

Senior Veterinary Officer

Job Reference	2024/3872
Classification	Executive Level 1 (Veterinarian VO3) EL 1.06 - EL 1.08 - \$134,427 - \$143,888 (<i>plus relevant allowances</i>)
Division	Exports & Veterinary Services
Branch	Veterinary & Export Meat
Section	Live Animals
Location	Mickleham (VIC)
Employment Status	Both Ongoing (permanent) and non-ongoing (temporary)
Hours	Full-time or part-time
Security Clearance	Baseline Vetting

Career Growth & Stability: Enjoy a stable career with diverse opportunities for professional development through access to training, forums and conferences and a supportive work environment. You can find out more about our facility [here](#).

If protecting Australia's animal health and contributing to the nation's agricultural trade excites you, then this job is for you.

What you'll do

- Lead, manage, and coordinate a veterinary team, fostering a high-performing and collaborative environment.
- Think strategically to develop and implement long-term plans, addressing complex biosecurity challenges.
- Communicate with domestic and international stakeholders, representing the department in relevant forums and conveying complex technical information clearly.
- Provide expert advice on the importation of live animals, ensuring compliance with Australian and international regulations.
- Build team capabilities through training, mentoring, and support, ensuring professional qualifications and expertise are maintained.

Why YOU are important to us and what impact will you have on Export and Veterinary Services Division and the department's goal.

We are a diverse team committed to protecting Australia's agricultural trade and animal health. Our work is crucial in maintaining Australia's animal health status, securing overseas markets, and shielding our environment from exotic diseases.

This is where you play an important role. As the Senior Veterinary Officer (SVO) at the Mickleham Post Entry Quarantine Facility (PEQ), you'll lead a veterinary team in managing the quarantine of around 5000 cats and dogs, 700 horses, and various consignments of hatching eggs, ensuring compliance with Australia's stringent biosecurity regulations. Your role is vital in preventing biosecurity threats and supporting the safe importation of live animals into Australia.

Eligibility

Essentials

- You must be an Australian citizen.
- Baseline Vetting security clearance, or the ability to obtain and maintain clearance at this level.
- A veterinary degree recognised in Australia and eligibility for registration with the relevant state/territory veterinary board.
- You must hold and maintain a valid Australian motor vehicle drivers' licence.

What we are looking for

Knowledge in:

- Australia's animal health and biosecurity systems.
- Animal pests and diseases impacting Australia's trade in animals and animal products.
- Financial and budget management.
- Legislative frameworks, government decision-making, and regulation.

Skills and capabilities required:

- Leading and managing teams with competing priorities.
- Working with horses, cats, dogs, or poultry (highly valued).
- Effectively communicating with stakeholders, providing technical advice on complex and sensitive issues.
- Setting priorities and delivering projects within agreed timelines and quality standards.
- Managing administrative and general government responsibilities.

Please note

- the role(s) may involve a combination of outdoor and office-based work
- the position will require you to be available outside standard hours
- you will be required to wear appropriate protective personal equipment and clothing to comply with departmental Work Health & Safety policies and procedures
- the role will involve some interstate and intrastate travel.
- that the merit pool established through this selection process, which is valid for a period of eighteen months from the date the vacancy was advertised in the Public Service Gazette, may also be used to fill future ongoing vacancies in the branch where the duties are of a similar nature.

Information session

- We will be holding an online information session. The date and timing of the session will be confirmed upon registration, where there will be a presentation on the role and an opportunity to ask questions. Staff with the relevant experience will be online to answer

questions about the role. Please register by emailing Leah Wells at leah.wells@aff.gov.au.

Pre-employment Check

Your suitability for employment will be assessed through a pre-employment screening process. This process includes a requirement to undergo and satisfy a National Police Check, referee checks, character clearance and where required a pre-employment medical assessment, specified mandatory qualification(s) validation and a probation period of 6 months.

MSIC and ASIC Licences

You may be required to obtain and maintain an Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) or Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC).

How to Apply

Submit a **maximum 750-word** statement explaining your interest in the role and how your skills, experience and achievements align with the job requirements. Provide specific examples from the past roles that demonstrate your ability to meet the key criteria. This statement is crucial for shortlisting. If selected, you may be asked to expand on your examples in an interview.

The Australian Public Service Commission has produced an excellent guide to applying for jobs in the Australian Public Service. You can access this information at APSCs [Cracking the Code](#).

Work Health and Safety Obligations

All workers (APS1-Secretary) have a duty to take reasonable care for their own health and safety whilst at work, to ensure their acts or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons and to comply with any reasonable instruction given to comply with the Work Health and Safety legislation.

All supervisors and managers (APS5-EL1) play a significant role by modelling safe work behaviours and clearly setting the standard for acceptable behaviour in the workplace. Supervisors and managers play a critical role in supporting 'Officers' to exercise due diligence and in consulting with duty holders.

An Officer (EL2-Secretary) makes and participates in making decisions that affect the whole or a substantial part of the department. Employees at the SES Band 2 and above classification are considered to be Officers under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth) with all EL 2 and above required to complete officer due diligence training. Officers have a duty to be proactive and continuously ensure that the department complies with relevant duties and obligations.

RecruitAbility

RecruitAbility applies to this vacancy. Under the RecruitAbility scheme you will be invited to participate in further assessment activity for the vacancy if you choose to apply under the scheme; declare you have a disability; and meet the minimum requirements for the position. For more information see <https://www.apsc.gov.au/recruitability>.

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Closing Date

Applications close: 11:00 pm (AEST) on Tuesday 15th October 2024.