Australian Centre for Disease Control

Job application kit

APS 6

Epidemiologist

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Classification level:	APS 6
Job title:	Epidemiologist
Division/Branch/Section:	Public Health Division / Communicable Diseases Branch / Immunisation and Vaccine Preventable Diseases Section
Employment type:	Ongoing
Salary:	$101,679 to 114,709 per annum
Base location:	Canberra, ACT (preferred), Sydney, NSW, Adelaide, SA, Melbourne, VIC, Darwin, NT, Brisbane, QLD.
Security clearance requirements:	Baseline
Contact officer:	Vivien

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.

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.

A 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 Immunisation and Vaccine Preventable Diseases section

The section leads national policy, surveillance, strategy, and public health guidance on vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs), such as measles, invasive meningococcal disease, invasive pneumococcal disease, rubella and diphtheria.

The IVPD section is responsible for the epidemiology and surveillance of these diseases, including contributing to national surveillance and public health plans, and surveillance case definitions.

The section is also responsible for cross-cutting immunisation policy and advice, and technical partnerships in immunisation and VPD surveillance. This includes the development of strategies and support for national advisory bodies, linkages to the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation and delivery of the Australian Immunisation Handbook (AIH).

Key functions include stakeholder engagement, program and contract management of public health initiatives, research and policy development, and outbreak response activities and planning.

The opportunity

Working as part of a team led by the EL1 Senior Epidemiologist, the successful APS6 candidate will contribute to national vaccine preventable disease (VPD) surveillance and epidemiological analysis, situational awareness, related outbreak response activities and the translation of epidemiological evidence into public health advice into action.

The role involves analysing and interpreting VPD related surveillance information, preparing high-quality and sometimes complex epidemiological reports, briefing materials and advice and contributing to enhancements to national surveillance systems, coordinating surveillance and public health related projects, and working collaboratively with jurisdictions, technical partners and other key stakeholders to support national public health outcomes.

Key responsibilities

Key responsibilities include:

- Support vaccine-preventable disease surveillance, situational awareness, outbreak preparedness and response activities.
- Contribute to the preparation of high-quality surveillance reports, epidemiological analyses, briefing materials and public health advice, including interpreting surveillance information to identify trends, emerging issues and implications for public health action.
- Coordinate and support the delivery of priority surveillance, epidemiological and public health projects, including activities delivered through national technical partnerships.
- Work collaboratively with jurisdictions, technical partners and other stakeholders to support national surveillance and public health activities.
- Contribute to the quality and continuous improvement of surveillance data, systems, methods, reporting processes and response arrangements.
- Support business continuity and surge response activities across VPD priorities and the IVPD section, including during outbreaks and emerging public health events.

Key capabilities

To succeed in this role, you will demonstrate:

- Strong applied public health knowledge and experience, including an understanding of communicable disease prevention, surveillance and response, and the ability to apply epidemiological evidence to inform public health action.

- Experience applying epidemiological methods and interpreting surveillance or other public health information, including through public health surveillance, outbreak preparedness and response, epidemiological projects or related activities.
- Sound judgement, critical thinking, problem-solving and organisational skills, with the ability to assess emerging public health issues, coordinate complex work, manage competing priorities and deliver outcomes within agreed timeframes.
- Strong science communication skills, including the ability to interpret and communicate epidemiological and scientific information clearly through high-quality reports, briefings and advice for technical and non-technical audiences.
- Strong stakeholder engagement and collaboration skills, including the ability to flexibly work effectively with jurisdictions, technical partners and other stakeholders to support public health priorities and response activities.

Qualifications and experience

Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or experience in communicable disease related public health, epidemiology, health science or another relevant discipline. Postgraduate qualifications in communicable disease related epidemiology, public health or another relevant discipline would be highly regarded.

Experience in communicable disease epidemiology or surveillance, VPDs or immunisation, outbreak preparedness or response, surveillance system improvement, and analysis using R or other relevant statistical software will be highly regarded.

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:

- Demonstrated experience applying communicable disease related epidemiological or public health knowledge in a professional setting.
- Demonstrated ability to analyse and communicate complex information to support public health or related decision-making.

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, 29 November 2026.
To be considered for this role, applicants must submit a completed Australian CDC Application Form, and provide:

- A 'one page pitch' – this statement of claims addressing the key duties and key capabilities 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 4 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	Monday, 16 November 2026
Applications close	Sunday, 29 November 2026
Application shortlisting	7 December 2026*
Interviews	14 December 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	Yes	
Manual handling		

Description	Requirement	Additional information
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	
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	The CDC supports flexible working arrangements
15. Works in isolation from other staff	No	As the CDC supports flexible arrangements, teams' interactions include both in-person and online
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	

Description	Requirement	Additional information
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	
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	