-recurring.

Homes NSW is a division of the Department of Communities and Justice. It brings together the housing and homelessness functions of the Department of Communities and Justice, the NSW Land and Housing Corporation, Aboriginal Housing Office and key worker housing functions from across government all under one roof.

Homes NSW leads work to deliver more social and affordable housing, end the cycle of homelessness, and deliver quality public housing to our 262,000 tenants across NSW.

As a single division, we are streamlining services to ensure we meet the needs of the people we support, with empathy, efficiency and effectiveness. We are elevating the voice of people with lived experience of social housing, housing services and homelessness.

We strive for excellence in service delivery and partner with all levels of government, sector and communities to address the housing crisis.

Most importantly, Homes NSW puts people at the heart – including our staff. Working for us means you are joining a division where your expertise and skills will be valued.

Primary purpose of the role

The Project Officer performs project management and support activities to contribute to the development and delivery of a range of projects in line with established objectives.

Key accountabilities

- Provide a range of project management and support services, including preparation of reports and briefs, coordinating resources, maintaining project documentation and implementing and monitoring project plans, to ensure project outcomes are achieved on time, on budget, to quality standards and within agreed scope, in line with established agency project management methodology.
- Prepare and maintain project documentation for reporting, monitoring and evaluation purposes to ensure accessibility of quality information and contribute to the achievement of project outcomes.

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- Communicate with key stakeholders and coordinate working groups, committees and consultations to facilitate exchange of information and support project completion in line with project plans.
- Source, collate and compile data and information to identify emerging issues and track and report on project progress against established milestones and deliverables.
- Undertake research and analysis, identifying trends and preparing project briefs, to support informed decision-making and planning.

Key challenges

- Delivering a range of project management and support services, given tight deadlines, limited resources and the need to manage competing priorities.
- Establishing and maintaining collaborative working relationships with business partners given competing demands and expectations.

Key relationships

Internal

Who	Why
Line Manager	• Receive guidance, exchange information and provide advice.
Project Team Members	• Collaborate on data management and analysis.
Business Partners	• Consult, advise, provide update on the status of assigned tasks and deliver reports and information in a timely manner.

Role dimensions

Decision making

Accountable for the delivery of assigned projects on time and at or below budget and for the quality, integrity and accuracy of advice provided.

The ability to exercise delegations are subject to:

- restrictions outlined in the delegation schedule and/or guidelines.
- any direction, policy or procedure provided from your reporting officer (or higher) restricting your use of delegations.

Reporting line

Line Manager.

Direct reports

Up to six.

Budget/Expenditure

This is a general financial limit and does not apply to every delegation. Refer to the Financial Delegations on the Housing Portfolio intranet.

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Key knowledge and experience

- Nil.

Essential requirements

- Tertiary qualifications in a related discipline and/or equivalent knowledge, skills, and experience with demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development.

Capabilities for the role

The [NSW public sector capability framework](#) describes the capabilities (knowledge, skills and abilities) needed to perform a role. There are four main groups of capabilities: personal attributes, relationships, results and business enablers, with a fifth people management group of capabilities for roles with managerial responsibilities. These groups, combined with capabilities drawn from occupation-specific capability sets where relevant, work together to provide an understanding of the capabilities needed for the role.

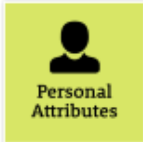
The capabilities are separated into focus capabilities and complementary capabilities

Focus capabilities

Focus capabilities are the capabilities considered the most important for effective performance of the role. These capabilities will be assessed at recruitment.

The focus capabilities for this role are shown below with a brief explanation of what each capability covers and the indicators describing the types of behaviours expected at each level.

Focus capabilities

Capability group/sets	Capability name	Behavioural indicators	Level
	Manage Self Show drive and motivation, an ability to self-reflect and a commitment to learning	• Keep up to date with relevant contemporary knowledge and practices • Look for and take advantage of opportunities to learn new skills and develop strengths • Show commitment to achieving challenging goals • Examine and reflect on own performance • Seek and respond positively to constructive feedback and guidance • Demonstrate and maintain a high level of personal motivation	Adept

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	Communicate Effectively Communicate clearly, actively listen to others, and respond with understanding and respect	• Tailor communication to diverse audiences • Clearly explain complex concepts and arguments to individuals and groups • Create opportunities for others to be heard, listen attentively and encourage them to express their views • Share information across teams and units to enable informed decision making • Write fluently in plain English and in a range of styles and formats • Use contemporary communication channels to share information, engage and interact with diverse audiences	Adept
	Work Collaboratively Collaborate with others and value their contribution	• Encourage a culture that recognises the value of collaboration • Build cooperation and overcome barriers to information sharing and communication across teams and units • Share lessons learned across teams and units • Identify opportunities to leverage the strengths of others to solve issues and develop better processes and approaches to work • Actively use collaboration tools, including digital technologies, to engage diverse audiences in solving problems and improving services	Adept
	Influence and Negotiate Gain consensus and commitment from others, and resolve issues and conflicts	• Negotiate from an informed and credible position • Lead and facilitate productive discussions with staff and stakeholders • Encourage others to talk, share and debate ideas to achieve a consensus • Recognise diverse perspectives and the need for compromise in negotiating mutually agreed outcomes • Influence others with a fair and considered approach and sound arguments • Show sensitivity and understanding in resolving conflicts and differences • Manage challenging relationships with internal and external stakeholders • Anticipate and minimise conflict	Adept

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Deliver Results

Achieve results through the efficient use of resources and a commitment to quality outcomes

- Use own and others' expertise to achieve outcomes, and take responsibility for delivering intended outcomes
- Make sure staff understand expected goals and acknowledge staff success in achieving these
- Identify resource needs and ensure goals are achieved within set budgets and deadlines
- Use business data to evaluate outcomes and inform continuous improvement
- Identify priorities that need to change and ensure the allocation of resources meets new business needs
- Ensure that the financial implications of changed priorities are explicit and budgeted for

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Think and Solve Problems

Think, analyse and consider the broader context to develop practical solutions

- Research and apply critical-thinking techniques in analysing information, identify interrelationships and make recommendations based on relevant evidence
- Anticipate, identify and address issues and potential problems that may have an impact on organisational objectives and the user experience
- Apply creative-thinking techniques to generate new ideas and options to address issues and improve the user experience
- Seek contributions and ideas from people with diverse backgrounds and experience
- Participate in and contribute to team or unit initiatives to resolve common issues or barriers to effectiveness
- Identify and share business process improvements to enhance effectiveness

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Project Management

Understand and apply effective planning, coordination and control methods

- Understand all components of the project management process, including the need to consider change management to realise business benefits
- Prepare clear project proposals and accurate estimates of required costs and resources
- Establish performance outcomes and measures for key project goals, and define monitoring, reporting and communication requirements
- Identify and evaluate risks associated with the project and develop mitigation strategies
- Identify and consult stakeholders to inform the project strategy
- Communicate the project's objectives and its expected benefits
- Monitor the completion of project milestones against goals and take necessary action
- Evaluate progress and identify improvements to inform future projects

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Complementary capabilities

Complementary capabilities are also identified from the Capability Framework and relevant occupation-specific capability sets. They are important to identifying performance required for the role and development opportunities.

Note: capabilities listed as 'not essential' for this role are not relevant for recruitment purposes however may be relevant for future career development.

Capability group/sets	Capability name	Description	Level
	Display Resilience and Courage	Be open and honest, prepared to express your views, and willing to accept and commit to change	Adept
	Act with Integrity	Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values	Adept
	Value Diversity and Inclusion	Demonstrate inclusive behaviour and show respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives	Intermediate
	Commit to Customer Service	Provide customer-focused services in line with public sector and organisational objectives	Intermediate

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	Plan and Prioritise	Plan to achieve priority outcomes and respond flexibly to changing circumstances	Adept
	Demonstrate Accountability	Be proactive and responsible for own actions, and adhere to legislation, policy and guidelines	Intermediate
	Finance	Understand and apply financial processes to achieve value for money and minimise financial risk	Intermediate
	Technology	Understand and use available technologies to maximise efficiencies and effectiveness	Adept
	Procurement and Contract Management	Understand and apply procurement processes to ensure effective purchasing and contract performance	Intermediate