# RECRUITMENT ADVERTISING POLICY AND GUIDELINES



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### Introduction

This document outlines the policy and principles to be followed by all Government of South Australia entities when undertaking recruitment vacancy advertising.

In conjunction with this document, reference should be made to the following:

- Government of South Australia Branding Guidelines
- · Government of South Australia Marketing Communications Guidelines
- DPC Circular 009: The Master Media Agency Scheme for Government Advertising
- Brand South Australia Policy & Guidelines

All documents are available at <a href="https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/govcommunications">www.dpc.sa.gov.au/govcommunications</a>

Compliance with this policy does not negate the need for agencies to comply with departmental human resource or advertising policies or the requirements of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment's Determinations.

# Scope of this policy

This policy applies to marketing communications activities:

- · for the purpose of recruiting staff
- placed in any medium including but not limited to press, print, online, broadcast and outdoor
- · in any market, South Australia, interstate or overseas
- undertaken by:
  - South Australian Government departments, agencies and operating units
  - entities that receive 50% or more of their operating funding or more from the Government of South Australia
  - public authorities and instrumentalities of the Crown
  - organisations that are under the direction of a Minister of the Crown
  - recruitment agencies acting on behalf of any of the above.

Exemption from this recruitment policy is provided for:

- · Courts Administration Authority
- · Parliament of South Australia
- Government House.

Additional exemptions pertaining to specific sections of this policy are detailed under the relevant section.

# **Advertising vacancies**

All government agencies undertaking recruitment advertising to fill vacancies must comply with the following requirements:

- All vacancies over 12 months must be advertised on the I WORK FOR SA website iworkfor.
   sa.gov.au1 which is managed by the Office for the Commissioner of Public Sector Employment.
- Vacancies under 12 months must comply with the agencies' own requirements, which may include advertising on the I WORK FOR SA website.
- For vacancies that are listed on <u>iworkfor.sa.gov.au</u> all advertisements in other media must include the notice of vacancy number. This includes advertisements placed by a recruitment consultant on behalf of an agency.

<sup>1</sup> Commissioner's Determination 1

# Types of recruitment advertising

### **Brand recruitment advertising**

Recruitment vacancy advertising is differentiated from recruitment brand advertising in that the latter uses brand advertising techniques to influence perception of a career sector, profession, employer or range of job opportunities.

All brand advertising, including that undertaken for the purpose of recruitment, is subject to the Communications Approval Process.

Under the Master Media Scheme, appointed Media Panel suppliers, Wavemaker and Carat provide brand advertising services.

Please refer to the *Marketing Communications Guidelines* for more information.

### Example of a brand recruitment campaign



# Types of recruitment advertising

### Vacancy recruitment advertising - functional

The majority of recruitment advertising is functional advertising related to recruitment for a specific vacant job position with the intention of generating applications to fill the specific vacancy(ies).

Generally it will be of low creative content with no pictures or images and mono placement.

With the rise in media options available for recruitment advertising, digital in particular offers a low-cost and effective alternative to print. It is also important that you investigate use of relevant specialist websites, e-newsletters, industry magazines and journals or social networking sites.

The medium you choose to advertise in must be relevant to the level and type of position to effectively reach the applicants (audience) you are trying to attract.

Wavemaker has been appointed under the Master Media Scheme to provide functional advertising services and can provide specific advice on the most appropriate media strategy to reach your target candidates.

Recruitment vacancy advertising is only permitted as follows:

- Online recruitment sites, industry publications and electronic bulletins
- The standard government or health composite advertisements appearing in The Advertiser
   -Careers lift out Positions Vacant on Saturday
- Executive positions of an ASO8 level or higher are to be advertised only online and/or in the government composite, which appears in The Advertiser - Executive, Professional and Management pages
- Print in community/regional newspapers serving the location of the role
- There is to be no recruitment vacancy advertising in any interstate or national print media.

Recruitment advertising not listed above requires an exemption from the Chief Executive (or equivalent position in a statutory authority/government business enterprise).

The Government Communications Advisory Committee (GCAC) has delegated responsibility for exemptions from the functional advertising guidelines outlined in the *Marketing Communications Guidelines* to the Chief Executive (or equivalent).

Note: GCAC has responsibility for monitoring functional advertising expenditure placed by each department/statutory authority/government business enterprise to ensure that Chief Executives responsibly contain functional advertising expenditure.

For more information regarding the approval processes for communications activities please refer to the *Marketing Communications Guidelines*.

# The Advertiser government composite

The government composite press advertisements, located in the Positions Vacant and Executive Appointments sections of The Advertiser on Saturday, provide greater impact and presence for government recruitment vacancy advertising.

All government recruitment vacancy advertising appearing in The Advertiser must appear in a government composite.

The following options are available for government composite advertising:

- Advertiser Positions Vacant Saturday
- Advertiser Executive Appointments Saturday for Executive positions of an ASO8 level or higher.

### Use of the composite

- Use of the government composite is required when placing recruitment advertising in The Advertiser on Saturday for:
- all Public Service agencies
- all Public Sector bodies that have Regulation 11 agreements with the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment.

Government agencies that do not have Regulation 11 agreements may choose to use the government composite, however it is not mandatory.

### **Exceptions**

The requirement to advertise in the government composite does not apply to advertisements in The Advertiser that are:

- for a joint recruitment drive where funding is provided in part or in whole by an entity other than the SA Government and the logo of the external entity is included in the advertisement
- to fill vacancies for:
  - Department for Education teaching appointments
  - SA Police Officers
  - SA Police Band
  - Courts Administration Authority
  - Parliament SA
  - Government House
- subject to SA Health advertising policy.

# **Composite design**

The government composite complies with an approved design and is branded with the government of South Australia logo. Departmental and agency logos are not permitted within the Composite.

Advertisements within the composite are restricted to the following sizes:

- 1 column in width by 8.5 cm in height
- 1 column in width by 4.25 cm in height
- 1 column in width by 2.125 cm in height

There are no graphic devices, photographs or images permitted within the modules of the composite.

These modules apply to both the Positions Vacant and Executive Appointments composites.

Agencies placing a booking in the government composite must specify Positions Vacant or Executive Appointments.

Templates for booking ads in the Composite are available from Wavemaker.

### Government of South Australia standard composite



### MOBILE NIGHT OFFICER

Department for Child Protection Adelaids

Multiple ongoing and temperary roles Ref No: 286809

\$59,101 - \$40,360 p.s. (OPS3)

The Mebits Night Officer position is an operational role within the Department for Child Protection and is accountable for maintaining the safety and security of Residential Care locations across the directorate or night shift. You will provide a high quality, responsive and efficient service for Residential Care to meet the needs of children, young people and staff on night shift. You will also support residential care staff thring night shifts to dolver quality outcomes for children and young people in care by monitoring and supportsing placements.

People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply. For further information about the role and to asbrid your application please visit, www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us-Enquiries to Peut Baker, Ph. (08) 8226 6546. Applications class: 8 December 2018.

### ■ COORDINATOR, REMOTE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Department for Communities and Social Inclusion Housing SA Adelaids

Full-time, contract up to 7 December 2019 Ref No. 2945 11

\$94,459 - \$104,707 p.s. (A 507)

For further information and to apply for this vacancy pleasewish http://jobs.dcs.isa.gov.au.and search for reference number 296511.

Applications class: 12 December 2018

### ▼FINANCIAL COUNSELLING & SUPPORT WORKER

Department for Child Protection Port Augusta and Port Pirie

1 part-time ongoing role (40 hours per fortnight) & 1 tull-time contract role up to 6 July 2019 Ref No-297058

\$59,101 - \$43,360 p.a. (OPS3) The Financial Counselling and Support Worker is a role within DCP and is accountable to the Supervisor, Financial Counselling for the provision of and a demonstrated and operational commitment to peculiant client services. assessment and referral. You will identify the level, type and nature of social and/or financial services which are likely to provide pesitive support and assistance to DCP clients. People of Alberiginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply. For further information about the role and to submit your application please visitwww.childprotection.sa.gov.au/work-with-us Enquirios to Roanna Wantle, Ph: 8419 849 616. Applications close: 7 December 2018

### **▼CAPABILITY COORDINATOR**

SA State Emergency Service
Adetaide, C80
Full-time, engoing
Ref Net 27/56/5
\$75,439 - \$84,497 g.a. (A-505)
Applicants are required to address the criteria
from the Application Guidelines.
For further information and have to apply please
visit inventions a government search reference
number 27/54/5 or email
Applications close: 14 Secender 2018

### TRAINING CENTRE ADVOCATE

Office of the Guardian for Children and Young People

People Adelaide

Pull-time, angoing

Ref No: 297702

\$87,384 - \$72,743 p.s. (ASSA) For further information and how to apply please

visit iworkfer.sa.gov.au and search reference number 297702.

Applications close: 16 December 2019

### **▼SENIOR POLICY OFFICER**

Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA Adelaide

Full-time, contract up to 24 months Ref No: 277714

\$87,384 - \$92,743 p.p. (ASOA)

For further information and how to apply please visit iworkfersa.gov.au and search reference number 297714.

Applications close: 15 December 2018

### **▼CORRECTIONAL EDUCATOR**

Ref No: 277178

For information visit www.corrections.sa.gov.au/jobs Application closes 9 December 2018

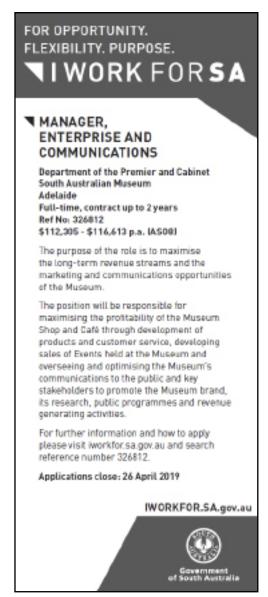
IWORKFOR.SA.gov.au



# **Exemptions**

Where a recruitment vacancy advertising exemption has been granted by the Chief Executive (or equivalent) the following templates must be utilised:

# Government of South Australia standard template



### Departmental pre-approved functional template

Note: Departmental templates require approval by the Chief Executive (or equivalent) and apply to all functional recruitment advertising.

### Example of a departmental template



### Example of a co-branded template



For interstate and overseas recruitment advertising please refer to page 12.

# Recruitment advertising copy

Copy developed for your recruitment advertisement will have significant influence on the success of your recruitment process. Copy should be developed to entice potential applicants to find out more about the position - not simply repeat details contained within the Job and Person Specifications or corporate statement.

### Recruitment copy should:

- Be written specifically for use within advertising
- Use language that 'sells' the position to potential candidates
- Prioritise the candidate and the information they need to make a decision about the role (e.g.
- when advertising interstate sell the benefits of a move to South Australia)
- · Be simple and use an engaging and accessible tone
- Add to the appeal of the vacancy by detailing key information about the role
- Differentiate the position from others in the market place.

### Recruitment copy should not:

- Provide a checklist for applicants that should be assumed minimum requirements (e.g. "must have a driver's license" or "must participate in a performance management process")
- Use acronyms or industry jargon
- Contain information that doesn't differentiate the position from others (e.g. "smoke free workplace")
- Make the application process seem onerous.

As recruitment websites commonly present job listings as part of search results, online recruitment advertising copy should include a dot-point summary selling the key attributes of the role. Applicants scanning search results will be motivated to investigate the job further by the strength of this summary.

### Interstate and overseas recruitment

Under the Marketing Communications Guidelines there is to be no recruitment advertising in international or national print media without an exemption from the Chief Executive (or equivalent). Where an exemption to advertise a recruitment vacancy interstate or overseas has been granted by the Chief Executive, the following guidelines must be followed:

- Inclusion of the Government of South Australia (GOSA) logo or agency specific variant is mandatory
- Placement of the GOSA logo is per the Government of South Australia Branding Guidelines.
- Inclusion of the State Brand logo is mandatory
- Placement of the State Brand logo is as follows:
  - Vertical format logo to be used
  - Alignment with the GOSA logos or agency specific variant
  - Must adhere to the Brand South Australia Branding Guidelines

Acceptable interstate and international recruitment advertising examples are provided on page 12 of these guidelines.

Government of South Australia and State Brand logos are available on the Communications Approval Portal (CAP).

Please see your Director of Communications for access to logos.

### Interstate and international recruitment advertising template examples

# Government of South Australia standard template



### Department/agency functional template



### Co-branded agency



# Use of recruitment agencies

With regard to the purchase of advertising media when an external recruitment agency acts on behalf of a government agency:

- If media is purchased specifically for a government recruitment advertisement, planning and booking must be provided by the government's appointed functional media agency, Wavemaker.
- If the recruitment agency has an existing preferred space booking as part of an ongoing contract with a publication, and wishes to feature a government recruitment opportunity within this space, involvement of Wavemaker is not required.

Government agencies should ensure pricing is competitive and only the space used for a vacancy advertisement is charged and not a premium to cover the recruitment agency's masthead or unsold space.

All recruitment advertising which is being managed and placed by a recruitment consultant on behalf of a government agency will need to be approved in line with your internal departmental approval protocols.

Use of the GOSA logo in external recruitment agency advertisements must comply with the Government of South Australia Branding Guidelines.

