



Australian
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Job application kit

Medical Officer Class 2 or 3

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Classification level:	Medical Officer Class 2 or 3
Job title:	Medical Officer
Division/Branch/Section:	Public Health Division, Communicable Diseases Branch
Employment type:	12-months, Non-ongoing
Salary:	\$154,964 - \$184,927 per annum
Base location:	Canberra ACT, Sydney NSW, Melbourne VIC, Adelaide SA, Hobart TAS, Brisbane QLD, Perth WA, Darwin NT
Security clearance requirements:	Baseline
Contact officer:	Stephanie

About the Australian Centre for Disease Control (Australian CDC)

The Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC) is at the frontline of improving Australia's ability to prepare for and respond to public health challenges, including pandemics. The Australian CDC is an independent technical advisory agency on public health matters and a leader in disease control, preparedness, response and prevention.

We bring together experts, data and evidence to provide independent public health advice to government. Our advice informs government decisions about preventing and controlling diseases and preparing Australia for future health threats. The CDC collaborates with national and international health bodies to strengthen Australia's public health infrastructure.

For more information on what we do, visit our website:

[Australian Centre for Disease Control.](https://www.cdc.gov.au/)

Working with us

The Australian CDC is a dynamic place to work, offering professional growth and flexible and competitive employment conditions. Our workspaces and our culture reflect a modern, flexible and safe work environment, empowering our people to deliver their best work. We value diversity and embrace inclusion. job with the CDC offers:

- exciting and fulfilling work, collaborating with experts to innovate and contribute to safeguarding Australia from human diseases and public health threats
- networking opportunities with experienced leaders who support you to achieve your career ambitions
- a respectful, inclusive and safe workplace where you are supported to perform at your best
- an attractive remuneration package including generous employer superannuation contributions and allowances
- support for mutually beneficial flexible work arrangements, such as part time work, or working from home or remotely, where operational requirements allow
- modern, activity-based offices and a digitally enabled work environment to enhance communication, collaboration and innovation.

About the team

The Public Health Division in the Australian CDC coordinates public health efforts to prevent, monitor, and control specific communicable diseases, with special attention to priority populations and disease control goals. The Division is responsible for the public health policy and response to a wide range of diseases and public health risks, with a broad set of functions such as surveillance, epidemiology, policy, program management and strategy.

The opportunity

We are looking to fill a short-term Medical Officer role with an Advanced Trainee in the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, either in Public Health Medicine or Infectious Diseases.

The position is a training rotation and could cover a broad range of responsibilities, skills, knowledge and content, depending on the training needs of the applicant and the operational requirements of the branch throughout the training period.

The CDC Medical Officer plays a critical role in providing technical, professional and specialist advice or expertise on public health issues, communicable diseases, and health policy development, including:

- development of strategic policy, the provision of policy advice or a requirement to interpret and apply policy. The provision and interpretation of policy advice reflects research and analysis of clinical research evidence

- monitoring and responding to public health threats, advising on medical aspects of disease control and prevention, and collaborating with other health professionals and stakeholders to protect and improve population health
- collaboration with stakeholders, development of health guidelines, and contributing to the strategic direction of the CDC's public health initiatives.

You will have the opportunity to work across a wide range of public health and communicable disease areas and role types, including:

- bloodborne viruses
- sexually transmissible infections
- immunisation and vaccine preventable diseases
- respiratory diseases
- health equity focussed policy and outcomes including First Nations peoples and communities and other priority populations.

Key responsibilities

Key responsibilities include:

- under broad direction from the Assistant Director General (ADG) of the Communicable Diseases Branch, work with autonomy to lead, co-ordinate and manage workflow across the branch, including during disease outbreaks
- organise work in the context of sensitive issues, competing urgent priorities and disease outbreak scenarios, including appropriately escalating issues to the ADG and seeking advice from colleagues where required
- contribute to the provision of high-quality clinical advice on public health issues within the CDC
- undertake analysis and interpretation of evidence and apply judgement in managing complex public health issues
- work collaboratively with multidisciplinary teams across the branch to deliver results
- with oversight from the ADG, liaise with internal and external stakeholders in relation to a range of matters, including representing the CDC at meetings and conferences
- develop and maintain a good understanding of the Australian Public Service and its operation within the broader national public health landscape, including key national governance groups such as the Australian Health Protection Committee (AHPC) and its sub-committees
- develop professional knowledge and skills in accordance with RACP/AFPHM training requirements, including attending relevant training sessions. Participate in a tailored training program that aligns with your learning objectives, identified

competencies (as per the Learning Contract and Advanced Training assessment requirements) and interests.

Key capabilities

To succeed in this role, you will demonstrate:

- expertise in public health, disease control, epidemiology and health equity
- ability to work collaboratively in a multi-disciplinary team
- high cultural competence and knowledge of First Nations health, or the ability to develop these
- strong written and verbal communication
- ability to quickly develop understanding of the Australian Public Service and broader national public health landscape
- ability to work flexibly in a high-pressure environment while responding positively and flexibly to change
- ability to evaluate ambiguous and incomplete information and make balanced decisions using professional judgement and technical knowledge in the context of a complex and changing environment.

Qualifications and experience

Mandatory qualifications:

- a degree in medicine from a recognised education institution
- unrestricted current registration as a medical practitioner with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
- eligibility to commence Advanced Training with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, either in the Australian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM) or Infectious Diseases.

Desirable experience:

- relevant post-graduate training or experience in public health, epidemiology, infectious diseases, immunisation, pathology, respiratory medicine and/or general practice
- experience working in First Nations health and/or with priority populations
- leadership and management experience
- previous experience in the Australian Public Service.

Security clearance

The successful candidate must be able to obtain and maintain a Baseline security clearance.

RecruitAbility minimum requirements

Minimum requirements for this role are:

- a degree in medicine from a recognised education institution
- unrestricted current registration as a medical practitioner with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
- eligibility to commence Advanced Training with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, either in the Australian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM) or Infectious Diseases.

RecruitAbility is a scheme which aims to attract applicants with disability and create an equitable, level playing field. All vacancies for the Australian CDC are advertised under the RecruitAbility Scheme.

Applicants with a disability are advanced to a further stage in the selection process if they:

- opt into the scheme
- declare they have disability
- meet the minimum requirements of a vacancy advertised under the scheme.

Candidates who opt into RecruitAbility are not required to provide specific details of their disability to the panel. More information on RecruitAbility can be found here:

[RecruitAbility scheme: A guide for applicants.](#)

Application response (one page pitch)

Your application will be assessed on your ability to demonstrate that you possess, or have the real potential to develop, the required skills, knowledge, experience and qualifications to perform the role. These requirements are based on the information provided to you as part of the job advertisement, in line with the [APS Work Level Standards](#).

Applicants are required to submit an [Australian CDC Application Form](#), accompanied by a one page pitch framed around the key duties and key capabilities. **Your one page pitch should be no more than 500 words. Applications that do not meet these requirements may not be considered.**

Eligibility

It is a requirement for anyone who is employed by the CDC to be an Australian citizen.

The successful candidate will be assessed through our pre-employment screening checks, such as an Australian Criminal History Check.

How to apply

Apply by 11:30 pm AEDT on Sunday, 18 October 2026

To be considered for this role, applicants must provide:

- a completed [Australian CDC Application Form](#)
- a 'one page pitch' addressing the key duties and capabilities. This is your chance to tell us why you are the right person for the job and what you will bring to the role. We want to know why you want to work at the Australian CDC, why you are interested in the role, how you can add value, and how your skills and experience apply.
- you will also need to email your resume of no more than 2 pages, including the contact details of at least 2 nominated referees to jobs@cdc.gov.au to complete your application.

Note: All required documents must be submitted for applications to be considered. Incomplete applications may not proceed to shortlisting.

Who to contact

If you experience any difficulties accessing or submitting your application, please contact our Recruitment team via jobs@cdc.gov.au.

Indicative timeline for recruitment*	Date
Applications open	Tuesday 6 October 2026
Applications close	Sunday, 18 October 2026
Application shortlisting	Monday, 2 November 2026
Interviews	Monday, 16 November 2026

* Shortlisting and interview dates may be subject to change

Work environment description

Responsibilities – As detailed in Section 28 of the [Work Health and Safety Act 2011](#) while at work, a worker must:

- take reasonable care for his or her own health and safety
- take reasonable care that his or her acts or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons
- comply, so far as the worker is reasonably able, with any reasonable instruction that is given by the person conducting the business or undertaking to allow the person to comply with this Act
- cooperate with any reasonable policy or procedure of the person conducting the business or undertaking relating to health or safety at the workplace that has been notified to workers
- complete all WHS related induction and training
- report all work-related incidents or illnesses to the WHS Section.

Description	Requirement	Additional information
Administrative		
1. Computer use	Yes	
2. Generic screen based	Yes	
3. Sitting at desk	Yes	
4. Standing for long periods	No	
Manual handling		
5. Lifting 0–15kg	No	
6. Lifting 15 kg +	No	
7. Climbing	No	
8. Bending	No	
9. Squatting	No	
10. Reaching	No	
11. Push/pull	No	

Description	Requirement	Additional information
12. Sequential repetitive movements in short period of time	No	
13. Manual dexterity/manipulation	No	
Work environment		
14. Work with others towards shared goals in a team environment	Yes	
15. Works in isolation from other staff	No	The CDC supports flexible working arrangements, including working from home and work from State and Territory Offices
16. Distance walking (that is, large building or inter-building transit)	No	
17. Works outdoors	No	
18. Works in a call centre environment	No	
19. Works in a customer service environment	No	
Tasks involving		
20. Exposure to chemicals	No	
21. Exposure to biological hazards	No	
22. Working at heights	No	
23. Requirement to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	No	
24. Requirement for full-colour vision	No	
25. Work with energetics and explosives	No	
26. Exposure to petrol, oil, lubricant products that may cause dermatological conditions	No	
27. Exposure to extreme temperatures	No	
28. Confined spaces	No	
29. Exposure to non-ionising radiation	No	

Description	Requirement	Additional information
30. Excessive noise	No	
31. Low lighting	No	
32. Dangerous goods/equipment	No	
33. Exposure to airborne odours	No	
34. Frequent travel – vehicle	No	
36. Frequent travel – seaborne	No	
Cyclic workload		
37. Peaks and troughs	Yes	
38. Frequent overtime	No	
39. Rostered shift work	No	