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| **Classification/Grade/Band** | Clerk Grade 9/10 |
| **ANZSCO Code** | NA |
| **PCAT Code** | NA |
| **Date of Approval** | 10 March 2020 |

Primary purpose of the role

The Senior Executive Assistant provides a range of high-level executive and secretariat support services to assist the Secretary/Chief Executive to address the complexities of their role and to achieve business objectives.

Key accountabilities

* Act as the Secretary/Chief Executive’s point of contact, analysing and actioning requests in order to prioritise urgent and often sensitive matters, and taking decisive action to facilitate the optimal use of the Secretary/Chief Executives time
* Manage the Secretary/ Chief Executive’s diary appointments, records and correspondence, proactively scheduling, organising and prioritising meetings and providing support to facilitate the smooth operation of the Office of the Secretary/Chief Executive
* Manage, prepare and review high level complex communications across the private and public sector ensuring timeliness and accuracy to support the achievement of business requirements
* Research, analyse, collate and provide reports to the Executive to support informed decision-making and planning
* Contribute to the development of, and monitor, implement and evaluate administrative practices, systems and procedures to optimise efficiency and support the achievement of quality outcomes

Key challenges

* Negotiating and re-prioritising own and the Secretary/Chief Executive’s schedule, given heavy workloads, tight deadlines, and conflicting high-level commitments and priorities

Key relationships

| Who |  Why |
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| **Ministerial** |  |
| Office of the Minister | * Consult with Ministerial staff providing accurate information and timely responses to sensitive or contentious issues
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| **Internal** |  |
| Manager | * Identify emerging issues/risks and their implications Report on progress towards business objectives
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| Executive | * Provide expert advice and contribute to decision making; escalate sensitive issues and propose solutions; and receive guidance and provide regular updates on key projects, issues and priorities
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| Direct Reports | * Lead, direct, manage and support performance and development
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| Stakeholders | * Manage the flow of information, seek clarification and provide reliable advice and responses
* Develop and maintain effective working relationships, engaging and consulting in the delivery of organisational objectives
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| **External** |  |
| Stakeholders | * Provide sound and reliable advice; manage expectation, resolve and provide solutions to issues; negotiate outcomes and timeframes
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| Ministers, Secretaries, Agency Heads, Senior Executives of External Agencies, Key Organisation and Community Representatives | * Provide sound and reliable advice; manage expectation, resolve and provide solutions to issues; negotiate outcomes and timeframes
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# Role dimensions

## Decision making

NA

## Reporting line

NA

## Direct reports

NA

## Budget/Expenditure

NA

# Capabilities for the role

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

The capabilities are separated into **focus capabilities** and **complementary capabilities**.

# Focus capabilities

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

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

| FOCUS CAPABILITIES |
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| **Capability group/sets** | **Capability name** |  | **Behavioural indicators** | **Level**  |
| Personal Attributes | **Act with Integrity**Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values | Represent the organisation in an honest, ethical and professional way and encourage others to do soAct professionally and support a culture of integrityIdentify and explain ethical issues and set an example for others to followEnsure that others are aware of and understand the legislation and policy framework within which they operateAct to prevent and report misconduct and illegal and inappropriate behaviour | Adept |
| **Manage Self**Show drive and motivation, an ability to self-reflect and a commitment to learning | Act as a professional role model for colleagues, set high personal goals and take pride in their achievementActively seek, reflect and act on feedback on own performanceTranslate negative feedback into an opportunity to improveTake the initiative and act in a decisive wayDemonstrate a strong interest in new knowledge and emerging practices relevant to the organisation | Advanced |
| Relationships | **Communicate Effectively**Communicate clearly, actively listen to others, and respond with understanding and respect | Tailor communication to diverse audiencesClearly explain complex concepts and arguments to individuals and groupsCreate opportunities for others to be heard, listen attentively and encourage them to express their viewsShare information across teams and units to enable informed decision makingWrite fluently in plain English and in a range of styles and formatsUse contemporary communication channels to share information, engage and interact with diverse audiences | Adept |
| **Commit to Customer Service**Provide customer-focused services in line with public sector and organisational objectives | Focus on providing a positive customer experienceSupport a customer-focused culture in the organisationDemonstrate a thorough knowledge of the services provided and relay this knowledge to customersIdentify and respond quickly to customer needsConsider customer service requirements and develop solutions to meet needsResolve complex customer issues and needsCooperate across work areas to improve outcomes for customers | Intermediate |
| Results | **Plan and Prioritise**Plan to achieve priority outcomes and respond flexibly to changing circumstances | Understand the team and unit objectives and align operational activities accordinglyInitiate and develop team goals and plans, and use feedback to inform future planningRespond proactively to changing circumstances and adjust plans and schedules when necessaryConsider the implications of immediate and longer-term organisational issues and how these might affect the achievement of team and unit goalsAccommodate and respond with initiative to changing priorities and operating environments | Intermediate |
| Business Enablers | **Technology**Understand and use available technologies to maximise efficiencies and effectiveness | Identify opportunities to use a broad range of technologies to collaborateMonitor compliance with cyber security and the use of technology policiesIdentify ways to maximise the value of available technology to achieve business strategies and outcomesMonitor compliance with the organisation’s records, information and knowledge management requirements | Adept |
| People Management | **Manage and Develop People**Engage and motivate staff, and develop capability and potential in others | Collaborate to set clear performance standards and deadlines in line with established performance development frameworksLook for ways to develop team capability and recognise and develop individual potentialBe constructive and build on strengths by giving timely and actionable feedbackIdentify and act on opportunities to provide coaching and mentoringRecognise performance issues that need to be addressed and work towards resolving issuesEffectively support and manage team members who are working flexibly and in various locationsCreate a safe environment where team members’ diverse backgrounds and cultures are considered and respectedConsider feedback on own management style and reflect on potential areas to improve | Intermediate |

# Complementary capabilities

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

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

| COMPLEMENTARY CAPABILITIES |
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| **Capability group/sets** | **Capability name** |  | **Description** | **Level**  |
| Personal Attributes | Display Resilience and Courage | Be open and honest, prepared to express your views, and willing to accept and commit to change | Adept |
| Value Diversity and Inclusion | Demonstrate inclusive behaviour and show respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives | Adept |
| Relationships | Work Collaboratively | Collaborate with others and value their contribution | Adept |
| Influence and Negotiate | Gain consensus and commitment from others, and resolve issues and conflicts | Intermediate |

| COMPLEMENTARY CAPABILITIES |
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| **Capability group/sets** | **Capability name** |  | **Description** | **Level**  |
| Results | Deliver Results | Achieve results through the efficient use of resources and a commitment to quality outcomes | Adept |
| Think and Solve Problems | Think, analyse and consider the broader context to develop practical solutions | Adept |
| Demonstrate Accountability | Be proactive and responsible for own actions, and adhere to legislation, policy and guidelines | Intermediate |
| Business Enablers | Finance | Understand and apply financial processes to achieve value for money and minimise financial risk | Intermediate |
| Procurement and Contract Management | Understand and apply procurement processes to ensure effective purchasing and contract performance | Intermediate |
| Project Management | Understand and apply effective planning, coordination and control methods | Intermediate |
| People Management | Inspire Direction and Purpose | Communicate goals, priorities and vision, and recognise achievements | Intermediate |
| Optimise Business Outcomes | Manage people and resources effectively to achieve public value | Intermediate |
| Manage Reform and Change | Support, promote and champion change, and assist others to engage with change | Intermediate |