Position description



Payroll and Finance Officer

Department:	Business Services
Location:	Cairns, Townsville, or Mackay
Position type:	Full time
Classification:	Level 6
Reports to:	Finance Manager
Direct reports:	Nil

Our values

	Values statements	Core commitments
Collaboration	We connect co-operatively across boundaries to share ideas and achieve our goals together. 'We work together'	I will work co-operatively across teams to achieve outcomes. I will connect with others to build trusting relationships. I will share ideas, knowledge, and resources.
Leadership	We are empowered, inspired, and will step up to create a better future. 'We are all leaders'	I will role-model positive behaviours. I will create opportunities to have a positive impact. I will take responsibility for contributing to NQPHN's culture and success.
Integrity	We hold ourselves to the highest standards of ethics and professionalism. 'We do the right thing'	I will be consistently ethical and trustworthy. I will display high levels of professionalism at all times. I will represent NQPHN with pride.
Accountability	We own our actions, follow through on our promises, and live our values. 'We do what we say'	I will follow through on my commitments. I will take ownership of my work and performance. I will be transparent and forthcoming with information.
⟨Ç SS Respect	We hear, acknowledge, and value all people and voices, finding unity in our diversity. 'We are considerate'	I will actively seek out and value different perspectives. I will treat all people with appreciation, dignity, and courtesy. I will be culturally informed and sensitive.







Role summary

The Payroll and Finance Officer forms part of the Finance Team and is responsible for providing proactive high level and high-quality support and coordination with payroll and accounts functions.

Key responsibilities

Role-specific

- Support the maintenance of the accounting and payroll system/s (Xero Accounting Software).
- Coordinate the processing of fortnightly payroll payments, salary sacrifice, and superannuation contributions.
- Coordinate the lodgement and payment of superannuation.
- Assist in the preparation of BAS, FBT, and PAYG returns and ensure all compliance obligations are met.
- Process fortnightly payroll data into Xero accurately and in a timely manner.
- Ensure payroll reports and supporting documents are filed appropriately.
- Liaise with the salary sacrifice provider's support team (Eziway) to ensure accurate and timely processes.
- Assist in internal and external audit processes.
- Manage leave requests and balances and monitor the payroll email account.
- Provide support in monitoring the accounts email inbox, processing all creditor invoices, and analysing for accuracy.
- Reconcile credit card payments, reconcile to statements, and following up missing source documents and incomplete information.
- Prepare monthly Reconciliations, including bank and other general ledger accounts as advised.
- Prepare and post monthly salary accruals.
- Provide support to the Finance Team in other finance and accounting functions, including the month-end reporting tasks.
- Provide training in Xero Expenses to new staff during the onboarding process.
- Work effectively and collaboratively with the Finance Team.
- Assist in the development, review, and implementation of payroll policies and procedures, and provide training and guidance to employees.
- Assist in continuous improvement projects within both payroll and finance functions.
- Support the Finance Manager with surge support as required.

Organisation-wide

- Committed to "One PHN" and working collaboratively and engaging purposefully across the organisation, including the offices, teams, and functions.
- Ensure "best practice" processes across all areas of responsibilities.

- Comply with the organisation's policies and procedures.
- Ensure the safety of yourself and others in line with the organisation's Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) policies and procedures and the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011.
- Perform other duties reasonably required as directed.

Key selection criteria

- At least five years relevant work experience specifically in payroll and finance, preferably in a non-profit or health care industry.
- Demonstrated experience in processing payroll, preferably in Xero.
- Demonstrated experience and understanding of the importance of supporting transparent and equitable procurement and contract management processes and procedures.
- A high level of attention to detail.
- Good knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook.
- · Good knowledge of general financial functions.
- Demonstrated ability to prioritise and meet deadlines in a high demand work environment.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication (verbal and written), and negotiation skills.

Other requirements

- Current Drivers Licence.
- Provide a National Police Check less than three months old.
- Be able to meet the requirements of a Working with Children (Blue Card) Qld (if required).

Capability Framework

NQPHN has a Capability Framework in place. This role has the following core competencies and expected levels.

Core competency	Standard	
Teamwork and team leadership	Supports others in taking independent action.	
	Resolves issues that occur with minimal direction.	
	 Invites and builds upon the ideas of others. 	
	 Assumes additional responsibilities to facilitate the achievement of team goals. 	
	 Actively shares knowledge among peers or offers advice to less experienced colleagues. 	
	Effectively transfers acquired knowledge and expertise.	
	Demonstrates initiative in professional self-development.	
Resource management	Manages the allocation of resources in relation to business needs.	

Core competency	Standard	
	 Manages the work plan, sets timelines and milestones, and involves stakeholders to deliver on time. 	
	Provides advice on procedures and the use of resources.	
Flexibility and continuous improvement	Anticipates having to adapt work methods to changing technology and environments.	
	 Considers problems from all new perspectives and can expand on the thinking or solutions proposed by others. 	
	 Adapts to new ideas and initiatives relevant to own area of work. 	
	 Understands and promotes the Organisation's business needs and policies for introducing change. 	
	 Is able to present the Organisation's priorities as they relate to own area of work. 	
	 Explains and convinces others of the need for adaptation and change of policies, structures, and methods. 	
Stakeholder engagement and communications	Writes information coming from multiple sources in a logical and comprehensive, yet concise manner.	
	 Combines information from various sources in a concise and consistent manner. 	
	 Makes sound use of graphics and tables to effectively present numerical data. 	
	 Actively nurtures both formal and informal contacts to facilitate the progress of work by proactively sharing information, best practices and respective interests and areas of expertise. 	
	 Identifies current or past contacts that can provide work-related information or assistance. 	
	 Fosters two-way trust in dealing with contacts (e.g. maintains confidentiality regarding sensitive information). 	
Quality management	Gains an understanding of quality management systems, so effective feedback on limitations can be provided.	
	 Utilises quality management systems where provided by the PHN. 	
	 Provides feedback to line managers on utility of quality management systems. 	
Strategic thinking	Provides a rationale for decisions, relating them to the overall goals.	
and innovation	Able to work on strategic activities within the team, either across the whole or within particular areas.	
	Actively contributes to strategic discussions.	

Core competency	Standard	
	Understands the Organisation's current and future role.	
	Looks for opportunities for business improvement.	
Governance and risk	Ensures governance arrangements are being met.	
	 Constructs formal reporting structures that are appropriate for successful partnerships. 	
	Refers to key healthcare benchmarks in making recommendations.	
	 Has a working understanding of the legal governance of engagement with public and service users. 	
	Identifies and manages risk.	
	 Remains familiar with and adheres to all policies and procedures, including Workplace Health and Safety. 	
	Contributes to a safe workplace.	
Project and	Ensures a clear project scope.	
program management	 Develops effective project plans and cost schedules. 	
3	 Calculates, relates, and responds to variances in schedules and costs. 	
	Ensures effective project reporting.	
	 Effectively manages project change using appropriate change control techniques. 	
	 Able to identify major and minor tasks for projects using a broad range of complex and technical tools. 	
	 Manages relationships of internal and external resources and interfaces with other groups. 	
	 Can identify and mitigate variations, changes, and conflicts. 	
	 Solves complex problems in own area even when not always clearly defined. 	
	 Resolves problems that may impact upon wider team/overall objectives. 	
	 Able to apply a broad range of complex, technical, or professional risk tools in a wide variety of projects. 	
Commissioning	Applies Commissioning Guidelines and Frameworks.	
	 Develops written, well-structured commissioning that clearly sets out business requirements. 	
	 Monitors Commissioning processes to ensure they are open, transparent, and effective. 	

Core competency	Standard	
	 Understands and participates in the Commissioning process and ensures actions are in line with the Framework. 	

This position description contains a limited summary of the most frequently occurring tasks and responsibilities. In practice the employee can and will be entrusted with various other tasks and responsibilities that may also be of vital importance to the performance of his or her duties. The employee will properly execute these tasks and responsibilities and will not limit themselves to invoke the tasks and responsibilities exclusively summarised in this position description.

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