

Ngā Kōrero e pā ana ki te Tūranga

Job Description

Executive Assistant / Project Coordinator to Hautū

Business Group	Te Poutāhū Curriculum Services
Location	Wellington
Salary band	A7
Reports to	Manager Business Support

Mahi i roto i te Ratonga Tūmatanui | Working in the Public Service

Ka mahitahi mātou o te ratonga tūmatanui kia hei painga mō ngā tāngata o Aotearoa i āiane, ā, hei ngā rā ki tua hoki. He kawenga tino whaitake tā mātou hei tautoko i te Karauna i runga i āna hononga ki a ngāi Māori i raro i te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ka tautoko mātou i te kāwanatanga manapori. Ka whakakotahingia mātou e te wairua whakarato ki ō mātou hapori, ā, e arahina ana mātou e ngā mātāpono me ngā tikanga matua o te ratonga tūmatanui i roto i ā mātou mahi.

In the public service we work collectively to make a meaningful difference for New Zealanders now and in the future. We have an important role in supporting the Crown in its relationships with Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi. We support democratic government. We are unified by a spirit of service to our communities and guided by the core principles and values of the public service in our work.

Mō ētahi atu kōrero hei whakamārama i tēnei kaupapa, haere ki | You can find out more about what this means at [Role and purpose - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#).

To Mātou Aronga | What we do for Aotearoa New Zealand

At Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga | Ministry of Education, delivering our purpose makes a real difference to all ākonga of Aotearoa:

*He mea tārai e mātou te mātauranga kia rangatira ai, kia mana taurite ai ōna huanga
We shape an education system that delivers excellent and equitable outcomes*

We fulfil our purpose by:

- delivering services and support nationally, regionally and locally to and through the education sector and in some cases directly to ākonga and whānau
- shaping the policies, settings and performance of the education system so that it is well placed to deliver equitable outcomes for ākonga and their whānau, from early learning through tertiary.

Tēnei Tūranga | About the role

The Executive Assistant / Project Coordinator will support the Deputy Secretary to ensure Te Poutāhū is well positioned to deliver on its overarching strategic and operational objectives and ensuring collaboration across Te Poutāhū and the broader Ministry.

Ngā Haepapa | Accountabilities

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As an Executive Assistant/Project Coordinator you will:

- Develop knowledge and understanding of the Deputy Secretary's work commitments and priorities to assist them in meeting their requirements. This includes analysing information received to identify emerging issues, associated risks and potential solutions and ensure they are brought to the Deputy Secretary's attention.
- Manage private and confidential information, situations and issues in a manner that reflects the level and seniority of the environment
- Maintain the confidence and trust of the Deputy Secretary.
- Pro-actively manage diaries, travel, meetings, and logistics effectively and efficiently to allow the Deputy Secretary to undertake the requirements of their role.
- Monitor correspondence and refer queries to the relevant manager or staff member and identify and draw attention to important and urgent tasks.
- Make decisions on behalf of the Deputy Secretary within relevant protocols and policies.
- Develop project schedules and timelines across the business group, ensuring connections and interdependencies are well documented and managed.
- Actively monitor progress against delivery, identifying inconsistencies and opportunities to provide additional guidance.
- Assist in the collation of reports, briefings, communication plans, and other material as needed.
- Analyse information to provide for reporting as required.
- Prepare papers and briefings for the Deputy Secretary allowing adequate time for reading, and draft reports on areas in which they need further advice and ensure storage and distribution of all confidential papers in accordance with Ministry policies, processes and systems.
- Draft speaking notes for the Deputy Secretary to ensure they are prepared for speaking opportunities internally and externally.
- Draft correspondence and develop presentations on behalf of the Deputy Secretary.
- Administer financial and purchasing processes on behalf of the Deputy Secretary and monitor expenditure against budget as required.
- Contribute as a member of the function to build the capability of the team. Promote the right attitudes and behaviours that contribute to the overall culture of the Office of the Deputy Secretary, respecting our obligations to te Tiriti.
- Development of project schedules and timelines across the business group, ensuring connection into the broader work plan.

You will make decisions in accordance with the Ministry's policies and delegations framework.

Wheako | Experience

To be successful in this role you will have the following experience:

- Proven experience providing executive support to a senior leader in a complex organisation.
- Experience booking travel, organising conferences/ events and related requirements
- Excellent time management and organisational skills
- Knowledge of and experience of the Machinery of Government and/or public sector

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Ngā Āheinga | Capabilities

To be successful in this role you will have the following capabilities and competencies:

- Proven ability to maintain utmost integrity in all interactions and treating all information you are party to in your role as confidential.
- A track record of excellent customer service focus and dedicated to meeting the expectations and requirements of internal and external customers.
- Proven ability to establish and maintain strong relationships across a diverse group of customers and gain their trust and respect.
- Demonstrate initiative and a high degree of professional independence, self-discipline and remaining calm under pressure.

Tātai Pou | Our Cultural Competency

Tātai Pou is the Ministry’s Māori Crown Relations capability framework. Tātai Pou is designed to support our people and organisation to give effect to the articles of te Tiriti o Waitangi in our work. The work-based capabilities have four focus areas and describe four levels of competency (high, confident, developing and essential) that enable us to deliver our partnership approach so that Māori enjoy and achieve educational success as Māori.

Pou Hono Valuing Māori	Developing
Pou Mana Knowledge of Māori content	Developing
Pou Kipa Achieving equitable education outcomes for Māori	Developing
Pou Aroā Critical consciousness of racial equity for Māori	Developing

Leadership Success Profile - Te Kawa Mataaho | Public Service Commission

Leadership matters. Strong leadership at every level in the Public Service will transform the experiences of New Zealanders. The Leadership Success Profile establishes “what good looks like” for leadership at all levels. Information about how the Leadership Success Profile applies to this role is available on the Ministry’s intranet.

Ngā Whakaaetanga | Approvals

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