Procedure
Recruitment and Selection of Ancillary Staff in Schools and Preschools

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Summary
The Recruitment and Selection of Ancillary Staff in Schools and Preschools Procedure identifies and describes the processes and associated considerations and terms for the appointment of ancillary staff in schools and preschools.

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1. Title
Recruitment and Selection of Ancillary Staff in Schools and Preschools Procedure

2. Purpose
This procedure, associated with the Recruitment and Selection of Ancillary Staff in Schools and Preschools Policy, identifies and describes the processes and considerations including entitlements, terms, conditions and eligibility, related to the appointment of ancillary staff to schools and preschools.

3. Scope
The procedure applies to the appointment of ancillary staff employed as School Services Officers (SSO), Early Childhood Workers (ECW), Government Services Employees (GSE) and other weekly paid employees.

4. Procedure Detail

4.1 Modes of employment
An SSO, ECW or GSE may be engaged as an ongoing/permanent, temporary or casual employee. An ongoing/permanent or temporary employee may be full time or part time. See Appendix 1 - Summary Table for Modes of Employment.

4.2 Filling vacancies

Selection Process
All selection panels are required to follow the DECD Merit Selection Policy 2010, Merit Selection Procedure 2010 and associated Merit Instructions.

All appointments will be made at the school or preschool through merit selection processes, with the only exception being for a small number of placements being made through the Ancillary Placement Register (APR) which is a centrally-managed process.

Describing a new or vacant position
In partnership with the Personnel Advisory Committee (PAC) for schools, and with reference to the site’s Human Resource (HR) plan for schools and preschools, the School Principal or Preschool Director identifies and describes a new vacancy.

All described vacancies need to detail the major functions and skill codes and a descriptor that succinctly describes the context and requirements of the vacancy. See Appendix 2 for major functions and skill codes.

All vacancies are lodged online in the Vacancy Selection and Placement (VSP) module in the Application Portal.

The classification level of a job and person specification will be reviewed and/or confirmed by HR Services – Preschools and Schools before the positions are filled. This may include the revision of the classification level when a vacancy is declared for an existing position or in the case of a new position. HR Services – Preschools and Schools will determine the appropriate classification level with the approval of the Assistant Director, Workforce Management.

In order to ensure that the overall needs of sites and individual employees are met, and in extenuating circumstances, the Assistant Director, Workforce Management, may approve special arrangements for the filling of vacancies or the appointment of individual employee.
Additional hours
Vacancies of *15 hours or less both ongoing/permanent and temporary, must be offered to permanent part time staff within the school/preschool, in the first instance. If the hours cannot be allocated within the school/preschool, they are offered to permanent part time staff in nearby schools/preschools. The allocation of additional hours is merit based.

Refer to Appendix 3 – Additional Hours Register

* Vacancies of 15 hpw may be considered for ‘must place’ employees in the Ancillary Placement Register (APR) in the first instance, therefore the recommendation from the Additional Hours Register or other recommendations may not be approved for these vacancies.

Ongoing/Permanent Vacancies

Diagram 1: Filling ongoing vacancies greater than 15 hours

An ongoing/permanent vacancy will be described unless the criteria for a temporary position are met. For all vacancies resulting from ancillary staff employees winning ongoing/permanent positions, or by ancillary staff employees resigning, retiring, etc., it is expected that an ongoing/permanent position(s) will be described by the school or preschool unless strong evidence can be provided as to why the resultant vacancy(s) cannot be filled permanently.

All ongoing/permanent ancillary staff vacancies greater than 15 hours per week and with no end date will be filled by any ‘must place’ employees in the Ancillary Placement Register (APR) in the first instance, provided they are a suitable match for the position and the appointment is within the placement conditions of the ancillary staff employee. This exercise will be managed centrally by HR Services – Preschools and Schools.

If still unfilled, the vacancy may be considered for a conversion to permanency process, subject to specific criteria, as outlined below.

Should no appointment be made from the centrally managed HR process then the ancillary staff vacancies are advertised online through DECDjobs.

Ongoing/permanent employees that wish to request a transfer from one location to another within their substantive employment type will be considered for vacancies that remain unfilled after advertisement. If the vacancy still remains unfilled then employees who do not hold right of return to a school or preschool and have no guarantee of placement will be considered.

If appointed to an ongoing/permanent vacancy, the employee takes on the hours per week described in the vacancy.

Conversion to permanency

Principals, in partnership with the PAC, or Preschool Directors in accordance with the Human Resource Plan can make a recommendation to the Assistant Director, Workforce Management, to convert a temporary ancillary staff employee to ongoing/permanent.

The following criteria need to be met:

- The position is identified as an ongoing/permanent position by the school or preschool.
- There are no ancillary staff employees available with specific placement rights through the Ancillary Placement Register (APR) to fill the vacancy.
- The incumbent was appointed in the temporary position through a merit based selection process and has occupied the position for a period of at least two years.**
- The incumbent is not the subject of unsatisfactory performance.

**Variation for vacancies for the commencement of the 2015 school year and beyond: For existing employees the merit based selection criteria will be waived, but the employee must have been employed during 2013 and 2014.
In order to ensure that the overall needs of schools, preschools and individual ancillary staff employees are met, and in extenuating circumstances, the Assistant Director, Workforce Management, may approve special arrangements for the conversion of temporary employees to permanency.

**Diagram 1: Filling ongoing vacancies greater than 15 hours**

1. Site identifies and describes a permanent ongoing vacancy greater than 15 hours per week
   - ‘Must Place’ Ancillary Staff employees in the APR are considered for the vacancy

2. Successful applicant identified
   - Applicant from the APR appointed
   - Eligible temporary employee identified
     - Applicant converted to permanent

3. No suitable applicant identified
   - Conversion to permanency (if eligible, temporary ancillary staff employee)
   - No conversion to permanency
     - The vacancy is advertised on DECDjobs

4. Suitable applicant identified
   - Recommended applicant appointed

5. No suitable applicant identified
   - Requested Transfers in the APR considered

6. Suitable applicant identified
   - Applicant from the APR appointed

7. No suitable applicant identified
   - NROR no guarantee employees in the APR considered

8. Suitable applicant identified
   - Applicant from the APR appointed

9. No suitable applicant identified
   - Site redescribes or re-advertises the vacancy
Diagram 2: Filling ongoing vacancies of 15 hours or less (Additional Hours)

An ongoing vacancies of *15 hours or less must be offered to permanent part time staff within the school/preschool, in the first instance. If the hours cannot be allocated within the school/preschool, they are offered to permanent part time staff in nearby schools/preschools. The allocation of additional hours is merit based.

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Additional hours 15 hours per week or less*

All permanent part time staff within the school/preschool are invited to apply via DECDjobs

Successful permanent employee identified

Hours become part of the permanent employees substantive hours

Successful permanent employee identified

All permanent part time staff in nearby school/preschools are invited to apply via DECDjobs

No permanent employee identified

No suitable applicant identified additional hours become temporary hours filled on a temporary basis until end of contract. Consideration is then given to re-offer the additional hours as ongoing/permanent

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All permanent part time staff within the school/preschool are invited to apply via DECDjobs
Temporary vacancies

Diagram 3: Filling temporary vacancies 12 months or greater and greater than 15 hours

If an appointment is not made from the Ancillary Placement Register (APR), it is required that the position be advertised online through DECDjobs.

Site identifies and describes a temporary vacancy

Ancillary staff employees in the APR are considered for the vacancy

Suitable applicant identified

Applicant from the APR appointed to a temporary vacancy

No suitable applicant identified

The vacancy is required to be advertised on DECDjobs as a temporary vacancy
Diagram 4: Filling temporary vacancies greater than 12 months and *15 hours or less (Additional Hours)

The hours must be offered to permanent part time staff within the school/preschool, in the first instance on the basis of merit. If the hours cannot be allocated within the school, they are offered to permanent part time staff in nearby schools for allocation on the basis of merit, using a modified selection process (e.g. expression of interest) via DECDjobs. A nearby school/preschool is defined as one in the same region and/or within a reasonable travelling distance.

The vacancy is required to be advertised on DECDjobs if it remains unfilled.

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Diagram 5: Filling temporary vacancies less than 12 months and greater than 15 hours

If an appointment is not made from the Ancillary Placement Register (APR), it is recommended that the position be advertised online through DECDjobs. However the position may also be filled through the Employable Ancillary Register (EAR).

- Site identifies and describes a temporary vacancy
- Ancillary Staff employees in the APR are considered for the vacancy
- Suitable applicant identified
  - Applicant from the APR appointed to temporary vacancy
  - EITHER
    - Advertise via DECDjobs
  - OR
    - Fill through the Employable Ancillary Register
- No suitable applicant identified
Diagram 6: Filling temporary vacancies of 12 months or less and *15 hours per week or less (Additional Hours)

In order to fill these temporary vacancies, all schools and preschools will be required to maintain an ‘Additional Hours Register’ refer to Appendix 3. This register will provide details of existing permanent part time ancillary employees both from within the school/preschool and those in nearby locations who are seeking additional temporary hours.

Eligible** permanent part time staff in a site must be considered before those in a nearby location. Where more than one permanent part time employee is eligible, as part of a merit process, referee(s) must be contacted by the panel to make the selection.

If no suitable applicant is identified, eligible* temporary part time employees in the school/preschool must be considered. Where more than one temporary part time employee is eligible, as part of a merit process, referee(s) must be contacted by the panel to make the selection.

If no suitable applicant is identified then the vacancy can be filled by either:

- The Employable Ancillary Register (EAR) OR,
- Advertise online through DECD jobs, using a modified merit selection process.

Refer to ‘Diagram 7 for backfilling relief vacancies of 4 weeks or less.

*vacancies of 15 hpw may be considered for 'must place' employees in the Ancillary Placement Register (APR) in the first instance, therefore the recommendation from the Additional Hours Register or other recommendations may not be approved for these vacancies.

**Eligible’ is defined as meeting the major functions and skills and the needs of the site for the additional hours.

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**Diagram:**

- Site identifies temporary vacancy*
- Permanent part time Ancillary Staff who have lodged an AHR form
  - within the school/preschool considered first,
  - and then within nearby schools/preschools must be considered
- Suitable applicant identified
- Applicant appointed to the temporary vacancy.
- No suitable applicant identified
- Suitable applicant identified
- Temporary part time staff in the school/preschool
- No suitable applicant identified
- Employable Ancillary Register OR
- Advertise via DECDjobs
Diagram 7: Filling temporary vacancies of 4 weeks or less for any hours (Relief Vacancies)

Relief vacancy process is only available for backfilling behind short term leave to ensure duty of care, continuation of learning programs and/or operational needs.

Relief vacancies are filled using the following methods:

- Additional Hours Register, OR
- Recommendation from established relief list held at the site, OR
- Employable Ancillary Register.
### SUMMARY TABLE FOR FILLING OF VACANCIES

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• Conversion to Permanency (if eligible)  
• Required to advertise on DECDjobs  
• Requested transfer  
• No right of return (no guarantee) |
| **Ongoing – 15** hours or less: Additional Hours | • Permanent part time staff within the school/preschool  
• Permanent part time staff in nearby schools/preschools |
| **Temporary – 12 months or greater and greater than 15 hours** | • APR  
• Required to advertise on DECDjobs |
| **Temporary – greater than 12 months and **15 hours or less**: Additional Hours | • Permanent part time staff within the school/preschool  
• Permanent part time staff in nearby schools/preschools  
• Required to advertise on DECDjobs |
| **Temporary – Less than 12 months and greater than 15 hours** | • APR  
• Recommend to advertise on DECDjobs  
• Fill through the EAR |
| **Temporary – 12 months or less and **15 hours or less**: Additional Hours | • Additional Hours Register  
• Permanent part time staff within the school/preschool  
• Permanent part time staff in nearby schools/preschools  

And then filled by:  
• Non-permanent part time staff in the school/preschool  

And then filled by either:  
• Employable Ancillary Register or Advertise on DECDjobs |
| **Temporary – 4 weeks or less: Relief Vacancies** | • Additional Hours register OR  
Established Relief List OR  
Employable Ancillary Register (EAR) |

* the successful applicant will be employed under the appropriate mode of employment (see Recruitment and Selection of Ancillary Staff in Schools and Preschools Policy Section 4.7 Modes of Employment)

** vacancies of 15 hpw may be considered for ‘must place’ employees in the Ancillary Placement Register (APR) in the first instance, therefore the recommendation from the Additional Hours Register or other recommendations may not be approved for these vacancies.
4.3 Eligibility for applying for an advertised vacancy

Applicants do not need to be currently employed in DECD when applying for positions. However, applicants must be able to meet DECD minimum employment requirements before taking up an appointment.

Minimum DECD requirements include:

- an active on-line application in the Employable Ancillary Register (EAR),
- a cleared DECD Employment Declaration,
- Australian residency or current work permit,
- Reporting Abuse and Neglect training, and
- Child-related Employment Screening from the Department for Community and Social Inclusion (DCSI), and
- Approved certificate III level education and care qualification, or be actively working towards gaining the qualification (refer to ACECQA website for list of approved qualifications), if working in a preschool program or school based preschool program.

All ongoing/permanent Ancillary Staff Employees are eligible to apply for any advertised vacancy.

4.4 Eligibility for inclusion in the ancillary placement register (APR)

The APR will comprise of any ongoing/permanent ancillary staff employees who require consideration for placement. Applications are required to be lodged every year the employee is required to be placed or requesting a transfer.

Employees eligible for the APR must lodge their applications online in DECDjobs.

Ancillary Staff Employees who are eligible to be included in the APR are:

- **Alternative Placement**
  Ongoing/permanent employees who have an approved Alternative Placement agreement approved by the Assistant Director, Workforce Management. Alternative placement requests will normally be associated with a medical condition relating to the employee or their immediate family, and be supported by appropriate documentation. Requests must be made on an Alternative Placement Request form (VL719).

- **Ongoing/permanent employees who do not hold right of return to a school or preschool and have a guarantee of placement**

- **Ongoing/permanent employees identified for Required Placement** (refer to Appendix 5)

- **Requested Transfers**
  Ongoing/permanent employees that wish to request a transfer from one location to another within their substantive employment type. There is no minimum service required to lodge a requested transfer application.

- **Ongoing/permanent employees who do not hold right of return to a school or preschool and have no guarantee of placement.**
  Employees who have lost their right of return to their substantive school/preschool and do not have a guarantee of a placement. This information will have been outlined in a letter from HR Services – Preschools and Schools.

**Tied Placement**

Employees may ‘tie’ an application for placement with the relocation of their partner provided that the partner is an employee of DECD.
4.5 Selection process for placement from the APR

Ancillary staff employees who have lodged a placement request will be considered for any suitable ongoing/permanent vacancies which they match from the date of lodgement for the relevant application year. Applicants that match a vacancy will be appointed without a formal offer being made.

The appointment of employees from the APR to schools or preschools will be managed centrally by HR Services – Preschools and Schools.

HR Consultants manage the selection process and are able to:

- seek referee comments to verify any aspect of the employee’s application
- contact the employee directly to seek further information
- contact the Principal or Preschool Director to clarify issues relating to the position.

Ongoing/permanent employees who are guaranteed a placement may indicate preferences for placement, but if these cannot be met, they will be placed in the best option available within reasonable distance from their place of residence. Employees who have lodged a requested transfer and those employees who do not hold right of return to a school/preschool and have no guarantee of placement will be only considered for vacancies in their nominated sites.

An employee in the APR will only be appointed to a vacancy within the range of time stated in their online application or at their substantive hours per week and substantive classification. If appointed to an ongoing/permanent position through this process, the employee takes on the hours per week described in the vacancy. This becomes the employee’s new substantive hours per week.

A variation to ongoing/permanent substantive hours may be actioned on request, either a reduction/or increased number of hours, but if this is not possible, placement will be according to substantive hours.

Vacancies will be filled in most instances according to the following preference:

1) approved Alternative Placement
2) ongoing employees who do not hold right of return to a school or preschool and have a guarantee of placement
3) Ongoing employees identified for Required Placement.

Should positions remain unfilled after advertisement, vacancies will be filled in most instances according to the following preference:

1) requested transfers
2) ongoing employees who do not hold right of return to a school or preschool and have no guarantee of placement.

‘Must Place’ employees with a classification level higher than SSO level 1, ECW level 1 or GSE level 2 that may require placement, will be appointed to an appropriate classified positions wherever possible. Otherwise they will be appointed into lower classified positions, however the employee will be renumerated at their substantive classification.

From time to time, there may be temporary employees who require placement. They will be considered for temporary vacancies before they are advertised, in line with ‘must place’ employees in the APR.

4.6 Right of return (ROR)

From 2013, all ongoing/permanent ancillary staff employees appointed to schools or preschools will retain right of return to that school or preschool following periods of leave or following an appointment to a temporary position within the department. Refer to Right of Return Management Procedure.

Current employees who do not hold right of return to a school or preschool and have no guarantee of placement retain this status.

Leave is managed at the site level in accordance with the Special Leave Policy.
The Principal/ Preschool Director is the delegate for the approval of special leave up to and including 12 months.

Approval is based on the needs of the individual and the potential impact on the school/preschool. In most instances long term special leave is granted as leave without pay and a 12 month maximum applies. Applications for leave are considered in the light of the information provided and in the context of each employee’s circumstances. The period of leave granted may therefore vary from case to case. All ongoing/permanent ancillary employees in ongoing/permanent positions, retain right of return to their position after periods of leave.

All other types of leave including long service leave, maternity leave, family leave, child rearing leave will retain right of return.

All ongoing/permanent Ancillary employees who undertake an alternative temporary tenured position in another location within DECD can hold their ROR for up to two years. After two years, unless negotiated with the Principal/Preschool Director to extend this period, the employee needs to return to their substantive position.

4.7 Employable ancillary register (EAR)

The Employable Ancillary Register contains all persons seeking employment (including ancillary staff employees who are not currently permanent DECD employees) who are seeking temporary, or permanent employment and who meet, or are able to meet, minimum DECD employment criteria. People in this group are referred to as ‘Employable Ancillary Staff’. Applications are required to be lodged for every year the employee is seeking work with DECD.

4.8 Change in time

Ongoing/permanent employees need to maintain hours of greater than 15 hours. An employee who wishes to decrease their hours per week on a temporary or ongoing/permanent basis, may seek to do so in negotiation with the Principal in partnership with the PAC or Preschool Director through agreement with affected staff.

Ongoing/permanent SSOs and ECWs employees are unable to decrease to 15 hpw or less.

4.9 Local management

Schools and preschools are expected to manage their human resources within the site. Employees can only be considered for ‘required placement’ in exceptional circumstances, as approved by the Assistant Director, Workforce Management. Refer to Appendix 4 for details of the Required Placement process.
5. Roles and responsibilities

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6. Monitoring, evaluation and review

Relevant data will be provided to the AEU and PSA on the implementation of the policy. This will include levels of permanency achieved in schools and preschools as a result of the implementation of the policy.

A joint review of the Recruitment and Selection of Ancillary Staff in Schools and Preschools Procedure and the associated policy will be conducted prior to the end of term 2 2016, with a view to identifying changes and improvements that may be required and having regard to:

- the outcomes specified in section 4 of the Recruitment and Selection of Ancillary Staff in Schools and Preschools Policy,
- changes to the demographics of the ancillary workforce and characteristics of the labour market, and
- operational issues and problems that are identified.

Modification may be made to the policy and procedures through agreement by DECD, the AEU and the PSA.

A review of this policy and implementation will be due at the end of June 2016.
7. Definitions and abbreviations

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8. Supporting documents

- Merit Selection Policy
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- Alternative Placement Request Form

9. References

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### School Service Officers (SSO) and Early Childhood Workers (ECW)

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|                             | **Employed for greater than 15 hpw * and** |
|                             | **Works term time only, 41 weeks or less (may include 5 additional work days outside of term time)** |
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* Existing ongoing/permanent staff employed for 15 hours per week or less will maintain their permanent status. Any new ongoing positions from the commencement of this policy must be greater than 15 hours per week.

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### Temporary employee

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**Casual employee**
- Employed for 15 hpw or less; or
  - Employed for 4 weeks or less; or
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- Works term time only
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APPENDIX 2: MAJOR FUNCTION AND SKILL CODES

This appendix contains a list of the major functions for ancillary staff and skills. The list will be reviewed annually and may be updated through agreement between the AEU/PSA and DECD.

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Major Function Criteria

ABORIGINAL PROGRAM (AP)

Provide a culturally appropriate program for children and families. Tasks include:

- Assisting in the planning of programs and supervision of children
- Demonstrating knowledge of Aboriginal cultures and values
- Communicating effectively with Aboriginal families

BI-LINGUAL (BI)

Provide a language and multicultural support service for children, students, staff and families. (Applicants must indicate language(s) spoken using a verification sheet) Tasks could include:

- Working with individual or small groups of children and students
- Translating curriculum support materials, consent forms etc. into appropriate language
- Developing teaching aids and selecting appropriate resources
- Interpreting and liaising as required for staff, children, students and families
- Supporting the planning and implementation of programs for children and families
CULTURALLY DIVERSE (CD)
Provides a support service for culturally diverse children, students, staff and families. Tasks could include:

- Working with individual or small groups of children and students
- Developing teaching aids and selecting appropriate resources
- Liaising as required for staff, children, students and families
- Supporting the planning and implementation of programs for children and families taking into consideration the diverse backgrounds of students
- Understanding and awareness of diverse cultures and the impact this has on students learning outcomes
- Contribute to the development of and implementation of cultural awareness programs for students and staff

CLERICAL (CE)
Undertake a range of general clerical duties including, reception, liaison, data entry and word processing. Tasks could include:

- Answering public enquiries and providing accurate and relevant information by phone or personally
- Referring telephone and personal enquiries to the appropriate person
- General clerical support by word processing letters, data entry, photocopying and filing
- Distributing correspondence, messages, faxes, agendas, minutes of meetings etc. to the appropriate person/s
- Basic computing support including: Microsoft Office, basic keyboard skills and data management skills (DATEX/SACE)

COMMUNITY LIBRARY (CL)
Prepared to work in a community library, which may include out of normal school hours work. The role may include:

- Contributing to client access to information
- Use of networked services effectively to provide access to information
- Acquiring and processing resources for access
- Obtaining information resources from remote sources for clients
- Undertaking cataloguing activities.

A higher level role may require that the applicant can:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the library/ information industry
- Develop and use information literacy skills
- Process and maintain information resources
- Assist with circulation services
- Use multimedia
- Use business technology
- Provide quality service to customers
- Follow WH&S procedures.

COMPUTER SYSTEMS MANAGER (CM)
Provide a range of support services which contribute to administration and school computing needs involving hardware and software requirements. Tasks could include being responsible for:
• Budget and Asset Management
• Long term planning and the maintenance of the network including backup, restoration, managing work space, security and virus removal
• Daily maintenance of the computing facilities: loading new software, ensuring printers are loaded
• Managing the maintenance and repairs of computer hardware and software
• Managing the use of E-mail and the Internet.

All responsibilities will be appropriate to the applicant's classification level.

COMMUNITY LIAISON (CN)

Provide a first point of contact for the community. Tasks may include:

• School promotion
• Develop and maintain identified projects
• Making and maintaining links with the community
• Work with a wide variety of people.

COMPUTING SUPPORT (CO)

Provide a range of para-professional and related support services which contribute to administration and curriculum computing needs throughout the school involving hardware and software requirements. Tasks could include:

• Ensuring day to day maintenance of the network including backup, restoration, managing work space, security and virus removal
• Daily maintenance of the computing facilities: loading new software, ensuring printers are loaded
• Managing the maintenance and repairs of computer hardware and software
• Manage use of E-mail and the Internet.

CURRICULUM (CS)

Undertake para-professional curriculum and classroom duties, which support the educational outcomes for students appropriate to the applicant's classification level. May include some clerical and curriculum computing support. Tasks could also include:

• Providing support in groups or on a one-to-one basis to students
• Reporting to the teacher on student progress (usually verbally)
• Providing individual assistance in literacy and/or numeracy
• Preparing and using resources such as alphabet cards and flash cards/ lesson support materials
• Assisting teaching staff e.g. organise excursions, photocopying
• Researching material in the Resource Centre.

This could also include a range of skills including:

• Support the development of reading, writing, numeracy and oral language skills
• Support learning for students with disabilities or students with additional needs in the classroom
• Support the development of student research skills including the use of e- learning tools and resources
• Support culturally and linguistically diverse children.

FINANCE SUPPORT (FN)
Support financial / accounting duties / activities appropriate to the applicant’s substantive classification level. Applicants need to be able to give evidence of limited or developing experience with EDSAS Finance or computerised accounting systems. Tasks could include:

- The entering of financial information into an accrual accounting system (EDSAS)
- The invoicing and receipting of cash, cheques and credit cards
- The preparation of daily banking
- The monthly reconciliation of bank statements, GST and employee entitlements
- Preparing accounts for payment, matching invoices with purchase orders and processing cheques for signature
- Compliance with Treasurer’s Instructions, Administrative Instructions and Guidelines and all relevant Legislation.

**COMPETENT FINANCE (FQ)**

Undertake financial / accounting duties / activities appropriate to the applicant’s classification level. Applicants need to be able to give evidence of either experience with EDSAS Finance, or Financial qualifications or experience with computerised accounting systems. Tasks will require competency in:

- Preparation and analysis of statutory reports including the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement, Business Activity Statement (BAS) and Instalment Activity Statement (IAS)
- Preparation and analysis of management reports including reporting to Governing Council for all entities in EDSAS
- The entering of financial information into an accrual accounting system (EDSAS)
- The invoicing and receipting of cash, cheques and credit cards
- Participation in budget preparation
- The monthly reconciliation of bank statements, GST and employee entitlements
- Preparing accounts for payment, matching invoices with purchase orders and processing cheques for signature
- Compliance with Treasurer’s Instructions, Administrative Instructions and Guidelines and all relevant Legislation and Audit requirements.

**GROUNDS/AGRICULTURE (GA)**

Maintenance of grounds and/or agriculture programs, including:

- Basic garden maintenance e.g. mowing and maintenance of lawns/ovals/sports field preparation
- Basic machinery maintenance
- Waste management
- Routine farming and horticultural tasks
- Install and repair irrigation system
- Ability to drive tractor.

**FACILITIES (GB)**

Maintenance of facilities, including:

- Building security
- Preventative maintenance and minor repairs below trade standard for e.g. basic painting/graffiti removal, basic carpentry, minor construction work
- Furniture resource management and repairs
- Waste management.
STORES (GC)
Contribute to the school’s store function, including:

- Stocktaking
- Receipt and issue of equipment and stock
- Arranging deliveries and orders
- Liaising with suppliers.

LABORATORY (LA)
Undertake duties which support the Science Faculty in providing an efficient delivery of a Science Program. Tasks could include:

- Providing information on general operating procedures within laboratories e.g. the process for timetabling practical lessons in the laboratory
- Establishing and maintaining processes which ensure all chemicals and equipment are accounted for on the completion of lessons
- Responsibility for the safe handling and disposal of chemicals and other dangerous substances follow WH&S guidelines
- Maintaining supplies (e.g. purchase of any organs) and assisting with the annual stock take
- Maintaining laboratories in a clean and orderly condition and undertaking minor repairs to equipment e.g. alligator clips, pipettes, hoses.

OCCASIONAL CARE (OQ)
A person has approved qualifications in child care if the person has tertiary qualifications in child care or early childhood education.

Supervising, arranging and contributing to an effective Occasional Care Program for Children (0-4 Years). Tasks include:

- Demonstrating knowledge and understanding of child development theories and practices
- Supervising and coordinating a child care program for children 0-5 years
- Undertaking relevant administrative tasks
- Supporting and communicating with families from diverse social, cultural and economic backgrounds.

OCCASIONAL CARE SUPPORT (OU)
Assisting in the planning, implementation and integration of Occasional Care for children and families. Tasks include:

- Demonstrating awareness of child development theories and practices as they relate to children (0-4 years)
- Assisting in the planning, implementation and integration of an early childhood program to facilitate play based learning
- Supporting and communicating with families from diverse backgrounds.

PLAYCENTRE (PL)
Provide a quality Play Centre Program in rural communities by working with parents in planning and delivering a developmental play program. Tasks include:

- Developing, coordinating and facilitating a play based program for children (0-5 years)
- Accessing and maintaining appropriate resources.
PRESCHOOL SUPPORT (PP)
Under the supervision of qualified staff, provide specific support for children with additional needs (disabilities, developmental delay, significant communication difficulties, and challenging behaviours). Tasks include:

- Collaboratively developing and implementing programs (e.g. NEP) for children with special needs
- Maintaining records of children’s progress
- Selecting and accessing appropriate resources
- Communicating and sharing information with families.

PRESCHOOL (PR)
Assist in the planning, implementation and integration of programs for children and families. Tasks include:

- Demonstrating a knowledge and experience of the role of play in children’s learning
- Working with trained staff and families to contribute to appropriate programs
- Demonstrating a basic knowledge of strategies to support Work Health and Safety obligations
- Undertaking administrative and organisational tasks as required.

RESOURCE CENTRE (RC)
Contribute to the provision of a Resource Centre support service. Tasks could include:

- Using Library computerized systems (e.g. Dynix, Bookmark, Amblib)
- Processing new books, inserting security strips, bar-coding, book covering and assist with stocktaking
- Completing rostered desk duty and assist with training of staff
- Contributing to the maintenance of the Resource Centre collection e.g. vertical files, displaying new books, repairing books, shelving, and electronic resources (DVD/CD/videos) storage and display
- Providing research assistance to teachers and students
- Providing an audio visual support role, setting up DVD/video services, recording of programs, maintaining equipment and instructing staff/students
- Setting up displays
- Maintaining computers, installing software and using the Internet
- Organizing/coordinating the textbook loan scheme and coordination of resources on a computerised system e.g. Dynix/Bookmark, etc.
- Assist in the development/provision of access to curriculum support resources
- Contributing to client access to information and using network services effectively to provide access to information
- Obtain information resources from remote sources for clients.

For higher level positions additional requirements may be needed which include:

- Knowledge of the library/information industry
- Development and use information literacy skills
- Assisting with circulation services
- Use multimedia
- Using business technology.
RURAL CARE (RQ)

A person has approved qualifications if the person has tertiary qualifications in child care or early childhood education.

Responsible to the Preschool Director / Site Manager for the provision of a quality long day care program, and will contribute to the planning and evaluation of the program to meet the needs of individual children (0 – 12), their family and the rural community.

Tasks include:

- Facilitating in planning, implementing, evaluating and reporting of care and education programs
- Facilitating children’s learning through play
- Facilitating children’s inclusion and participation in all areas of curriculum
- Providing assistance, information and encouragement to parents
- Supporting and maintaining effective communication and links between staff and parents
- Undertaking relevant administrative activities within the Rural Care program.

RURAL CARE SUPPORT (RU)

Responsible to the Preschool Director / Site Manager for the provision of a quality long day care program, and will support to the planning and evaluation of the program to meet the needs of individual children (0 – 12), their family and the rural community.

Tasks include:

- Assisting in planning, implementing, evaluating and reporting of care and education programs
- Supporting children’s learning through play
- Supporting children’s inclusion and participation in all areas of curriculum
- Providing assistance, information and encouragement to parents
- Supporting and maintaining effective communication and links between staff and parents
- Undertaking relevant administrative activities within the Rural Care program.

BUSINESS MANAGER/ADMINISTRATOR (SA)

The role will be responsible for:

- HR management of school non-teaching staff
- Provide leadership ensuring the provision of administrative, financial and personnel management
- Line management of all support staff
- Physical resource management
- Demonstrating high level computing skills
- Financial management.

SECRETARIAL (SC)

Provide a secretarial service to the Principal and/or other senior staff within the school. Tasks could include:

- Answering all telephone and personal enquiries directed to the Principal/Site Manager with accurate and relevant information
- Coordinating all appointments
- High level computer skills for producing confidential documents and correspondence for the Principal/ senior staff
- Assisting with student enrolment and transfers
- Advising parents, staff, students and visitors on School/Departmental policies, practices and procedures on a variety of issues including school uniform, bus routes, school discipline etc.
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (SD)
Under the supervision of teaching staff, provide special education classroom / curriculum support for students with special needs NOT involving students with severe and multiple disabilities. Tasks, according to the program could include:

- Working with students with disabilities on a one-to-one basis in the areas of handwriting, language, phonics and fine motor skills (according to program set by teachers)
- Providing support for students experiencing learning difficulties e.g. language disorders, speech problems and early development problems
- Preparing any teaching aids and modifying specific activities
- Reporting student progress of students and Negotiated Education Plans (NEP) and /or Individual Education Plans (IEP).

SPECIAL SCHOOL, UNIT OR CLASS SUPPORT (SE)
Under the supervision of the teaching staff, provide curriculum, behaviour and social skill support for students with disabilities.

Tasks may include:

- Providing classroom support for students with disabilities
- Personal care support
- Working with students with communication complexities.

STUDENTS WITH SEVERE AND MULTIPLE DISABILITIES (SM)
Under the supervision of teaching staff, provide special education classroom / curriculum support for students with special needs including severe and multiple disabilities in mainstream and special schools. Tasks could include:

- Monitoring the physical condition of each student and reporting injuries, illness or problems with support equipment
- Repositioning the student according to particular activities
- Feeding, dressing and attending to the personal hygiene of students
- Assisting in the use of apparatus and equipment for the transport and movement of students
- Applying minor therapy to improve or maintain the physical condition of students.

SPORTS SUPPORT (SS)
In collaboration with the teaching Sports Coordinator provide the first point of contact for students, parents and community groups regarding sports matters including:

- Providing strategies to increase student participation in sport
- Organising and supervising sports matches and training sessions
- Organising coaches and umpiring needs
- Maintenance and ordering of sports equipment and first aid supplies
- Building partnerships and networks with sporting communities.
STUDENT SERVICES (ST)
Provide the first point of contact for students, parents and community groups regarding student matters. Tasks could include:

- providing a check in/out service for late arrivals and managing absentee information
- Liaising with students and parents on matters of student welfare
- In conjunction with the First Aid Officer, coordinate necessary medical arrangements, maintaining all First Aid kits and manage sick room
- Assisting in the provision of clerical duties, some of which may require high levels of accuracy and confidentiality e.g. student reports, exams
- Data Management systems e.g. DATEX/SACE
- Organising/coordinating the textbook loan scheme and coordination of resources on a computerised system e.g. Dynix/Bookmark.

Please note: This code can only be used by persons seeking employment in secondary schools or schools with yr. 8-12 enrolments.

TECH STUDIES SUPPORT (STUDENTS) (TS)
The focus of this role is student based and may involve the provision of:

- Support for students in using machinery
- Support in ensuring safety checks are conducted
- Contribute to the provision of safe work practices.

TECH STUDIES SUPPORT (MACHINERY) (TG)
The focus of this role is machine based and may involve the provision of:

- Support with the safety checks of machinery
- Monitor the provision of safe work practices
- Could be an experienced trade person.

WORD PROCESSING (WP)
Provide a word processing service for staff and have a verified proficiency of at least 40 words per minute in accordance with the Australian Standard 2708-1984 (Typing Speed Test). Applicants must list word processing packages using a Verification of Skills Sheet and attach a copy of your proficiency certificate.

YOUTH WORKER (YW)
In collaboration with the School Counsellor this role will provide the first point of contact for students, parents and community groups through:

- Case management of students
- Developing resources and training packages
- Building partnerships and networking with local community service providers
- Written reports and record keeping
- Work with students with complicated backgrounds or abuse
- Working with small groups or one to one.
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APPENDIX 3: ADDITIONAL HOURS REGISTER (AHR)

Vacancies of 12 months or less *15 hours per week or less

The Principal/Preschool Director/Business Manager must disseminate an Additional Hours Register (AHR) form to all part time permanent employees within the school/preschool on an annual basis as per ancillary staffing timeline. Any newly appointed permanent part time employees appointed throughout the year must be provided with an AHR form as part of their induction to the school/preschool.

Interested part time permanent employees complete the AHR form which will contain the following information:

- employees name and ID number
- current site
- other sites willing to work at
- hours sought
- major function and skill codes
- availability (i.e. days/times available to work)
- referee contact details

Where part time permanent employees specify an interest in additional hours within nearby schools/preschools, they should forward their AHR Form to the Principal/Preschool Director in other relevant site(s).

Any amendments to the information provided or withdrawals of interest can be lodged at any time by submitting a new form. It is the responsibility of the permanent part time Ancillary staff to maintain an up-to-date AHR Form and to provide it to their current site and other nearby sites where they are seeking additional hours.

Schools/preschools will acknowledge receipt of each applicants form in writing.

When a school/preschool identifies a temporary vacancy of 12 months or less 15 hours per week or less, the AHR is accessed in the first instance.

- permanent part time employees within the school/preschool are considered first
- permanent part time employees in nearby schools/preschools are considered second.

This appendix must be read in conjunction with the ‘Diagram 6’ within this document.

Once the positions are filled, the outcome and processes will need to be reported back to PAC/preschool staffing team as per normal staffing processes.

*Vacancies of 15 hpw may be considered for ‘must place’ employees in the Ancillary Placement Register (APR) in the first instance, therefore the recommendation from the Additional Hours Register or other recommendations may not be approved for these vacancies.*
APPENDIX 4: REQUIRED PLACEMENT PROCESS

As specified in the South Australian School and Preschool Education Staff Enterprise Agreement (Clause 6.7)

The Principal will consult with the PAC to establish the process to be used and in the case of a Preschool, the Director will consult with the staff team.

“Staff participation in the required placement process *

6.7.5 The Principal/Preschool Director must advise the whole staff of the extent of the reduction required.

6.7.6 All ongoing/permanent ancillary staff, whether full time or part time, must be treated equally in the required transfer process.

6.7.7 The Principal/Preschool Director must consult with the staff about the process to be used to effect required transfer(s). The ancillary staff must be given time to meet to consider and discuss the process. At each stage of the process all ancillary staff potentially affected by the requirement to transfer must be consulted.

6.7.8 Once the process is completed, the Principal/Preschool Director must ensure the nominated employee(s) submit their online application in the Ancillary Placement Register (APR).

6.7.9 Where agreement cannot be reached the Principal/Preschool Director should consult with the Regional Director.

6.7.10 The only exemption which may be granted from the requirement for a school/preschool to undertake the required placement process is in relation to remote/isolated schools/preschools where due to distance factors it is unreasonable to require an employee to change locations. Request for exemption should provide information regarding distances between employees’ residences to nearest other school/preschool(s) and any other relevant information. Each request will be considered based on the circumstances of the school/preschool and employee.

6.7.11 In seeking exemption a school/preschool is expected to take into consideration the effect of attrition, voluntary transfer and voluntary reduction in hours of work.

6.7.12 For the purposes of this sub-clause, a ‘remote/isolated school/preschool’ is a school attracting 5.0 or more base plus isolation points as per Schedule 2.1 Appendix 1B of the Enterprise Agreement. Notwithstanding, a school/preschool attracting a lesser number of isolation points (excluding a metropolitan school/preschool) may seek from DECD an exemption and such a request will be consider by DECD on its merits.

Placement of employees affected by required placement

6.7.13 Where an employee has been identified for required placement, the following conditions will apply:

(a) Metropolitan

An employee may be required to move to another school/preschool within a reasonable distance from his/her home.

(b) Country

An employee may be required to move to a school/preschool within reasonable commuting distance of his/her home. If no suitable vacancy exists, then it may be decided that in some cases a transfer may be unreasonable. In such instances consideration will be given to the temporary retention of the school/preschool surplus staffing.

6.7.14 Where a school/preschool has been given approval to maintain over entitlement/surplus hours this will be considered if an ancillary staff vacancy occurs.
6.7.15 Required transferees will retain the hours of their existing appointment and will not be required to work in more than two locations. If appointments are made to two locations, the transferee will only be required to work in one school on a given day unless both locations with independent site numbers are on the same campus and no travelling time is involved.

6.7.16 When a required transfer or a voluntary transfer from a school which is over entitlement involves a person prepared to move from one country location to another country location, or the metropolitan area to a country location, or a country location to a metropolitan area, any removal costs incurred may be at DECD expense in accordance with current Public Service provisions provided, in relation to a voluntary transfer, this action results in the school being staffed at entitlement level.

6.7.17 When a required transferee is also a tied transferee with a partner who is an employee of DECD, only one employee may claim removal expenses.

6.7.18 Required transferees will have the opportunity to visit schools once details of placement have been conveyed to them. Any costs with such a visit including travel will be borne by the transferee.

6.7.19 Ancillary staff relocated under the provisions of this scheme will normally not be required to undergo another relocation for two years.

**Appeals against required transfers**

6.7.20 In the first instance negotiation with the relevant Human Resource Consultant should take place. If this negotiation fails to satisfy any concerns of the employee/s identified as required transferee/s the appeal should be referred to the Assistant Director, Workforce Management (or nominee) for resolution. If it does not produce the required resolution the required transferee can activate the following process.

6.7.21 Appeals against a required transfer will be considered by an Appeal Committee if an employee believes the transfer could cause personal hardship or would be otherwise harsh, unjust or unreasonable. Submissions must be in writing. The Appeal Committee will normally comprise:

- an independent Chairperson who is mutually acceptable to the parties;
- a departmental representative;
- a representative of the AEU or the PSA, as nominated by the appellant

6.7.22 When considering submissions, the Appeal Committee will take into account the extent of the personal hardship likely to be experienced by the employee and/or dependant(s). “Dependent” is defined as a spouse or partner in an established relationship; child or stepchild; or invalid relatives for whom the employee is the provider of essential care.

6.7.23 The employee may be represented by a nominee from the appropriate union.

6.7.24 The Appeal Committee will advise the Assistant Director, Workforce Management of its decision in terms similar to one of the following:

- the relocation to be deferred for one school/preschool year or for a shorter period as appropriate;
- or
- in exceptional circumstances exemption from any need for relocation;
- or
- the appeal is denied;
- or
- any other decision appropriate to the circumstances.

6.7.25 The Assistant Director, Workforce Management will advise the employee of the Committee’s decision in writing.”

* Preschool Director and preschool has been included for consistency.
APPENDIX 5: POSITION TENURE REVIEW PANEL

Structure and Terms of Reference

Purpose
A joint DECD/AEU/PSA Position Tenure Review Panel (the Panel) will be established to consider concerns relating to the tenure of positions i.e. when a temporary position is described which appears to meet the criteria for an ongoing/permanent position. Either DECD or the AEU/PSA can initiate a meeting of the panel.

Composition of the Position Tenure Review Panel
The membership of the Panel will be:

- Two AEU/PSA* representatives as nominated by the President AEU/PSA; and
- Two DECD representatives nominated by the Executive Director HR&WD, DECD.

* Representation will be dependent upon union membership of the employee

Meeting arrangements
The Panel can be called together by either the AEU/PSA or DECD to consider concerns raised with specific positions.

The Panel shall meet within five working days of a meeting being called by either party or within such longer or shorter period as may be agreed by the parties.

Procedures

1. Submissions to the Panel may be given orally or in writing.
2. Members of the Panel will be provided with information sufficient to make an informed decision about the tenure of the specific position.
3. It is expected that the decisions of the Panel will be arrived at by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached a decision may be made by the majority agreement of the members of the Panel.
4. In the event that the Panel does not reach a consensus or a majority decision then either party may refer the matter to the Industrial Relations Commission of South Australia for conciliation or arbitration
5. The Panel will communicate the outcome of issues raised to parties concerned within 48 hours of the Panel meeting.

Terms of Reference

1. In line with Government policy, permanency of employment will continue to be the primary method of employment for ancillary staff.
2. The Panel will consider concerns raised by either the AEU/PSA or DECD relating to the tenure of specific positions.
3. To ensure that wherever practicable, ancillary staff will be appointed on an ongoing/permanent basis.
4. To ensure that temporary contract employment is available only for genuine operational reasons, where ongoing/permanent employment is unable to be offered.
5. To make determinations as to whether a position in dispute should be ongoing/permanent or temporary.
Annual Review

The Panel will conduct an annual review of the terms of reference and any recommendations, if agreed by DECD and the AEU/PSA, will be implemented.

Dispute Resolution

The formation of the Position Tenure Review Panel does not preclude either industrial party from accessing the procedures for preventing and settling industrial disputes under clause 3.1 South Australian School and Preschool Education Staff Enterprise Agreement 2012 in relation to matters relating to the tenure of ancillary staff.