

APPLICATION PACK

COMPETENCY BASED PERSON SPECIFICATION

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Job Title: Trainee Immigration Adviser (0.4 FTE)

Competency: Respect for diversity **How Measured:** F/I

Demonstrates behaviors that include fairness, respect, dignity, inclusiveness, empathy, integrity, and ethical conduct. Advocates for and demonstrates an understanding of the value of differences that promote and sustain a diverse community.

- Essential Criteria:**
- Ability to work in a way that promotes equality of opportunity, diversity and inclusion
 - Ability to work with interpreters and clients whose first language is not English

Competency: Professional knowledge/expertise **How Measured:** F/I/T

Having achieved a comprehensive level of technical and professional skill or knowledge in position-related areas.

- Essential Criteria:**
- Minimum of 6 months recent experience in supporting vulnerable people from minoritized communities, preferably in an advice or immigration context.
 - Intention to take the IAA level 1 exam within 6 months of being in post.
 - A keen interest in learning and developing expertise in the area of immigration law and casework

Competency: Analytical, evaluation and problem solving **How Measured:** I/T

Assesses and interprets information, defines key issues and takes a proactive approach to dealing with them. Actively identifies solutions to problems and implements these appropriately.

- Essential Criteria:**
- A proactive approach to research, analyse and interpret complex information / issues and present well thought out solutions
 - Ability to solve problems in a creative, logical and solution focused manner and take well-informed, effective, and timely decisions
 - Ability to think on your feet and assess the information a client presents you with in real time

Competency: Team working and interpersonal skills **How Measured:** I

Works co-operatively and flexibly with other members of the team to achieve a common goal. Communicates within groups and considers others in discussions and decisions. Actively helps and supports others. Understands and is tolerant of differing needs and viewpoints.

- Essential Criteria:**
- Ability to build trust and positive working relationships with clients, colleagues and other professionals.
 - Ability to communicate and work effectively, co-operatively and considerately with colleagues and to receive as well as give support.
 - Ability to work with vulnerable clients from minoritised communities.

Competency: Effective communication **How Measured:** I

Displays good interpersonal and communication skills, talks and writes logically, concisely and persuasively. Actively listens, observes and picks up on the content of what is being said. Communicates ideas and information in the appropriate manner for the audience.

- Essential Criteria:**
- Ability to communicate complex issues clearly, succinctly and sensitively, both verbally and in writing.
 - High level literacy skills and attention to detail in case recording.
 - Excellent listening and negotiation skills
 - Fluent in English.

- Desirable Criteria:**
- Fluent in a Community Language such as Somali, Arabic or Urdu

Competency: Planning, organising and delivery **How Measured:** F/I

Adopts a clear approach to planning, prioritising and organising work, to meet individual and organisational objectives, making effective use of time and resources.

- Essential Criteria:**
- Ability to plan and deliver own work effectively, under pressure and to meet deadlines
 - Excellent planning, organisational and time management skills, with the ability to multi-task between projects
 - Ability to work on own initiative and effectively prioritise a busy workload
 - Robust IT skills, including an ability to use word processing, spreadsheet, case management software and the use of the internet