

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

*Industrial Relations Act 1999* - ss. 140G and 140GC - Variation of modern award  
ss. 140G(3)(a) and 140GC(2)(a) - Commission acting on its own initiative

**QUEENSLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES AWARD - STATE 2015**

**Matter No. MA/2016/20**

DEPUTY PRESIDENT O'CONNOR  
DEPUTY PRESIDENT SWAN  
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSIONER THOMPSON

5 December 2016

**DETERMINATION**

This matter coming on for hearing before the Commission at Brisbane on 5 December 2016 this Commission orders that the said Award be varied as follows as from 5 December 2016:

1. By deleting clause 1 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**1. Title**

This Award is known as the *Queensland Agricultural Colleges Award - State 2015*.

2. In clause 3:

- (a) By replacing the definition of "commission" which commences without a capital letter, wherever it may appear in the Award, so as to commence with a capital letter, in the manner shown below:

**Commission** means the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission

- (b) By deleting the definition of "rostered day off" and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**rostered day off** means:

- for an employee whose ordinary hours of duty are Monday to Friday: Saturday and Sunday
- for an employee whose ordinary hours of duty include a Saturday and/or Sunday: one of the two days each week, or four days each fortnight, that the employee is not rostered for duty in accordance with clause 15.1(f). Depending on the working arrangements, a Saturday and/or Sunday may also be a rostered day off

3. By deleting clause 4.2 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**4.2 Directives which apply to employees covered by this Award**

In addition to conditions of employment provided in this Award, Schedule 8 records those directives about specified matters which apply to employees covered by this Award by the operation of Schedule 3 of the *Public Service Regulation 2008*.

4. By deleting clause 5 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**5. The Queensland Employment Standards and this Award**

This Award together with the QES provide for a minimum safety net of enforceable conditions of employment for employees covered by this Award.

5. By deleting clauses 6.1(b) and (c) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (b) The consultative processes established in an enterprise in accordance with clause 6.1 may provide an appropriate mechanism for consideration of matters relevant to clause 6.1(a). Union delegates at the place of work may be involved in such discussions.
- (c) Any proposed genuine agreement reached between the employer and employees in an enterprise is contingent upon the agreement being submitted to the Commission in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Act and is to have no force or effect until approval is given.

6. By deleting clause 6.2 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

## **6.2 Procedures to implement facilitative award provisions**

Wherever facilitative provisions appear in this Award which allow for determination of the conditions of employment by agreement between the principal executive officer and the relevant union, or the principal executive officer and the majority of employees affected, the following procedures shall apply:

- (a) Facilitative award provisions can be negotiated between management and employees who are directly affected by such proposals or between management and the union depending on the particular award provisions.
- (b) Employees may be represented by their local union delegate/s and shall have the right to be represented by their local union official/s.
- (c) Facilitative award provisions can only be implemented by agreement.
- (d) In determining the outcome from facilitative provisions neither party should unreasonably withhold agreement.
- (e) Agreement is defined as obtaining consent of greater than 50% of employees directly affected or of the union depending upon the particular award provisions.
- (f) Where a provision refers to agreement by the majority of employees affected, all employees directly affected shall be consulted. This consultation shall be undertaken where practicable as a group, or in groups. Should the consultation process identify employees with specific concerns which relate to either equity or occupational health and safety issues, such concerns may be catered for on an individual basis subject to operational requirements.
- (g) Any agreement reached must be documented and shall incorporate a review period.
- (h) Where the agreement relates to either the working of ordinary hours on other than a Monday to Friday basis, the introduction of shift work or variations to employees' working hours, the relevant union/s are to be notified in writing at least one week in advance of agreement being sought.

7. By deleting the heading of clause 7.1 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

## **7.1 Prevention and settlement of disputes - Award matters**

8. By deleting clause 7.1(d)(ii) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (ii) if the matter is not resolved as per clause 7.1(d)(i), it shall be referred by the union representative and/or the employee/s to the appropriate management representative who shall arrange a conference of the relevant parties to discuss the matter. This process should

not extend beyond 7 days;

9. By deleting clause 7.2 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**7.2 Employee grievance procedures - other than Award matters**

- (a) The objectives of the procedure are to promote the prompt resolution of grievances by consultation, co-operation and discussion to reduce the level of disputation and to promote efficiency, effectiveness and equity in the workplace.
- (b) The following procedure applies to all industrial matters within the meaning of the Act:
  - Stage 1: In the first instance the employee shall inform such employee's immediate supervisor of the existence of the grievance and they shall attempt to solve the grievance. It is recognised that an employee may exercise the right to consult such employee's union representative during the course of Stage 1.
  - Stage 2: If the grievance remains unresolved, the employee shall refer the grievance to the next in line management ("the manager"). The manager will consult with the relevant parties. The employee may exercise the right to consult or be represented by such employee's union representative during the course of Stage 2.
  - Stage 3: If the grievance is still unresolved, the manager will advise the principal executive officer and the aggrieved employee may submit the matter in writing to the principal executive officer if such employee wishes to pursue the matter further. If desired by either party the matter shall also be notified to the relevant union.
- (c) The principal executive officer shall ensure that:
  - (i) the aggrieved employee or such employee's union representative has the opportunity to present all aspects of the grievance; and
  - (ii) the grievance shall be investigated in a thorough, fair and impartial manner.
- (d) The principal executive officer may appoint another person to investigate the grievance. The principal executive officer may consult with the relevant union in appointing an investigator. The appointed person shall be other than the employee's supervisor or manager.
- (e) If the matter is notified to the union, the investigator shall consult with the union during the course of the investigation. The principal executive officer shall advise the employee initiating the grievance, such employee's union representative and any other employee directly concerned of the determinations made as a result of the investigation of the grievance.
- (f) The procedure is to be completed in accordance with the following time frames unless the parties agree otherwise:
  - Stage 1: Discussions should take place between the employee and such employee's supervisor within 24 hours and the procedure shall not extend beyond 7 days.
  - Stage 2: Not to exceed 7 days.
  - Stage 3: Not to exceed 14 days.
- (g) If the grievance is not settled the matter may be referred to the Commission by the employee or the union.

- (h) Subject to legislation, while the grievance procedure is being followed normal work is to continue except in the case of a genuine safety issue. The *status quo* existing before the emergence of a grievance or dispute is to continue while the procedure is being followed. No party shall be prejudiced as to the final settlement by the continuation of work.
- (i) Where the grievance involves allegations of sexual harassment an employee should commence the procedure at Stage 3.

10. By deleting clause 8.2(b) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (b) For each ordinary hour worked a part-time employee shall be paid no less than 1/76th of the minimum fortnightly rate of pay for their classification.

11. By deleting clause 8.3 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

### **8.3 Casual employment**

- (a)
  - (i) A casual employee is an employee who is engaged and paid as such.
  - (ii) A casual employee cannot be employed to work more ordinary hours than are worked by an equivalent full-time employee each week or fortnight, as the case may be.
- (b) A casual employee is entitled to receive, on a *pro rata* basis, the same pay and conditions of employment, other than leave entitlements, to those of an equivalent full-time employee who performs the same kind of work.
- (c) For each ordinary hour worked a casual employee shall be paid no less than 1/76th of the minimum fortnightly rate of pay for their classification plus a casual loading of 23%.
- (d) Each casual engagement stands alone, with a minimum payment as for 2 hours' work made in respect to each engagement.
- (e) The casual loading of 23% is paid instead of annual leave, paid personal/carer's leave, notice of termination, redundancy benefits and the other attributes of full-time or part-time employment. The loading constitutes part of the casual employee's salary for the purpose of calculating overtime, weekend penalties and public holiday payments, where relevant.
- (f) The long service leave entitlement of casual employees is recorded in clause 22.

12. By deleting clause 9.1 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

### **9.1 Notice of termination by the employer**

Notice of termination by the employer is provided for in Division 9 of the QES. Clauses 9.2 to 9.6 supplement the QES provisions.

13. By deleting clause 9.2 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

### **9.2 Notice of termination by an employee**

Unless otherwise agreed between the employer and an employee the notice of termination required by an employee, other than a casual employee, will be two weeks or two weeks' salary forfeited in lieu. If an employee fails to give the required notice the employer shall have the right to withhold monies due to the employee with a maximum amount equal to the ordinary time rate of salary for the period of notice not provided.

14. By deleting clause 9.4 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

#### **9.4 Job search entitlement**

Where the employer has given notice of termination to an employee for reasons other than redundancy, the employee must be allowed up to one day's time off without loss of pay for the purpose of seeking other employment. This time off shall be taken at times that are convenient to the employee after consultation with the employer.

15. By deleting clause 9.5 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

#### **9.5 Statement of employment**

The employer shall, in the event of termination of employment, provide upon request to an employee who has been terminated a written statement specifying the period of employment and the classification or type of work performed by the employee.

16. By deleting clause 10.2 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

#### **10.2 Consultation before termination**

- (a) Where the employer decides that the employer no longer wishes the job an employee/s has been doing to be done by anyone, and this is not due to the ordinary and customary turnover of labour, and that decision may lead to termination of employment, the employer shall consult the employee/s directly affected and, where relevant, their union/s.
  - (b) The consultation shall take place as soon as it is practicable after the employer has made a decision which will invoke the provisions of clause 10.2(a) and shall cover the reasons for the proposed terminations and measures to avoid or minimise the terminations and/or their adverse effects on the employee/s concerned.
  - (c) For the purpose of the consultation the employer shall, as soon as practicable, provide in writing to the employee/s concerned and, where relevant, their union/s, all relevant information about the proposed terminations including the reasons for the proposed terminations, the number and categories of employees likely to be affected, the number of workers normally employed and the period over which the terminations are likely to be carried out.
  - (d) Notwithstanding the provision of clause 10.2(c), the employer shall not be required to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which would be adverse to the employer's interests.
17. By deleting clause 10.3 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

#### **10.3 Transfer to lower paid duties**

- (a) Where an employee is transferred to lower paid duties by reason of redundancy the employee shall be entitled to the same period of notice of transfer as the employee would have been entitled to if the employee's employment had been terminated under the redundancy pay provisions of the QES.
- (b) The employer may, at the employer's option, make payment in lieu thereof of an amount equal to the difference between the former amounts the employer would have been liable to pay and the new lower amount the employer is liable to pay the employee for the number of weeks of notice still owing.
- (c) The amounts must be worked out on the basis of:
  - (i) the ordinary working hours to be worked by the employee; and

- (ii) the amounts payable to the employee for the hours including, for example, allowances, loadings and penalties; and
- (iii) any other amounts payable under the employee's employment contract.

18. By deleting clause 10.4 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**10.4 Employee leaving during notice period**

An employee given notice of termination in circumstances of redundancy may terminate their employment during the period of notice. The employee is entitled to the benefits and payments they would have received under this clause had they remained with the employer until the expiry of the notice, but is not entitled to payment instead of notice.

19. By deleting clause 10.5 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**10.5 Job search entitlement**

- (a) An employee given notice of termination in circumstances of redundancy must be allowed up to one day's time off without loss of pay during each week of notice for the purpose of seeking other employment.
- (b) If the employee has been allowed paid leave for more than one day during the notice period for the purpose of seeking other employment the employee must, at the request of the employer, produce proof of attendance at an interview or the employee shall not receive payment for the time absent. For this purpose a statutory declaration will be sufficient.
- (c) Clause 10.5 applies instead of clause 9.4 in cases of redundancy.

20. By deleting the introductory paragraph in clause 10.6(a) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (a) Where a business is, whether before or after the date of commencement of this Award, transmitted from the employer (transmittor) to another employer (transmittee) and an employee who at the time of such transmission was an employee of the transmittor of the business becomes an employee of the transmittee:

21. By deleting clause 10.7(a) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (a) where the employee accepts employment with the transmittee which recognises the period of continuous service which the employee had with the transmittor and any prior transmittor to be continuous service of the employee with the transmittee; or

22. By deleting clause 10.9 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**10.9 Employees exempted**

Clauses 10.1 to 10.8 shall not apply:

- (a) where employment is terminated as a consequence of misconduct on the part of the employee; or
- (b) to an employee engaged for a specific period or task/s; or
- (c) to a casual employee; or
- (d) to an employee with less than one year's continuous service, in which case the general obligation on the employer should be no more than to give the relevant employee an indication of the impending redundancy at the first reasonable opportunity and to take such steps as may be

reasonable to facilitate the obtaining by the employee of suitable alternative employment.

23. By deleting clause 11.2 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**11.2 Employer's duty to consult over change**

- (a) The employer shall consult the employees affected and, where relevant, their union/s about the introduction of the changes, the effects the changes are likely to have on employees (including the number and categories of employees likely to be dismissed, and the time when, or the period over which, the employer intends to carry out the dismissals) and ways to avoid or minimise the effects of the changes (e.g. by finding alternate employment).
- (b) The consultation must occur as soon as practicable after making the decision referred to in clause 11.1.
- (c) For the purpose of such consultation the employer shall provide in writing to the employees concerned and, where relevant, their union/s, all relevant information about the changes including the nature of the changes proposed, the expected effects of the changes on employees, and any other matters likely to affect employees.
- (d) Notwithstanding the provision of clause 11.2(c) the employer shall not be required to disclose confidential information, the disclosure of which would be adverse to the employer's interests.

24. By inserting a Note immediately below the heading for Part 4 as follows:

*(Note: The wage rates and salary levels prescribed in this Award do not apply to employees to whom the provisions of Schedule 7 (Supported Wage System) apply.)*

25. By deleting clause 12.2(a) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (a) Allocation of employees to the Administrative, Professional, Technical and Operational streams and to classification levels within those streams shall be in accordance with the occupational allocations contained in Schedule 2 and the generic level statements contained in Schedules 3, 4, 5 and 6. These statements reflect the degree of complexity and responsibility of duties, skills and knowledge proceeding from the lowest to the highest classification levels. Their purpose is to provide an indication as to the classification level appropriate to any packaging of duties.

26. By deleting clauses 12.6(c) and (d) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (c) An employee appointed to level 1 of the Professional stream having obtained the prerequisite qualifications, shall be appointed to level 2 of that stream and commence at the appropriate paypoint as set out hereunder:

3 year qualification	paypoint 1
4 year qualification	paypoint 2
5 year qualification	paypoint 3

- (d) An employee appointed to level 2 of the Professional stream, who acquires or possesses qualifications higher than the minimum prerequisite qualifications e.g. Honours, Masters and Doctorates, will commence at or progress to the appropriate paypoint as set out hereunder:

4 year qualification	paypoint 2
5 year qualification	paypoint 3
6 year qualification	paypoint 4
7 year qualification	paypoint 5
8 year qualification	paypoint 6

27. By deleting clause 12.12 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**12.12 Performance of higher duties**

- (a) An employee directed to temporarily fill a position for more than three consecutive working days at a higher classification level within the same stream shall be paid extra remuneration at the first paypoint of the classification level of the position being temporarily filled.
- (b) An employee directed to temporarily fill a position for more than three consecutive working days at a classification level within a different stream as determined by this Award shall be paid extra remuneration either:
- (i) at the first paypoint of the classification level of the position being temporarily filled; or
- (ii) at the next highest paypoint above their existing paypoint, within the classification level of the position being temporarily filled,

whichever is higher.

*Note: Where a directive about higher duties covers an employee, the provisions of the directive apply to the employee to the extent it provides a more generous entitlement.*

28. By deleting clause 13 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**13. Allowances**

**13.1 Broken work allowance - domestic and general employees**

- (a) All employees engaged on work where the ordinary hours of duty are subject to a break in continuity, other than meal breaks up to a maximum of one hour and rest pauses as prescribed by this Award, shall be paid an allowance at the rate of \$7.78 per day for each day so worked.
- (b) The allowance prescribed by clause 13.1(a) shall be paid in addition to the ordinary rate of pay prescribed by this Award.

**13.2 First-aid allowance**

- (a) An employee holding a current certificate in first-aid issued by the Queensland Ambulance Service, or equivalent qualifications, who is appointed in writing by the employer as a first-aid attendant, shall be paid an additional \$3.28 per day.
- (b) This allowance shall be treated as part of the ordinary rate of pay for the purposes of annual leave (but not loading on leave), sick leave, long service leave and all other paid leave.

**13.3 Locality allowance**

*Note: Where a directive about locality allowance covers an employee, the provisions of the directive apply to the employee.*

**13.4 Motor vehicle allowance**

- (a) Where the employer requires an employee to use their own vehicle in or in connection with the performance of their duties, the employee shall be paid an allowance for each kilometre of authorised travel as follows:
- (i) motor vehicle - \$0.77 per kilometre; and



- (ii) motorcycle - \$0.26 per kilometre.
- (b) The employer may require an employee to record full details of all such official travel requirements in a log book.

*Note: Where a directive about motor vehicle allowances covers an employee, the provisions of the directive apply to the employee to the extent it provides a more generous entitlement.*

### **13.5 Overtime meal allowance and meal breaks**

- (a) An employee required to work overtime for:
  - (i) more than 2 hours after ordinary ceasing time or more than one hour continuing beyond 1800 in the case of a day worker on any normal working day; or
  - (ii) more than 4 hours on a Saturday or Sunday,

shall be provided with an adequate meal at the employer's expense or paid a meal allowance of \$12.85 in lieu of the provision of such meal.

- (b) Where the employer requires the employee to continue working for a further 4 hours of continuous overtime work in either of the situations mentioned in clause 13.5(a), the employee shall be entitled to a 30 minute meal break and either provided with an adequate meal at the employer's expense or paid an additional meal allowance of \$12.85.
- (c) Where an employee has been given notice to work overtime on the previous working day or prior thereto, and has brought to work a prepared meal and such overtime is cancelled, the employee shall be paid a meal allowance of \$12.85 for such prepared meal.

*Note: Where a directive about overtime meal allowances covers an employee, the directive applies to the extent it provides a more generous entitlement.*

### **13.6 Adjustment of monetary allowances**

- (a) Other than the expense related allowances at clauses 13.4 (motor vehicle allowance) and 13.5 (overtime meal allowance and meal breaks), respectively, all other monetary allowances specified in clause 13 shall be automatically adjusted from the same date and in the same manner as monetary allowances are adjusted in any State Wage Case decision or other decision of the Commission adjusting minimum wage rates in this Award.
- (b) At the time of any adjustment to the wage rates in this Award the expense related allowances at clauses 13.4 (motor vehicle allowance) and 13.5 (overtime meal allowance and meal breaks), respectively, shall be automatically adjusted by the relevant adjustment factor. The relevant adjustment factor for this purpose is the percentage movement in the applicable index figure most recently published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics since the allowance was last adjusted.
- (c) The applicable index figure is the index figure published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the Eight Capitals Consumer Price Index, as follows:

<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Eight Capitals Consumer Price Index (ABS Cat No. 6401.0 - Table 7)</u>
Motor vehicle allowance (last adjusted 1 September 2014)	Private motoring sub-group

Overtime meal allowance  
(last adjusted 1 September 2016)

Take-away and fast foods sub-group

29. By deleting clause 14 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**14. Superannuation**

- (a) Subject to Commonwealth legislation and clause 14(b), the employer must comply with superannuation arrangements prescribed in the *Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act 1990* (and associated Deed, Notice and Regulation).
- (b) Where Commonwealth legislation provides for choice of fund rights to an employee subject to this Award, and that employee fails to elect which superannuation fund to which employer contributions are directed, the employer will direct contributions to the appropriate fund prescribed in the abovementioned Queensland legislation.

30. By deleting the heading of Part 5 in both the Table of Contents and the Award itself and inserting in lieu thereof:

**PART 5 - Hours of Work and Related Matters**

31. By deleting the heading of clause 15 in both the Table of Contents and the Award itself and inserting in lieu thereof:

**15. Hours of duty**

32. By deleting clause 15.1 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**15.1 Ordinary hours of duty**

- (a) Subject to clause 15.1(d) the ordinary hours of duty for all employees covered by this Award, exclusive of meal breaks, shall be an average of 38 hours per week and are not to exceed 10 hours per day.
- (b) The ordinary hours for employees are to be worked on one of the following bases as agreed between the employer and the employees concerned:
  - (i) 38 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 7 consecutive days; or
  - (ii) 76 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 14 consecutive days; or
  - (iii) 114 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 21 consecutive days; or
  - (iv) 152 hours within a work cycle not exceeding 28 consecutive days.
- (c) The ordinary working hours for domestic and general employees may be rostered to provide for three working periods within the spread of hours prescribed in clause 15.2(a)(i).
- (d) The employer and an employee or groups of employees may agree that the ordinary hours of work are to exceed 8 hours on any day, to a maximum of 10 hours, thus enabling more than one day to be taken off during a particular work cycle.
- (e) Different methods of working a 38 hour week may apply to individual employees, groups or sections of employees in each work location concerned.
- (f) (i) Where the arrangement of ordinary hours of work provides for an accrued day off, the employer and an individual employee and/or the majority of employees concerned may

agree to accrue up to a maximum of 10 accrued days off. Consent to accrue days off shall not be unreasonably withheld by either party.

- (ii) Where such agreement has been reached, the accrued day off shall be taken within 12 calendar months of the date on which the first day off was accrued.

33. By deleting clause 15.2(f) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (f) For instructors, where it is mutually agreed between the college and the employee, any variation up to eight days off in the case of a work cycle over a four week period will be allowable in lieu of the two days per week.

34. By deleting clause 15.3 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**15.3 Payment for working ordinary hours on weekends - domestic and general employees**

- (a) All time worked by domestic and general employees between 2400 on Friday and 2400 on Sunday, up to and including eight hours in any one shift, shall be paid for at one and one-half times the ordinary rate of pay.
- (b) Any time worked beyond 8 hours shall be paid as overtime as prescribed in clause 18.1.

35. By deleting clauses 15.4(b), (c) and (d) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (b) between 0000 and 2400 on a Saturday - time and one-half;
- (c) between 0000 and 2400 on a Sunday - double time; and
- (d) between 0000 and 2400 on a public holiday - at the rate prescribed in clause 23.1.

36. By deleting clause 18.1 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**18.1 Payment for overtime - domestic and general employees**

- (a) All authorised time worked by domestic and general employees:
  - (i) in excess of the ordinary hours of work as prescribed in clauses 15.1 and 15.3; or
  - (ii) outside the daily spread of working hours prescribed in clause 15.2,shall be deemed overtime and paid at the rate prescribed in clauses 18.1(b) and (c).
- (b) Subject to clause 18.1(c), overtime shall be paid for at the rate of time and one-half for the first 3 hours and double time thereafter.
- (c) Overtime performed by an employee on a Sunday shall be paid for at the rate of double time.

37. By deleting clauses 18.2(a), (b), (e) and (f) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (a) Except where otherwise provided in clause 18.2(e), all overtime worked by an employee other than domestic and general employees shall be compensated on the basis of equivalent time off in lieu (TOIL).
- (b) An employee covered by clause 18.2 is to have reasonable access to utilising accrued TOIL. Where possible and practicable, the employee is to be afforded the opportunity to utilise TOIL before accruals are in excess of the limit of 228 hours and within 12 months of accrual.

...

- (e) An employee may elect to receive payment for any authorised overtime worked in excess of ordinary hours on any day, instead of time off in lieu, provided such election is made prior to the working of the authorised overtime.
- (f) Such overtime shall be paid for at the rate of time and one-half for the first 3 hours and double time thereafter when worked on Monday to Saturday, inclusive, and at the rate of double time when worked on a Sunday.

38. By deleting clause 18.3(a) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (a) Where an employee is instructed to be available on call outside ordinary or rostered working hours, the employee shall be paid, in addition to their ordinary rate of pay, an allowance based upon the hourly rate of the classification of professional officer level 3, paypoint 4 (**the prescribed hourly rate**) in accordance with the following scale:
  - (i) where the employee is on call throughout the whole of a rostered day off or a public holiday: 95% of the prescribed hourly rate;
  - (ii) where an employee is on call during the night only of a rostered day off or public holiday: 60% of the prescribed hourly rate; and
  - (iii) where an employee is on call on any other night: 47.5% of the prescribed hourly rate.

39. By deleting clause 18.5 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

#### **18.5 Fatigue leave/rest period after overtime**

- (a) An employee who works so much overtime between the termination of ordinary work on one day and the commencement of ordinary work on the next day that they have not had at least 10 consecutive hours off duty between those times will be released after completion of the overtime until the employee has had 10 consecutive hours off duty without loss of pay for ordinary working time occurring during the absence.
- (b) If, on the instructions of the employer, an employee resumes or continues work without having had 10 consecutive hours off duty the employee shall be paid double rates until released from duty for such period. The employee shall then be entitled to be absent until the employee has had 10 consecutive hours off duty without loss of pay for ordinary working time occurring during such absence.
- (c) This clause does not apply to employees other than domestic and general employees who reside or remain on or about their place of work and who are required to perform duties on an intermittent basis outside their ordinary hours of duty.

40. By deleting clause 18.6 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

#### **18.6 Restrictions regarding on call arrangements**

Where practicable the principal executive officer shall not require an employee to be continuously available on call for a period in excess of six weeks.

41. By deleting clause 18.8 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

#### **18.8 Meal breaks on overtime**

All employees covered by this Award who are required to work beyond their normal programmed working hours and the working of such time does not allow them to return to their homes or lodgings for a meal shall be entitled to meal breaks and, where relevant, meal allowances as prescribed in clause 13.4.

42. By deleting the Note in clause 19 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

*Note: Where a directive about annual leave covers an employee, the provisions of the directive apply to the employee to the extent it provides a more generous entitlement.*

43. By deleting clause 19.3(a) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (a) Subject to clause 19.3(b), all affected employees shall have their annual leave entitlements debited by the number of ordinary hours they would have worked between Christmas Day and New Year's Day inclusive when there is a compulsory closure of a college over the Christmas/New Year period.

44. By deleting the Note in clause 20 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

*Note: Where a directive about sick leave or bereavement leave covers an employee, the provisions of the relevant directive apply to the employee to the extent it provides a more generous entitlement.*

45. By deleting clause 21 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

## **21. Parental leave**

- (a) Parental leave is provided for in Division 5 of the QES and covers:

- (i) birth-related leave for an employee who is pregnant or whose spouse gives birth;
- (ii) adoption leave; and
- (iii) surrogacy leave.

- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subdivision 2 of Division 5 of the QES, all full-time and part-time employees are entitled to parental leave upon commencement of employment.

- (c) (i) An employee who is pregnant, whether or not she has given her employer written notice of the date/s on which she proposes to start and/or end maternity leave, must:

- (A) commence maternity leave at least 6 weeks prior to the expected date of birth of her child; and
- (B) remain on maternity leave until at least 6 weeks after the birth of the child.

- (ii) An employer may at the request of the employee and on receipt of a certificate from a medical practitioner certifying that in the opinion of the medical practitioner:

- (A) the employee is fit for duty until a specified date - reduce the period mentioned in clause 21(c)(i)(A); or
- (B) the employee is fit to resume duty - reduce the period mentioned in clause 21(c)(i)(B).

- (iii) If the employer makes a decision under clause 21(c)(ii)(A) to reduce the period, the approval is of effect until:

- (A) the day specified in the medical certificate; or
  - (B) the day 14 days after the day the employer revokes the decision by giving written notice to the employee; or
  - (C) the employee commences maternity leave; or
  - (D) the day of the employee's confinement,
- whichever happens first.

- (d) An employee who is pregnant, during the term of her pregnancy until 6 weeks before the expected date of birth of her child or lesser period as approved by the employer, may request to work part-time or other flexible work arrangements.
- (e) An employee who has taken leave to attend compulsory interviews or examinations as part of an adoption process or who has taken leave to attend compulsory interviews or court hearings associated with a surrogacy arrangement may request that such leave be taken as paid annual leave.
- (f) In addition to the provisions of Subdivision 6 of Division 5 of the QES an employee who has returned to work on a part-time basis may seek to return to the position they held prior to commencing parental leave.
- (g) If the position mentioned in clause 21(f) no longer exists but there are other positions available that the employee is qualified for and is capable of performing, the employee is entitled to be employed in a position that is, as nearly as possible, comparable in status and remuneration to that of the employee's former position.
- (h) The employer must make a position to which the employee is entitled available to the employee.
- (i)
  - (i) An employee who is the parent of a child may apply, at any time, to their employer to work on a part-time basis in order to be the child's primary caregiver when not at work.
  - (ii) The requirements concerning the manner in which the employee may make an application to work part-time under clause 21(i)(i) are the same as those contained in the QES with respect to applications to return to work on a part-time basis for an employee on parental leave (i.e. s 71 GT).
  - (iii) The period in relation to which an application under clause 21(i) may be made cannot extend beyond the day the child is required to be enrolled for compulsory schooling under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*.
  - (iv) The requirements concerning the manner by which the employer is to assess any application by an employee to work part-time are the same as those contained in the QES with respect to assessing applications to return to work on a part-time basis for an employee on parental leave (i.e. s 71GU).

*Note: Where a directive about paid parental leave covers an employee, the provisions of the directive apply to the employee to the extent it provides a more generous entitlement.*

46. By deleting clause 22 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

**22. Long service leave**

- (a) Long service leave, including for casual employees, is provided for in Division 6 of the QES. Clauses 22(b) and (c) supplement the QES.
- (b) In lieu of the provisions of section 71HB(2)(a) and (b) of the Act, an employee who completes 10 years' continuous service is entitled to long service leave at the rate of 1.3 weeks on full pay for each year of continuous service and a proportionate amount for an incomplete year of service.
- (c) An employee entitled to long service leave may take such leave in periods of not less than two weeks subject to agreement by the employer. An employee requesting in excess of two weeks but less than four weeks long service leave is required to give at least three months' written notice to the employer. An employee requesting long service leave in excess of four weeks will be required to give at least six months' written notice to the employer.

*Note: Where a directive about long service leave covers an employee, the provisions of the directive apply to the employee to the extent it provides a more generous entitlement.*

47. By deleting clause 23 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

### **23. Public holidays**

Public holidays are provided for in Division 7 of the QES. Clauses 23.1 to 23.5 supplement the QES provisions.

#### **23.1 Payment for public holidays and for work on a public holiday**

- (a) An employee (other than a casual employee) who would normally work on a day on which a public holiday falls and who:
  - (i) is not required to work on that day, shall be paid for the ordinary hours the employee would normally have worked if that day had not been a public holiday;
  - (ii) is required to work on the public holiday shall, in addition to the payment prescribed in clause 23.1(a)(i), be paid at the rate of time and one-half for any hours worked, with a minimum payment as for 4 hours' work for the day.
- (b) An employee (including a casual employee) who would normally work on a day on which a public holiday falls and who performs authorised overtime outside the employee's ordinary working hours for that day shall be paid for such time at double the overtime rate prescribed in clauses 18.1 or 18.2, as the case may be.
- (c) An employee (including a casual employee) who would not normally be required to work on a public holiday but who is required to work on that day shall be paid at the rate of double time and one-half for any hours worked, with a minimum payment as for 4 hours' work for the day.
- (d) The minimum payment provided in clauses 23.1(a) or (c) shall not apply where the work performed on the public holiday is immediately preceding and/or following ordinary hours.

#### **23.2 Rostered day off falling on a public holiday**

Where a public holiday falls on an employee's rostered day off, the employee shall receive another day in lieu thereof or one day shall be added to the employee's annual leave, or, alternatively, one day's wages at ordinary rates shall be paid in addition to the employee's weekly wage.

#### **23.3 Employees who do not ordinarily work Monday to Friday of each week**

- (a) An employee who does not ordinarily work Monday to Friday of each week is entitled to public holidays as follows:

- (i) a full-time employee is entitled to either payment for each public holiday or a substituted day's leave;
  - (ii) where a public holiday would have fallen on a Saturday or a Sunday (e.g. Australia Day) but is substituted for another day, an employee who would ordinarily have worked on such Saturday or Sunday but who is not rostered to work on such day is entitled to payment for the public holiday or a substituted day's leave.
- (b) Where Christmas Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday and the public holiday is observed on another day, an employee required to work on Christmas Day (i.e. 25 December) is to be paid at the rate of double time.
- (c) Nothing in clause 23.3 confers a right to any employee to payment for a public holiday as well as a substituted day in lieu.

#### **23.4 Equivalent time off**

- (a) Subject to clause 23.1, an employee who performs work on any public holiday, or any day appointed under the *Holidays Act 1983* to be kept in place of any such holiday may, by mutual agreement with the employer, receive time off equivalent to the number of hours worked with a minimum of 4 hours in lieu of monetary compensation.
- (b) Where an employee takes equivalent time off such employee shall, in addition, be paid at half the ordinary rate with a minimum as for 4 hours' work.

#### **23.5 Substitution**

- (a) Subject to statutory limitations (such as the time work may not be performed on Anzac Day) where there is agreement between the principal executive officer and an employee or employees, another ordinary working day may be substituted for a public holiday.
- (b) Where an employee is subsequently required to work on the substituted day they shall be paid at the rate prescribed in clause 23.1.

48. By deleting clause 26 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

#### **26. Travelling and relieving expenses**

An employee who is required to:

- (a) travel on official duty; or
- (b) take up duty away from the employee's usual place of work to relieve another employee; or
- (c) to perform special duty,

is to be provided, where necessary as determined by the employer, with reasonable transport and accommodation and reimbursed actual and reasonable expenses for transport, accommodation, meals and incidental expenses necessarily incurred by the employee.

*Note: Where a directive about travelling and relieving expenses covers an employee, the provisions of the directive apply to the employee to the extent it provides a more generous entitlement.*

49. By deleting clause 29.1(c) and (d) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:



- (c) Within the college a consultative mechanism and procedures involving representatives of management, employees and relevant unions shall be established as determined by the employer having regard to the size, structure and needs of the college.
- (d) Following consultation the employer shall develop a learning and development strategy consistent with:
  - (i) the current and future needs of the college;
  - (ii) the size, structure and nature of the operations of the college; and
  - (iii) the need to develop vocational skills relevant to the college through courses conducted wherever possible by accredited educational institutions and providers.

50. By deleting clause 32(d) and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

- (d) Upon request and subject to approval by the employer, employees may be granted paid time off in special circumstances to attend management committee meetings, union conferences, and Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) Congress.

51. By deleting Schedules 1 to 5 and inserting Schedules 1 to 8 in lieu thereof:

## **Schedule 1 - Organisational Hours of Work Arrangements**

### **Arrangements**

The purpose of Schedule 1 is to provide a framework within which the Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges may arrange organisational hours of work and related conditions of employment to:

- (a) provide management with greater flexibility in organising and administering the hours worked by employees in a way which enhances the operations of the organisation;
- (b) provide some flexibility to employees in determining their hours of work; and
- (c) provide for the accrual of hours to be taken during mandatory closure periods.

Hours of work arrangements are to be recorded in writing and advised to affected employees.

### **Core times and variable periods**

- (a) **Core times** are those periods during the day when all employees shall perform ordinary duty unless absent on an approved leave.

The core times are 0900 to 1200 and 1400 to 1600 Monday to Friday inclusive.

- (b) **Variable periods** are the time spans outside of core times and within the spread of hours during which an employee may vary their commencing and ceasing times.

Credit time will only be granted for attendance during variable periods if work is available for an employee to perform.

- (c) The core times and variable periods specified above do not apply to employees participating in rostered day off arrangements.

### **Standard hours**

Unless otherwise agreed with the affected employee, **standard hours** shall be from 0830 to 1645 Monday to Friday inclusive, with a lunch break of 40 minutes between 1200 and 1400.

Where an employee's time management is deemed to be unsatisfactory, the principal executive officer may direct the employee to work standard hours.

### **Credit time and debit time**

- (a) A **standard day** is 7 hours and 36 minutes (i.e. 7.6 hours).
- (b) **Credit time** is the amount of time worked in excess of a standard day that an employee performs on an ordinary working day.
  - (i) employees will accrue credit time for such work performed within the spread of hours up to 10 hours on any one day, (e.g. maximum of 2.4 hours credit time per day).
  - (ii) there is no limit to the amount of credit time that can be accumulated during a settlement period.
  - (iii) subject to subclause (iv) immediately below, up to 38 hours credit time will be paid on cessation of employment.
  - (iv) Where notice of termination has not been provided in accordance with clause 10.1 or clause 10.2, the following shall apply:
    - (A) in the event that an employee fails to provide notice there shall be no entitlement to compensation for credit time existing on cessation of employment; or
    - (B) in the event that the employer fails to provide notice an entitlement to compensation for credit time existing up to a maximum of 38 hours on cessation of employment.
- (c) **Debit time** is the difference between a standard day and the amount of time worked by an employee which is less than a standard day on an ordinary working day.
  - (i) a maximum of 7.6 hours of debit time can be accumulated within a settlement period.
  - (ii) debit time existing on cessation of employment will be deducted at ordinary rates from any monies owed to the employee at the date of cessation.

### **Settlement periods and carryover**

- (a) A **settlement period** is the prescribed period of time during which employees may accumulate credit time and debit time.
  - (i) the settlement period is 28 days, commencing at the beginning of a pay period.
  - (ii) during each settlement period of 28 days, an employee must account for 152 hours by way of time actually worked, approved leave, public holidays, credit time and/or debit time.
- (b) **Carryover** is the amount of accumulated credit time or debit time which an employee may carry over between consecutive settlement periods.

- (i) the maximum carryover allowed from one settlement period to another is 76 hours credit time and 7.6 hours debit time.
- (ii) at the end of the settlement period, debit time in excess of 7.6 hours shall be deducted from the employee's pay.
- (iii) at the end of the settlement period, credit time in excess of 76 hours shall be forfeited.
- (iv) no approval is available for any carryover of accruals in excess of the amounts prescribed above.

### **Scheduling and taking of credit time**

- (a) Credit time may only be taken with the prior approval of the employee's supervisor.
- (b) With the exception of the mandatory Christmas/New Year closure employees may take a maximum of 15.2 hours credit leave within a 2 week period. Additional credit leave within a 2 week period is subject to approval from the employee's supervisor and conditions established by the principal executive officer.

### **Schedule 2 - Stream Allocation**

The following existing positions or classes of position are to be allocated to the streams as indicated hereunder:

#### **Domestic and general employees**

##### **Operational stream**

- Catering Assistant
- Cleaner
- Cook
- Domestic
- Domestic Coordinator
- Domestic Supervisor
- Gardener
- Grounds Person
- Grounds Person/Gardener
- Kitchenhand
- Laundryhand
- Maintenance Person

#### **Employees other than domestic and general employees**

##### **Administrative stream**

- Administrative Assistant
- Administration Manager
- Administration Officer
- Administrative Support Officer
- Compliance Officer
- Coordinator Contracts
- Coordinator Marketing and Promotions
- Director
- Executive Officer

- Marketing Manager
- Manager
- Project Officer
- Senior Administration Officer
- Student Services Coordinator
- Student Services Manager
- Training Coordinator

**Professional stream**

- Librarian

**Technical stream**

- Library Technician

**Operational stream**

- Duty Officer/Support Officer Student Services
- Production Coordinator
- Production Officer
- Senior Production Officer
- Support Officer

**Instructional stream**

- Assistant Instructor
- Instructor Level 1
- Instructor Level 2
- Senior Instructor

**Schedule 3 - Generic Level Statements - Administrative Stream**

**Administrative officer level 1 (AO1)**

**Work level description**

Work at this level usually involves a combination of keyboard, clerical and other duties requiring the application of basic office skills and routines.

**Characteristics of the work**

Performed under close direction using established routines, methods and procedures with little scope for deviating from these.

Problems can usually be solved by reference to procedures, well documented methods and instructions. Initially direct guidance is given when problems arise. Ready access to advice and assistance is available.

The work may involve giving technical and procedural advice to other staff (for example relating to the operation of office equipment used in the work area). It may require the acquisition of knowledge and specific procedures, instructions, regulations or other requirements relating to general administration (e.g. personnel or finance operations) and/or specific office programs and activities.

Work at this level does not include supervisory responsibilities although more experienced staff may assist new staff by providing guidance and advice.

As individual employees develop more experience and knowledge they will be required to exercise greater judgement and make decisions in their allocated duties, although these will be confined by instructions, established practices and procedures of written guidelines.

### **Duties and skills**

Work at this level may progressively involve an employee in a range of activities requiring the use of written and numeric skills, clerical skills, written and verbal communication, equipment skills (e.g. keyboard) and other work skills appropriate to the discipline. These skills should be readily transferable between organisations.

Entry to this level is either by commencement of a traineeship or through selection based on standardised vocational testing.

## **Administrative officer level 2 (AO2)**

### **Work level description**

Work at this level usually encompasses a range or combination of administrative activities and operations which require the application of skills and experience in administrative/clerical work and a general knowledge of the work to be performed.

The work will involve achieving clearly defined and established outcomes and/or basic problem solving within guidelines and contributing knowledge or skills or information specific to the work of the agency.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is usually performed under close supervision and may involve undertaking a range of duties requiring judgement, liaison and communication within an agency and with other interested parties.

The solution of problems may require the exercising of basic judgement, although knowledge required to perform work is usually related to precedents, guidelines, procedures, regulations and instructions and from senior staff. It may require some knowledge and application of specific procedures, instructions, regulations or other requirements relating to general administration and activities.

Work at this level does not include supervisory responsibilities although more experienced staff may assist new staff by providing guidance and advice.

### **Duties and skills**

Knowledge required to perform work is usually related to guidelines, instructions and procedures relevant to the function of the level.

Familiarity with the functions of related work areas and of relationships between organisational elements may be required.

At this level, basic resolution of problems by reference to established procedures may be required.

Work at this level may involve an employee in a range of activities requiring the use of written and numeric skills, clerical skills, written and verbal communication, equipment skills (e.g.

keyboard) and other work skills appropriate to the discipline. These skills should be readily transferable between organisations.

The minimum skills required for entry to this level are as defined in the traineeship curriculum or through standardised vocational testing.

### **Administrative officer level 3 (AO3)**

#### **Work level description**

Work at this level usually requires relevant experience combined with a broad knowledge of the office's functions and activities and a sound knowledge of the major activity performed within the work area. The work may include preparing preliminary reports, papers and correspondence which usually relate to a specific organisational function or discipline, providing or interpreting information for clients or other interested parties and general administrative support to senior officers.

Supervisory responsibilities may involve some complex operational work and may involve assisting with, or reviewing the work undertaken by, subordinates or team members.

Scope exists for exercising initiative in the application of established work practices and procedures although this level may require expertise to resolve issues within a day-to-day environment for which there may not be clearly established procedures.

Effective judgement and work organisation skills are required which have been acquired through previous experience, demonstrated capacity or post secondary education or partial completion of same.

#### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is usually performed under general direction and may involve preparing papers, briefing notes, correspondence or other written material.

Decisions made or delegations exercised at this level may have an impact on the relevant agency's operations, but are normally of limited procedural or administrative importance.

Work at this level may include responsibility for training, involvement in working with staff to develop work performance, planning and co-ordinating tasks and work flow.

#### **Duties and skills**

Work at this level requires a sound knowledge of the activities usually performed within the work area and their impact upon the activities of other organisations.

Supervisory responsibilities include on-the-job training and staff assessment and performance counselling in relation to the work area. This level usually requires the application of personnel-related functions such as orientation of staff, staff attendance and recommendation of leave arrangements, written and verbal communication, interpretation and liaison skills to solve basic problems together with interpersonal skills to deal with non-routine matters and analytical abilities appropriate to the work area.

### **Administrative officer level 4 (AO4)**

#### **Work level description**

Work at this level is usually performed in relation to established priorities, task methodology and work practices to achieve results in line with the corporate goals of the office.

The work may include preparing papers and reports, drafting complex correspondence for senior officers, undertaking activities of a specialist or detailed nature, assisting in the preparation of procedural guidelines, providing, interpreting and analysing information for clients or other interested parties, exercising specific process responsibilities, and overseeing and co-ordinating the work of subordinate staff.

Work at this level includes supervision of a work group small work area or office within the total organisational structure and co-ordination of a range of office functions.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is performed under general direction as to work priorities and may be of a technical or professional, project, procedural or processing nature, or a combination of these.

Direction exercised over work performed at this level may be less direct than at lower levels and is usually related to task methodologies and work practices. Staff would be expected to set priorities and to monitor work flow in the area of responsibility.

The work at this level requires the application of knowledge usually gained through previous experience in the discipline or from post secondary or tertiary study. The work may require the co-ordination of a range of office functions and the exercising of judgement and/or delegated authority in areas where precedents or procedures are not clearly defined.

Independent action may be exercised at this level, particularly in local office situations, for example, developing local procedures, management strategies and guidelines.

Any decisions taken or delegations exercised would be limited by the application of rules, regulations, guidelines or procedures.

The extent of supervisory responsibility would depend on the operational work of the area and factors such as work priorities, complexity of the work and the number of subordinate staff.

### **Duties and skills**

Work performed at this level will require the ability to supervise staff, set priorities, monitor work flow and develop local strategies or work practices.

This may include responsibility for the development of appropriate training programmes related to group development, application of equal employment opportunity, industrial relations principles and an awareness of occupational health and safety guidelines and principles. Staff assessment and counselling may involve providing advice in relation to personal and career development relating to work requirements.

Liaison and communication skills and the capacity to negotiate may be required, particularly for activities involving liaison or communication with clients or other interested groups.

Work at this level requires general knowledge of the office's operations, combined with a specialist knowledge of major activities within the work area.

In program, activity or service delivery areas staff should have the knowledge to interpret and apply standard policies, specific procedures and regulations or other guideline material to specific situations. They should be able to disseminate information about the Office's operations particularly in relation to policy aspects or program, activity or service delivery to clients.

Work at this level may require the ability to investigate, interpret or evaluate information where legislation, regulations, instructions or procedural guidelines do not give adequate or specific answers.

## **Administrative officer level 5 (AO5)**

### **Work level description**

Work at this level may include a variety of functions as follows:

- managing the operations of a discrete organisational element, program or activity; or
- the operations of an organisational element which is part of a larger office within the total organisational structure; or
- under limited direction in relation to priorities and work practices, providing administrative support to a particular program, activity or administrative function and consultancy service to external organisations; or
- providing subject matter expertise or policy advice across a range of programs or activities undertaken by the agency.

Work at this level may include the preparation of documentation for complex correspondence purposes and for decision by senior officers.

Responsibilities may include liaison and co-ordination within and across functions including office representation and overseeing and co-ordinating the work of other staff assisting in this area.

Work at this level may include operation within a number of specialist or multi-disciplinary teams or independently.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is usually performed under limited direction as to work priorities and the detailed conduct of the task.

Direction exercised over work performance at this level includes, depending on the functional role required, the provision of advice, guidance and/or direction in relation to a project, detailed processing, and other work practices.

Independent action may be exercised within constraints set by senior management.

Any decision taken or delegation exercised tends to be governed by the application of rules, regulations or office operating instructions or procedures. While such decisions may impact on office operations and resources, they are usually limited to the specific work area involved.

Managerial responsibilities would usually depend on the specific activities undertaken. Staff at this level would be expected to set and achieve priorities, monitor work flow and/or manage staffing resources to meet objectives.

### **Duties and skills**

Work at this level requires a knowledge of office operations and the ability to interpret legislation, regulations and other guideline material relating to the operations and functions of the work area.

Work at this level may require:



- the ability to investigate, analyse, interpret or evaluate information for the guidance of staff or clients, or undertake research in relation to technical matters;
- well developed liaison and communication skills and the ability to negotiate with clients or other interested parties, within parameters decided by senior management; and
- significant managerial ability, including the ability to supervise staff, set priorities, monitor work flow, develop local strategies, procedures and work practices, and allocate resources.

This includes demonstrated personnel management skills, the ability to apply equal employment opportunity principles and procedures and industrial relations principles and occupational health and safety guidelines.

Responsibility for the identification of training needs and the development of appropriate training programmes for the work unit may be undertaken at this level.

### **Administrative officer level 6 (AO6)**

#### **Work level description**

Work at this level may involve providing advice including policy, administrative, or specialist; undertaking work related to the management or administration of a program or activity; service delivery or corporate support functions, including project work and work policy development; preparation or co-ordination of research papers, submissions on policy, technical, professional or program issues, or administrative matters.

Liaison with other elements of the organisation, other Government agencies, local authorities or community organisations is usually a feature.

Work also includes the preparation or overseeing the preparation, of correspondence and replies to Parliamentary Questions, Ministerial representations and other briefing material; and representing the office at meetings, conferences or seminars. Management of diverse occupational groups may be required of this level.

#### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is undertaken at this level with limited direction as to work priorities and the detailed conduct of the task. The tasks undertaken may be of a complex or specific nature encompassing a major area of office operations.

Direction exercised over work performed at this level may, depending on the function role required, be by way of providing general guidance and advice.

Work at this level may involve control and/or co-ordination of projects or programs within the office in accordance with corporate goals, and requires the development, implementation and evaluation of office activities.

Work at this level may involve independence of action including the use and allocation of resources within the constraints laid down by senior management.

Decisions taken or delegations exercised at this level may have major impact on the day-to-day operations of the work area. The impact of such decisions on office operations is likely to be limited to a specific work area or function. Delegations exercised may, depending on the nature of the work required, involve making determinations, instigating another course of action, or reviewing previous decisions.

Managerial responsibilities may be an important function of the work at this level, but this can vary widely depending on factors such as work area, location, priorities, work load, operational deadlines and the availability of staff resources to assist.

Guidelines, rules, instructions or procedures for use by other staff and interested parties may be developed at this level.

### **Duties and skills**

Management skills and abilities necessary to undertake the allocation and monitoring of resources, the review of operations to determine their effectiveness and contribute to the development of policy initiatives or corporate strategies are usually required at this level.

A knowledge of financial program management techniques related to the activity or corporate goal of the work area is usually required at this level, together with demonstrated personnel management skills and the ability to apply equal employment procedures and implement training and staff development.

Well developed liaison and communication skills and the ability to negotiate or communicate, under limited direction, on behalf of the agency with clients or other interested parties may be needed.

Work at this level requires a knowledge and awareness of office operations, as related to Government initiatives or policies.

The ability to apply or interpret legislation, regulations, instructions or other guideline material relating to the operations, policies or functions of the work area; and the capacity to undertake high level research, reviews or investigations including the preparation of reports and associated papers may also be required.

## **Administrative officer level 7 (AO7)**

### **Work level description**

Work at this level may involve control of an organisational element involved in the administration or co-ordination of a specific program, activity or corporate support function at either the Branch or Department Head level, to achieve a result in line with the corporate goals of the agency.

The work may include developing policy and/or providing policy, financial, specific subject matter or administrative advice, including specialist advice or undertaking high level project work; developing, implementing and reviewing policy instructions and administrative or specialist procedures for the guidance of functional elements of the office; initiating and formulating recommendations for office programs; processing representations to the Minister, preparing replies to Parliamentary Questions, preparing Briefing Notes for senior level Managers, assisting in the preparation of Cabinet Submissions and correspondence; liaising with other Government bodies and community organisations including the preparation of public information on programs, activities or services; and representing the office at meetings, conferences or seminars.

Work undertaken at this level may also be required to deal with a complex and diverse operating environment.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is undertaken at this level with broad direction usually from a senior level Manager or comparable employee in relation to priorities and the detailed conduct of the task. The activities

undertaken would be of a complex or specific nature encompassing a significant element of total office operations.

Work at this level may involve, depending on the functional role, significant independence of action including the use or allocation of resources within the constraints or guidelines laid down by senior management.

Decisions taken at this level may, depending on the degree of autonomy of function and the degree of delegated authority, have significant impact on the day-to-day operations of a specific work area and may also have significant effects elsewhere within the office.

Management responsibilities are usually a significant function at this level. The percentage of the total work taken up in management functions and the character of the direction given to subordinates would depend on the nature of the work area, location, workload factors, priorities and staff resources allocated.

The development of guidelines, rules, regulations, procedures or instructions for either staff or other interested parties may be co-ordinated at this level.

### **Duties and skills**

Management skills and the abilities necessary to monitor resource allocations, evaluate program effectiveness, manage staff and resources, formulate policy initiatives and develop corporate strategy proposals are usually required at this level. A knowledge of financial program management practices appropriate to the program or activity or corporate goal of the organisational element in which a position is located, are usually required at this level.

Work at this level requires the application of a high level of discipline, knowledge, a detailed knowledge of both Government policies and procedures and an appreciation of their application in relation to office operations.

Staff at this level would be expected to have the ability to undertake personnel management functions and to plan, develop and implement programmes associated with equal employment opportunity, occupational health and safety, and staff development and counselling within the functional area of responsibility.

Work may require the ability to interpret and provide advice on legislation, regulations, instructions or other guideline material relating to the policies, operations or functions of the work area; and the capacity to undertake specific or major research, investigations or reviews and prepare associated papers or reports.

Liaison and communication skills of a high order, including the capacity and ability to negotiate or communicate on behalf of the agency with clients or other interested groups, perhaps to finality, may be needed.

## **Administrative officer level 8 (AO8)**

### **Work level description**

Work at this level may involve responsibility for a major program or programs at statewide level and of critical importance to the agency, operating within broad policy guidelines, or be responsible for a service-wide function.

High levels of discipline, expertise and experience are required combining elements of planning, organising, directing and evaluating to determine goals and priorities within the framework of the corporate objectives of the office or of other agencies.

This level will require a capacity for original thinking, creativity, the exercise of significant levels of independent judgement, and the exercise of delegated authority as required.

The work may include providing specialist consultancy advice within or across agencies, developing policy and interpreting, reviewing and implementing policy instructions, setting objectives in the work area, processing representations to the Minister, overseeing responses to parliamentary questions, preparation of reports to Government, preparing ministerial briefing notes and correspondence, liaising with other Government bodies and community organisations, including the provision of public information on programs, activities or services; and representing the agency at meetings, conferences or seminars.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is undertaken at this level, usually under the broad direction of a Senior Executive, with significant levels of independent judgement in keeping with the complex nature of work undertaken and the allocation of resources within the constraints or guidelines laid down by senior executives. Delegations exercised at this level may, depending on the functional role, involve being the final authority in the process of approving the expenditure of funds, undertaking specific action in line with the policy of the office, or reviewing any previous action or decisions in the work area.

Management responsibilities are usually a significant function at this level, with management of a number of projects of significant within and outside the office being involved.

The development of guidelines, rules, regulations, procedures or instructions for staff or other interested parties may be instigated at this level.

Work at this level may include analysis of organisational design and the formulation of strategic plans for staff and organisational development.

### **Duties and skills**

Management skills and the abilities necessary to determine resource allocations, manage staff and resources, formulate policy initiatives and develop corporate strategies are usually required at this level. A knowledge of financial program management practices and the evaluation of the results of program activities against stated objectives are normally required at this level.

Work at this level requires the application of a high level of discipline and knowledge including detailed knowledge of both Government policies and procedures and their application in relation to office operations. Staff at this level with managerial responsibilities would be required to oversee the implementation of personnel management functions and to plan, develop and implement programmes associated with equal employment opportunity, occupational health and safety, and formulate policies and plans for staff and organisational development.

Liaison and communication skills to enable the effective resolution of complex organisational issues, including the capacity and ability to negotiate or communicate on behalf of the office with clients or other interested groups, often to finality, may be required.

## **Schedule 4 - Generic Level Statements - Professional Stream**

### **Professional officer level 1 (PO1)**

#### **Work level description**

Work at this level is restricted to those employees who have met the minimum entry requirements under the relevant legislation e.g. *Public Service Act 2008* plus the education requirements for acceptance into an appropriate tertiary institution.

Appointment to this level is solely for the purpose of fulfilling prerequisite education and/or training prior to appointment to the substantive grade (degree) in the Professional stream.

A requirement at this level is the successful completion of the educational or training requirements of the particular professional group.

Appointees to this level may be enrolled as a full-time or part-time student, and if part-time, may be required to do work associated with the relevant profession, but at a level and under a degree of supervision appropriate to the skills held. This may include some work which would normally be carried out by Level 2 (i.e. Practising) Professional, provided such work is verified or validated by a qualified and experienced professional employee.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work within this level is performed under close supervision following standard routines, methods and procedures with little scope for deviation, or the exercise of initiative or judgment.

The routines, methods and procedures to be followed are at a level consistent with skills acquired. Initially direct guidance is given when problems arise.

Skills and knowledge will be acquired and demonstrated on a progressive basis consistent with the formal and informal training undertaken.

Positions at this level have no supervisory responsibility, although more experienced staff may be expected to assist new staff by providing basic advice and guidance.

### **Duties and skills**

This level recognises that duties and skills will increase in complexity as the employee moves through the education and training phase.

Employees at this level usually perform repetitive tasks which are fully prescribed and are usually performed in response to standardised instructions or requests.

Employees at this level may undertake a combination of routine clerical, analysis, preparatory and operative duties requiring the application of basic skills and routines.

## **Professional officer level 2 (PO2)**

### **Work level description**

Positions at this level consist of employees with a minimum of a degree qualification or agreed equivalent and who are identified as belonging to the generic groupings listed in the definition statement.

Mandatory qualifications exist for entry to this level with an expectation of the application of professional knowledge gained through formal studies.

Positions at this level involve the delivery of basic professional services which are in support of agency objectives.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is initially performed under close supervision by a more experienced professional, however, this supervision is expected to reduce as experience increases. Guidance is always close at hand.

The solution of problems may require the exercise of professional judgement through the selection and application of procedures, methods and standards, however guidance from senior staff is readily available.

Employees at this level may operate individually or as a member of a project team within a work group.

Positions at this level generally have no supervisory responsibilities although more experienced employees may assist new employees by providing guidance and advice.

Possession of the mandatory tertiary qualification and experience is required for positions within this level. Additionally, knowledge of basic practices and procedures relevant to the discipline is required. Professional judgement may be exercised within prescribed areas, however the provision of results are subject to verification and validation.

### **Duties and skills**

Positions at this level may involve an employee in a range of activities including the analysis and interpretation of findings as they relate to the elements of the work. They could also include the preparation of reports incorporating recommendations on basic operations.

Employees at this level perform non-repetitive tasks, governed by established procedures, specific guidelines and standardised instructions.

Employees shall have obtained professional knowledge as indicated by successful completion of the appropriate three year undergraduate degree or diploma and be able to apply theoretical aspects of the relevant discipline to basic problems or minor phases of broader assignments.

## **Professional officer level 3 (PO3)**

### **Work level description**

This level usually requires professional expertise in one or more areas of a discipline. Detailed knowledge of standard professional tasks are required with scope existing for exercising initiative in the application of established work practices and procedures.

At this level some supervisory responsibility of subordinate staff may be required. The degree of supervision is variable depending on the assignment or project.

Employees will be required to progressively obtain greater specialised knowledge through postgraduate qualifications or postgraduate developmental experience through attendance at specialist seminars and achieve higher level of outcomes under reducing professional direction.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is usually performed under general guidance with the general quality of output monitored by superiors. However, the technical content of the work is not normally subject to direct supervision. Guidance may be given in reviewing work programs or on unusual features of an assignment.

Employees are expected to exercise initiative in the application of professional practices either as a member (in some situations as leader) or a specialist professional in multi-disciplinary teams or independently and may deputise for the professional head of a small work unit.

Employees at this level may have supervisory responsibilities for technical staff, if required, together with responsibilities for training and development of subordinate professional staff within the discipline.

### **Duties and skills**

Work at this level requires the undertaking of more complex activities and the selection and application based on professional judgement of new and existing techniques and methodologies.

Employees may carry out research under professional supervision and may be expected to contribute to the advances of the techniques used.

Supervisory responsibilities include on-the-job training, staff assessment and performance counselling in relation to subordinates with the discipline or para professionals, as well as authority for the verification and validation of work results of supervised staff.

Duties also include the responsibility for varied professional assignments, requiring knowledge of either a broad or specialised field. Problems would be addressed by the use of combinations of standard procedures and/or modifications of standard procedures.

## **Professional officer level 4 (PO4)**

### **Work level description**

Work at this level usually requires the exercise of professional independence combined with competence derived from extensive experience and/or additional study.

High levels of initiative are required to be exhibited in accomplishing objectives and undertaking complex projects, which may be either on an individual basis as a recognised specialist, a professional practitioner with responsibilities for complex duties or as a senior specialist or leader in a multi-disciplinary team and may deputise for a professional head of a work unit.

The management of work groups may be a function of this level.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is performed with limited or no professional supervision. Professional guidance from superiors is only received for those aspects of work which involve new or sophisticated techniques or relate to areas outside the normal span of activity.

Any standard professional task within the discipline, (including problem definition, planning, execution, analysis and reporting) is expected to be performed by an officer of this level.

Work at this level requires the development and provision of professional advice and consultancy services to other agencies, industry representatives and the public. The level of information provided and recommendations made influence the decisions of others, including superiors and peers, especially in the monitoring, development and delivery of programs.

The general quality of advice given is monitored by superiors and is subject to professional standards.

The application of knowledge obtained through postgraduate specialist qualifications or extensive recognised expertise is required for appointment to this level.

Professional specialists at this level would undertake work with significant scope and/or complexity and/or undertake professional duties of an innovative, novel and/or critical nature without professional direction.

## **Duties and skills**

The duties undertaken at this level are of a complex and varied nature. They require detailed knowledge of the agency's operations combined with a specialist or very high level of practitioner knowledge of major activities in the work unit.

Managerial responsibility may cover a small number of professional and related technical staff, and includes training of subordinate staff, co-ordination of workflow processes, responsibility for quality of output of the work unit, performance assessment and review, staff counselling, career planning and development, application of equal employment opportunity principles as well as implementing occupational health and safety guidelines and principles.

Work at this level requires the ability to interpret legislation, regulations and other guideline material relating to the operations and functions of the work area.

## **Professional officer level 5 (PO5)**

### **Work level description**

Appointees to this level are recognised as authorities within a particular specialised field of expertise or they may have extensive knowledge within the professional discipline and broad experience spanning more than one professional discipline.

Positions at this level may have professional responsibility for a large work group.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work at this level may involve the exercise of substantial professional judgement based on knowledge of national initiatives and involvement in the development/application of discipline principles and new technology and/or knowledge of critical work which can involve a number of personnel from the disciplines or a variety of disciplines.

Work is usually performed without professional direction with a discretion permitted within the boundaries of broad guidelines to achieve organisational goals.

This level requires that appointees be recognised by their peers as expert professionals in their field either as practitioners or as professional specialists. This recognition is acknowledged by higher qualifications or by publications in refereed scientific journals.

The development and application of discipline principles and new technology may be a feature of this level, requiring the exercise of substantial professional judgement.

Management, initiation and formulation of research programs, major project or management of a scientific service or enterprise involving both a service and research work are features of this level.

Management of large work units, including prioritising work, training of staff, monitoring or work flow and setting of local strategic plans is often a feature of this level. Assessment and review of the standard of work of subordinate professional staff may also be required.

Positions within this level will generally have a very high profile within the discipline and will operate within broad guidelines to achieve specific objectives with professional independence.

## **Duties and skills**



Work at this level requires a detailed knowledge of both Governmental policies and procedures and an appreciation of their application in relation to agency operations. The ability to interpret and provide advice on legislation, regulations and other guideline material relating to the operations and functions of the work area is required.

Duties may span a range of activities in a complex, specialised environment and may include contributing to the formulation of corporate policy and the implementation of policy directives.

The provision of expert advice on a consultancy basis to outside bodies, agencies and the public as well as participation on inter-agency committees to develop policy, planning and other initiatives is required.

Significant managerial skills and the abilities necessary to monitor resource allocations, evaluate professional, technical and economic impacts of programs, formulate policy and corporate strategy proposals are a requirement of positions within this level.

The management of very complex projects involving a number of personnel from either the discipline or a variety of professional disciplines may be required.

## **Professional officer level 6 (PO6)**

### **Work level description**

Work at this level is usually under the broad direction of a senior executive and includes a requirement for high levels of expertise and experience to determine professional objectives and priorities within the frameworks of an agency's corporate goals and in the absence of general professional guidance.

Appointees to this level are recognised as national or international authorities within their discipline and have generally made a significant contribution to the development of professional understanding on a national or international basis.

High levels of expertise and experience are required with a comprehensive knowledge of a recognised professional discipline.

This level may require the management of programs of critical importance to the State, to satisfy the Government's objectives or the agency's corporate goals.

### **Characteristics of the level**

Work is undertaken in a highly complex or specialised field to establish and/or modify standards, guidelines, concepts, theories, techniques or principles, both by adapting precedents and by making significant departures from traditional approaches.

In the absence of other evidence higher qualifications or national/international professional recognition of expertise is considered essential to undertake duties at this level.

The provision of expert specialist consultancy skills with critical impacts to the industry, to the State and at times the Nation must be combined with the exercise of total professional independence.

### **Duties and skills**

The lack of precedent is a significant feature of the majority of duties and actions undertaken.

Development and overseeing the implementation of new and high level programs and major investigations is a significant feature of this level, as is an emphasis on strategic management.

## **Schedule 5 - Generic Level Statements - Technical Stream**

### **Technical officer level 1 (TO1)**

#### **Work level description**

Work at this level is restricted to those employees who have met the minimum entry requirements under the relevant legislation e.g. *Public Service Act 2008* plus the education requirements for acceptance into the appropriate tertiary institution.

Appointment to this level is solely for the purpose of fulfilling prerequisite education and/or training prior to appointment to the substantive grade in the Technical stream.

A requirement at this level is the successful completion of the educational or training requirements of the particular technical group.

Appointees to this level may be enrolled as a full-time or part-time student, and if part-time, may be required to do work associated with the relevant occupation, but at a level and under a degree of supervision appropriate to the skills held. This may include some work which normally would be carried out by Level 2 (i.e. Practising) Technical Officer, provided such work is verified or validated by a qualified and experienced technical employee.

#### **Characteristics of the work**

Work within this Level is performed under close supervision following standard routines, methods and procedures with little scope for deviation, or the exercise of initiative or judgment.

The routines, methods and procedures to be followed are at a level consistent with skills acquired. Initially direct guidance is given when problems arise.

Skills and knowledge will be acquired and demonstrated on a progressive basis consistent with the formal and informal training undertaken. Positions at this level have no supervisory responsibility, although more experienced staff may be expected to assist new staff by providing basic advice and guidance.

#### **Duties and skills**

This level recognises that duties and skills will increase in complexity as the employee moves through the education and training phase.

Employees at this level usually perform repetitive tasks which are fully prescribed and are usually performed in response to standardised instructions or requests.

Employees at this level may undertake a combination of routine clerical, analysis, preparatory and operative duties requiring the application of basic skills and routines.

### **Technical officer level 2 (TO2)**

#### **Work level description**

Positions at this level consist of employees with a minimum of a diploma, advanced diploma, qualification, or agreed equivalent and who are identified as belonging to the generic groupings listed in the definition statement.

Positions at this level involve the delivery of basic technical services which are in support of agency objectives.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is initially performed under close supervision by a more experienced professional or technical officer, however, this supervision is expected to reduce as experience increases. Guidance is always close at hand and work outcomes are closely monitored.

The solution of problems may require the exercise of basic technical judgement through the application of standard procedures, methods and standards, however guidance from senior staff is readily available.

Employees at this level may operate individually under close supervision or as a member of a project team within a work group.

Positions at this level generally have no supervisory responsibilities although more experienced staff may assist new staff by providing guidance and advice.

Knowledge of basic practices and procedures relevant to the discipline is required with the possibility of specialisation in work application.

### **Duties and skills**

Positions at this level may involve an employee in a range of activities including the analysis of findings as they relate to the elements of the work. They could also include the preparation of reports incorporating recommendations on basic technical investigations, tests or measurements.

Employees at this level perform non-repetitive tasks, governed by established procedures, specific guidelines and standardised instructions. Work is generally undertaken under technical guidance of senior staff.

Skills are generally transferable within particular disciplines.

Employees shall be required to have technical knowledge as indicated by successful completion of the appropriate diploma, advanced diploma, qualification and be able to apply theoretical aspects of the relevant discipline to basic problems or minor phases of broader assignments.

## **Technical officer level 3 (TO3)**

### **Work level description**

Work at this level requires detailed technical knowledge and experience with demonstrated high levels of accuracy and precision. An understanding of the agency's functions, coupled with detailed knowledge of the units' operations, practices and procedures is necessary for competent performance.

An employee may be required to undertake a range of moderately complex tasks and functions or specialisation in a particular discipline may be a feature of work at this level.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work at this level is undertaken autonomously with limited guidance. Guidance is available for complex or unusual problems, research or moderately complex experimental work. However, the contribution of experience to resolve issues on a day to day basis for which there may be no established procedure is a requirement of this level.

Supervision of small work groups and responsibility for quality of output by the group may be a feature of this level.

### **Duties and skills**

The determination, conduct and evaluation of standard technical practices and procedures is required at this level. Significant technical responsibility exists for the application of new techniques to moderately complex problems and may be combined with limited specialist research.

Supervisory responsibilities would be limited and would include on-the-job training, staff assessment and performance counselling in relation to subordinates within the discipline.

### **Technical officer level 4 (TO4)**

#### **Work level description**

Appointment to this level requires proven technical expertise and competence with demonstrated proficiency in applying established technical disciplines over several years either on an individual basis or as a member of a multi-disciplinary unit as either a technical practitioner or a technical specialist.

High levels of initiative in accomplishing technical objectives which may be either on an individual basis as a recognised technical specialist or as a senior technical specialist in a multi-disciplinary unit are required.

#### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is performed either independently, with limited guidance from superiors only received for those aspects of work which involve new or sophisticated techniques or relate to areas outside the position's normal span of activity, or as a member of a specialist or multi-disciplinary team.

Specialist technical consultancy either in the particular area of expertise or in a specialist area of expertise is required as is a high level of technical assistance to the work group.

The general quality of advice given is monitored by superiors and is subject to professional standards.

Management of work groups may be a feature of this level.

### **Duties and skills**

Managerial responsibility includes training of subordinate staff, co-ordination of workflow processes, responsibility for quality of output of the work unit, performance assessment and review, staff counselling, career planning and development, application of equal employment opportunity principles as well as implementing occupational health and safety guidelines and principles.

Work at this level requires the ability to interpret legislation, regulations and other guideline material relating to the operations and functions of the work area.

The investigation of a range of operating and design issues is a key duty of this level.

### **Technical officer level 5 (TO5)**

#### **Work level description**

This level requires a high level of knowledge of complex though conventional methods and techniques of a particular discipline resulting from many years' experience and/or advanced technical training.

High levels of autonomy and initiative are required to be exhibited in accomplishing objectives and undertaking complex research projects, which may be either on an individual basis as a recognised technical specialist or as a senior technical specialist in a multi-disciplinary team. Employees would be expected to work with only broad guidelines in accomplishing objectives and undertaking complex projects.

The management of large technical work units which may be located across several work sites or involved in several programs may be a function of this level.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Higher qualifications or further study or research experience is usually a characteristic of this level.

Management of large technical work units, including prioritising work, training of staff, monitoring of work flow and setting of local strategic plans is often a feature of this level. Assessment and review of the standard of work of subordinate technical staff may also be required.

Work at this level requires the development and provision of specialist technical advice and consultancy services to other agencies, industry representatives and the public. The level of information provided and recommendations made influence the decisions of others, including superiors and peers, especially in the monitoring, development and delivery of programs.

### **Duties and skills**

The duties undertaken at this level are of a complex and varied nature. They require detailed knowledge of the agency's operations combined with a specialist knowledge of major activities within the work unit.

Key duties and skills include the development of innovative methodologies, the application of proven techniques to specialised technical services and the undertaking of significant projects requiring the use of analytical skills.

The development and implementation of research studies, the preparation of reports and the formulation of recommendations and strategic plans in relation to the operation of the unit are key duties at this level.

## **Technical officer level 6 (TO6)**

### **Work level description**

Appointees at this level are recognised as authorities within a particular specialised technical field of expertise. This expertise is exhibited through extensive knowledge and experience within the area of specialisation possibly gained through either research or further qualifications.

Positions at this level may have managerial responsibility for major work units.

High levels of initiative are required to be exhibited in accomplishing objectives and undertaking complex projects, which may be either on an individual basis as a recognised technical specialist or as a senior technical specialist in a multi-disciplinary team.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is usually performed without technical direction with a degree of individual discretion permitted within broad guidelines to achieve organisational goals.

The development and application of discipline principles and new technology may be a feature of this level, requiring the exercise of substantial technical judgement.

Positions within this level will generally have a very high profile within the discipline and will operate within broad guidelines to achieve specific objectives with technical independence.

### **Duties and skills**

Work at this level requires a detailed knowledge of both Governmental policies and procedures and an appreciation of their application in relation to agency operations. The ability to interpret and provide advice on legislation, regulations and other guideline material relating to the operations and functions of the work area is required.

Duties may span a range of activities in a complex, specialised environment and may include contributing to the formulation of corporate policy and the implementation of policy directives.

The development of appropriate techniques in providing specialised technical services and the formulation of complex programs within the framework of objectives and priorities of major work units are key duties to this level.

The provision of expert advice on a consultancy basis to outside bodies, agencies and the public as well as participation on inter-agency committees to develop policy, planning and other initiatives is required.

Significant managerial skills and the abilities necessary to monitor resource allocations, evaluate program effectiveness, formulate policy and corporate strategy proposals are a requirement of positions within this level.

## **Schedule 6 - Generic Level Statements - Operational Stream**

### **Operational officer level 1 (OO1)**

#### **Work level description**

Training, both on and off the job, is a dominant feature of this level.

#### **Characteristics of the level**

Work at this level is performed under close supervision and direction following standard routines, methods and procedures with little scope for deviation, or the exercise of initiative or judgment in the selection of appropriate means to complete the work assignment. Limited responsibility exists for the final outcome.

The routines, methods and procedures to be followed are at a level consistent with skills acquired. Direct guidance is given when problems arise.

Positions at this level have no supervisory responsibility.

#### **Duties and skills**

Employees at this level usually perform repetitive tasks which are fully prescribed and are usually performed in response to standardised instructions or requests. There is only limited scope for interpretation.

### **Operational officer level 2 (OO2)**

### **Work level description**

Positions at this level involve the delivery of operational services whose work routines, methods, and procedures are clearly established and there is limited scope for deviation.

Training, both on and off the job, is often a dominant feature of this level.

### **Characteristics of the level**

Work may initially be performed under close supervision by a more experienced officer, however, this supervision is expected to reduce as experience increases. Employees at this level may operate individually or as a member of a project team within a work group.

Limited discretion is available for the selection of the appropriate means of completing duties or tasks. Guidance is always available and work outcomes may be closely monitored.

Positions at this level may have limited supervisory responsibilities with more experienced staff assisting new staff by providing guidance and advice.

### **Duties and skills**

Positions at this level may involve an employee in a range of activities including the performance of non-repetitive tasks governed by established procedures, specific guidelines and standardised instructions.

Duties may include field support or regulatory inspection activities and data collection and recording. Appointees to this level undertake a range of functions requiring the practical application of acquired skills and knowledge.

Technical skills not requiring trade or equivalent qualifications are required in order to safely and effectively operate basic machinery to perform routine and standard functions, and organise duties across a working day to meet regular work load requirements.

## **Operational officer level 3 (OO3)**

### **Work level description**

Appointment to this level requires proven expertise in the particular discipline with demonstrated proficiency in applying established techniques.

An understanding of the agency's functions coupled with detailed knowledge of the work units' operations, practices and procedures is necessary for competent performance.

### **Characteristics of the level**

Employees at this level work under general direction and undertake a range of functions which may require the application of trade based skills and experience or the practical application of a high level of skills.

Employees at this level may operate individually or as a member of a project team within a work group.

Supervision of subordinate employees within a small discrete work group or function may be a feature of this level.

Assistance is usually available if required when problems occur, although problems are usually resolvable by reference to procedures, documented methods and instructions.

Whilst there is some scope for the exercising of initiative in the application of established work practices and procedures, problems can generally be solved by reference to documented methods and instructions.

### **Duties and skills**

Work at this level requires a sound knowledge of the agency's functions and the requirements of the discipline.

A sound knowledge of the operating procedures is required.

Supervisory responsibilities may include co-ordination of work flow processes, training of subordinate staff, responsibility of quality of output of the workgroup, staff assessment and performance counselling in relation to subordinates.

Knowledge and compliance with regulations, codes and specifications may be required.

Duties at this level may include application of trade based skills or equivalent involving field work, design/modification of equipment, research projects, support services and the collating and analysis of specimens or data.

## **Operational officer level 4 (OO4)**

### **Work level description**

Work at this level requires specialised knowledge within the discipline.

Work is undertaken under limited direction as to work priorities and the detailed conduct of the task.

Employees may be responsible for larger work groups or functions, field groups or district operations.

High levels of initiative in accomplishing objectives may be required to be exercised either on an individual basis or in a multi-disciplinary unit.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Work is performed either independently with guidance from superiors only received for those aspects of work which involve new or sophisticated techniques or relate to areas outside the position's normal span of activity.

There is scope for the exercise of initiative in the application of established work practices and procedures.

### **Duties and skills**

Duties include the supervision of a work group or function, field group or regional operation, with responsibility for the standard of workmanship, completion of work assignments and allocation of resources.

Interpretation of guideline material and documented precedents and the application of judgement may be required in determining solutions to problems.

## **Operational officer level 5 (OO5)**



### **Work level description**

Work at this level requires specialised knowledge of complex though conventional methods and techniques.

High levels of autonomy and initiative may be required to be exhibited in accomplishing objectives and undertaking projects.

Management of large work groups may be a factor.

### **Characteristics of the level**

Employees at this level are subject to limited direction and may exercise managerial responsibility for a large and complex work program.

Usually only broad guidance and advice is provided as to operational requirements and deadlines to achieve end results in line with operating goals.

### **Duties and skills**

Duties may involve detailed planning, directing, co-ordinating or financial control within budget, material and workforce limitations established by management and the implementation of overall agency policies.

Managerial responsibility includes training of subordinate staff, co-ordination of workflow processes, responsibility for quality of output of the work unit, performance assessment and review, staff counselling, career planning and development, application of equal employment opportunity principles as well as implementing occupational health and safety guidelines and principles.

## **Operational officers levels 6 & 7 (OO6 & OO7)**

### **Work level description**

Work at this level requires specialised knowledge and may be undertaken autonomously.

These are managerial levels and may include responsibility for large and complex work groups.

### **Characteristics of the work**

Responsibilities at these levels will reflect the size and complexity of agency operations and will normally entail significant independence of action in the allocation of resources within constraints imposed by management.

Work is performed under limited direction with a significant degree of discretion permitted within the boundaries of broad guidelines to achieve organisational goals.

### **Duties and skills**

Duties at this level reflect the independent operation of the employee and may involve significant allocation of resources.

Management of work units may include prioritising work, training staff, monitoring of work flow and setting of local strategic plans. Assessment and review of the standard of work of subordinate staff is also a requirement of this level.

Work at this level requires a knowledge and awareness of agency operations as well as detailed knowledge of major activities of the work unit.

The requirement to interpret legislation, regulations and other guidance material relating to the operations and functions of the work area is necessary for adequate performance at this level.

## Schedule 7 - Supported Wage System

This Schedule defines the conditions which will apply to employees who because of the effects of a disability are eligible for a supported wage under the supported wage system.

**Definitions** - In this Schedule:

**approved assessor** means a person accredited by the management unit established by the Commonwealth under the supported wage system to perform assessments of an individual's productive capacity within the supported wage system

**assessment instrument** means the tool provided for under the supported wage system that records the assessment of the productive capacity of the person to be employed under the supported wage system

**disability support pension** means the Commonwealth pension scheme to provide income security for persons with a disability as provided under the *Social Security Act 1991* (Cth), or any successor to that scheme

**relevant minimum wage** means the minimum wage prescribed in this Award for the class of work for which an employee is engaged

**supported wage system (sws)** means the Commonwealth Government system to promote employment for people who cannot work at full Award wages because of a disability, as documented in the Supported Wage System Handbook. The Handbook is available from the following website: [www.jobaccess.gov.au](http://www.jobaccess.gov.au)

**sws wage assessment agreement** means the document in the form required by the Department of Social Services that records the employee's productive capacity and agreed wage rate

### Eligibility criteria

- (a) Employees covered by this Schedule will be those who are unable to perform the range of duties to the competence level required within the class of work for which the employee is engaged under this Award, because of the effects of a disability on their productive capacity, and who meet the impairment criteria for receipt of a disability support pension.
- (b) This Schedule does not apply to any existing employee who has a claim against the employer which is subject to the provisions of the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003*.

### Supported wage rates

- (a) Employees to whom this Schedule applies will be paid the applicable percentage of the relevant minimum wage according to the following Table and Note:

Assessed capacity (see below)	Relevant minimum wage*
10%	10%
20%	20%
30%	30%
40%	40%

50%	50%
60%	60%
70%	70%
80%	80%
90%	90%

\*Note: The minimum amount payable to an employee receiving a supported wage must not be less than \$82 per week.

- (b) Where an employee's assessed capacity is 10%, the employee must receive a high degree of assistance and support.

### Assessment of capacity

- (a) For the purpose of establishing the percentage of the relevant minimum wage, the productive capacity of the employee will be assessed in accordance with the sws by an approved assessor, having consulted the employer and employee and, if the employee so desires, a union which the employee is eligible to join.
- (b) All assessments made under this Schedule must be documented in an sws wage assessment agreement, and retained by the employer as a time and wages record in accordance with the Act.

### Review of assessment

The assessment of the applicable percentage should be subject to annual or more frequent review on the basis of a reasonable request for such a review. The process of review must be in accordance with the procedures for assessing capacity under the sws.

### Other terms and conditions of employment

Where an assessment has been made, the applicable percentage will apply to the relevant minimum wage only. Employees covered by the provisions of this Schedule will be entitled to the same terms and conditions of employment as other workers covered by this Award on a *pro rata* basis.

### Workplace adjustment

If the employer wishes to employ a person under the provisions of this Schedule it must take reasonable steps to make changes in the workplace to enhance the employee's capacity to do the job. Changes may involve re-design of job duties, working time arrangements and work organisation.

### Trial period

- (a) In order for an adequate assessment of the employee's capacity to be made, the employer may employ a person under the provisions of this Schedule for a trial period not exceeding 12 weeks, except that in some cases additional work adjustment time (not exceeding four weeks) may be needed.
- (b) During that trial period the assessment of capacity will be undertaken and the percentage of the relevant minimum wage for a continuing employment relationship will be determined.
- (c) The minimum amount payable to the employee during the trial period must be no less than the amount recorded in the Note under the Table (above).
- (d) Work trials should include induction or training as appropriate to the job being trialled.

- (e) Where the employer and employee wish to establish a continuing employment relationship following the completion of the trial period, a further contract of employment will be entered into based on the outcome of assessment (see **Assessment of capacity** - above).

**Schedule 8 - Directives Which Apply to Employees Covered by this Award**

**Directives about the following matters apply to all employees by the operation of Schedule 3 of the *Public Service Regulation 2008*:**

- Early retirement, redundancy and retrenchment
- Employees requiring placement
- Recruitment and selection

**Directives about the following matters apply to employees other than domestic and general employees by the operation of Schedule 3 of the *Public Service Regulation 2008*:**

- Domestic travelling and relieving expenses
- Higher duties
- International travelling, relieving and living expenses
- Locality allowance
- Long service leave
- Overtime meal allowance
- Paid parental leave
- Recognition of previous service and employment
- Recreation leave
- Special leave (to the extent the ruling provides for bereavement leave)
- Transfer and appointment expenses

52. By updating the Table of Contents to reflect the renumbered Schedules as follows:

**Schedule 1 - Organisational Hours of Work Arrangements**

**Schedule 2 - Stream Allocation**

**Schedule 3 - Generic Level Statements - Administrative Stream**

**Schedule 4 - Generic Level Statements - Professional Stream**

**Schedule 5 - Generic Level Statements - Technical Stream**

**Schedule 6 - Generic Level Statements - Operational Stream**

**Schedule 7 - Supported Wage System**

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