**Candidate Information Pack**

APS5, APS6, EL1 (Multiple roles)

Freedom of Information Case Management

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| Job Reference | OAIC-2025-010 |
| Type of vacancy and duration | Ongoing/Non-ongoing, Full-time/Part-time |
| Classification | APS5, APS6, EL1 |
| Salary | APS5: $84,677 - $89,520 per annum plus 15.4% superannuation APS6: $93,372 - $102,821 per annum plus 15.4% superannuation  EL1: $117,674 - $125,876 per annum plus 15.4% superannuation |
| Location | Sydney CBD (preferred location), however we will consider candidate applications from all other locations within Australia. |
| Contact officer for information | Sandra Wavamunno (02) 9942 4154  [sandra.wavamunno@oaic.gov.au](mailto:sandra.wavamunno@oaic.gov.au) |
| Email applications to | [jobs@oaic.gov.au](mailto:jobs@oaic.gov.au) |
| Closing date for applications | Thursday, 6 February 2025 at 11:59pm AEDT |

## About the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

Working with the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) will put you at the forefront of data protection and access to information regulation. As an independent statutory agency, the OAIC’s work is of national significance and plays an important role in shaping Australia’s information handling landscape across the economy - from government, digital platforms and the online environment, to health, finance and telecommunications. Our mission is to uphold and promote Australia’s privacy and freedom of information laws.

We are an agency within the Attorney-General’s Department portfolio with responsibility for:

* privacy functions under the *Privacy Act 1988* and the *Digital ID Act 2024*
* freedom of information functions, in particular review of decisions made by agencies and ministers under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*
* privacy and confidentiality functions in relation to the Consumer Data Right (CDR) under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (CCA).

## About The Roles

**APS5 Assistant Review Advisor/APS6 Review Advisor**

The Freedom of Information Case Management Branch is looking for talented people to fill APS 5 Assistant Review Adviser and APS 6 Review Adviser roles to deliver our strategic priorities.

The work of our Assistant Review Advisers and Review Advisers is primarily focused on assisting the Australian Information Commissioner and Freedom of Information Commissioner to conduct external review of agencies and ministers’ decisions under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) and investigating agency actions under the FOI Act.

The work you may undertake could include:

* managing a caseload of Information Commissioner reviews and/or FOI complaints, including through obtaining relevant information from parties, and issuing preliminary views where appropriate and preparing case plans to assist with drafting IC review decisions
* working with parties to attempt to informally resolve Information Commissioner reviews or FOI complaints, including through facilitating revised decisions or agreements between the parties
* assessing and deciding extension of time requests received from agencies and Ministers under the FOI Act
* preparing administrative decisions, correspondence and formal notices in relation to IC review applications or complaints under the FOI Act
* providing written and oral advice on the application of the FOI Act and associated legislation.

Staff at the APS 6 level generally undertake more complex work and may be involved in decisions of a more significant nature than staff at the APS 5 level. They provide advice, training and guidance to more junior staff. They may also have a higher caseload, and greater autonomy and accountability in stakeholder management, decisions, and other tasks, factoring in the classification and [Work level standards](https://www.apsc.gov.au/working-aps/aps-employees-and-managers/work-level-standards-aps-level-and-executive-level-classifications).

Successful candidates will be placed in the team/role based on the candidate's skill set and operational needs.

We are seeking applications from candidates with the following skills and attributes:

* Experience in merits review and/or administrative law
* Knowledge of, or the ability to quickly acquire knowledge of, the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*
* The Panel would look favourably on candidates who also have tertiary qualification in law.

The role will be required to be undertaken in line with the appropriate [Work Level Standard](https://www.apsc.gov.au/working-aps/aps-employees-and-managers/work-level-standards-aps-level-and-executive-level-classifications).

These duties are to be performed in accordance with the APS Code of Conduct and APS Values and Office policies, including Workplace Diversity and Work Health and Safety. Under section 25 of the *Public Service Act 1999* the Office may re-assign the duties of an employee from time to time.

**EL1 Assistant Director/Senior Review Advisor**

Assistant Director roles involve taking a lead role in the OAIC’s Freedom of Information (FOI) casework functions, which includes review of agencies and ministers’ FOI decisions (IC reviews), FOI complaints, extension of time applications and vexatious applicant declaration applications.

The successful candidate will be flexible and will be experienced in administrative decision making, and case managing complex complaints or IC reviews in a high-volume work environment. They will have excellent attention to detail, analytical skills, and the ability to manage a high-volume case load under limited direction, while providing ongoing professional support to other staff as part of a small team.

Duties include:

* planning and conducting review of a caseload of complex or sensitive Information Commissioner reviews and/or FOI complaints
* working with parties to attempt to informally resolve Information Commissioner reviews or FOI complaints, including through facilitating revised decisions or agreements between the parties
* preparing correspondence, case plans, briefs, recommendations and making or drafting administrative decisions in relation to IC review applications or FOI complaints under the FOI Act
* providing advice in writing, by phone or face to face on the application of the FOI Act and associated legislation including preparing detailed correspondence, reports and other relevant documentation
* mentoring and supervising staff and providing ongoing professional support
* contributing to the development of policy and office procedures, and assisting with the development of guidance
* contributing to team and section performance objectives
* actively participating in regular case management meetings, including weekly Commissioner-input meetings
* representing the OAIC at external meetings, conferences and forums
* preparing high-level executive briefings in preparation for parliamentary proceedings and high-level stakeholder engagements.
* Other tasks as required.

We are seeking applications from candidates with the following skills and attributes:

* Experience in merits review and/or administrative law
* Knowledge of, or the ability to quickly acquire knowledge of, the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*

The Panel would look favourably on candidates who also have the following:

* Tertiary qualification in law
* Experience in managing high volume matters and/or complex matters
* Experience in managing a team undertaking high volume case work

These duties are to be performed in accordance with the APS Code of Conduct and APS Values and Office policies, including Workplace Diversity and Work Health and Safety. Under section 25 of the *Public Service Act 1999* the Office may re-assign the duties of an employee from time to time.

The role will be required to be undertaken in line with the appropriate [Work Level Standard](https://www.apsc.gov.au/working-aps/aps-employees-and-managers/work-level-standards-aps-level-and-executive-level-classifications).

## Security requirements

You must be able to obtain and maintain a Negative Vetting Level 1 security clearance.

## Position location

The OAIC operates a hybrid work model with a combination of remote working and office attendance. Whilst the OAIC office is located in the Sydney CBD (and preferred), we will consider candidate applications from all other locations within Australia.

The OAIC values face-to-face interaction and fostering connection between our people and with our stakeholders. The OAIC’s hybrid work model expects in office attendance when the type of work or task is better suited to being completed from an office, for example, staff inductions and onboarding, planning days, relationship building activities and project or collaborative work.

## Remuneration and benefits

APS5 salary: $84,677 - $89,520 per annum plus 15.4% superannuation

APS6 salary: $93,372 - $102,821 per annum plus 15.4% superannuation

EL1 salary: $117,674 - $125,876 per annum plus 15.4% superannuation

The OAIC is committed to enabling its people to perform at their best and offers the following benefits:

* Opportunity to work at the cutting edge of privacy and data protection, paving the way for future career opportunities.
* Access to ongoing professional development, with a capability framework to guide skill enhancement.
* Genuine flexibility to help achieve a balance between work and home life.
* Additional paid leave over the Christmas to New Year period as well as access to other leave (e.g. for study or moving).
* Contribution to your wellbeing through subsidies for eye health, flu vaccinations and a wellbeing allowance.

The OAIC is committed to diversity and inclusion. We encourage and welcome applications from people living with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, LGBTIQ+ people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and mature age people.

## Eligibility

* Section 22 of the *Public Service Act 1999* requires that APS employees must be Australian citizens.
* There are restrictions on employment of people who have, within the previous 12 months, accepted a redundancy benefit from an APS agency or a non-APS Commonwealth employer.
* For the duration of your employment with the OAIC you will be required to obtain and maintain an Australian Government security clearance at the Negative Vetting Level 1 and meet required background, identification and character checks.
* Note: All duties are to be performed in accordance with the APS Code of Conduct and APS Values and OAIC policies, including Workplace Diversity and Work Health and Safety. Under section 25 of the *Public Service Act 1999* the OAIC may re-assign the duties of an employee from time to time.

## How to Apply

1. Please complete the application form found at the end of this job pack as part of your submission.
2. You are asked to provide a single page application response *(one-page-pitch)* addressing your interest, motivation and fit for the role. Your pitch should include the use of practical and professional examples as relevant to the role and the job specific capabilities, skills and experience outlined above.
3. Your application form, CV (maximum 3 pages) and one-page-pitch should be collated as one document *(where possible)* and sent in a single email to: [jobs@oaic.gov.au](mailto:jobs@oaic.gov.au). Please ensure your email includes your full name in the email subject field, along with the job reference number found on the front page of this pack.

## Application Tips

Your pitch must be in a font size no smaller than size 10 and using a professional font selection *(e.g. Times New Roman, Calibri or Arial).*

To assist you in pitching your response and capabilities at the appropriate classification, you are encouraged to review the APS Work Level Standards which are available on the Australian Public Service Commission website – [click here.](https://www.apsc.gov.au/working-aps/aps-employees-and-managers/work-level-standards-aps-level-and-executive-level-classifications)

Your CV should be a maximum of three pages.

## Further Information

If you are shortlisted, you may be contacted to arrange an interview.

If you are not shortlisted, you will be informed by email. Please note that we are not usually able to provide feedback to candidates that are not shortlisted due to the volume of applications received.   
  
A merit list of suitable candidates may be established and may be used to fill future vacancies that arise.

## Questions?

For more information please visit <https://www.oaic.gov.au/about-us/join-our-team> or reach out to the contact officer listed on the covering page of this job pack.

## Application Sheet

Please complete this form to apply for a position with the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

Any personal information you provide is protected by the *Privacy Act 1988* and will be used for recruitment purposes only. You can view our [human resources privacy policy](https://www.oaic.gov.au/about-us/our-corporate-information/key-documents/human-resources-privacy-policy/) on our website.

### Personal details

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| Title |  |
| Given name |  |
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| Preferred name |  |
| Contact Number |  |

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| Address line 2 |  |
| Suburb |  |
| State |  |
| Postcode |  |

### APS employment

If you are currently employed in the Australian Public Service (APS), please provide the following information:

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| APS employer | Response |
| Australian Government Service Number (AGS) |  |
| APS Classification |  |
| Employment status (ongoing or non-ongoing) |  |

### Eligibility

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| Requirement | Response |
| Are you an Australian citizen? |  |
| Have you received a redundancy benefit, severance payment or similar benefit from an APS Agency or a non-APS Commonwealth employer within the last 12 months? |  |

### Accessibility adjustment of selection process

At times we may need to conduct a range of selection processes for example, preparing written work samples as well as an interview. Some assessment activities may be timed and/or could include reading from a computer screen or paper.

We understand that you may not wish to share information about your disability at this time, however the responses you provide will help us in making the selection process inclusive and give you the opportunity to request any necessary adjustments.

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| Adjustment | Response |
| Are there any adjustments that you may require to the selection process? |  |
| If you do require adjustments to the selection process, please tell us what type of adjustments you require. |  |

### Merit Pool Sharing

A merit pool is a group of applicants that have been deemed suitable for an advertised vacancy, however they are not considered the preferred candidate or appointed to the advertised role.

Applicants who are placed in a merit pool may be considered for future vacancies if the new vacancy meets the merit sharing principals outlined below:

* The vacancy is at the same classification.
* The vacancy is the same category of employment (ongoing or non-ongoing).
* The vacancy comprises of similar duties.
* The vacancy is in a similar location.

Applicants who are placed in a merit pool and agree to be considered for subsequent vacancies:

* Will have their details maintained by the OAIC for a period of up to 18 months from the date the vacancy was advertised.
* May have their information provided to other Commonwealth Agencies employing under the *Public Service Act 1999* or *Parliamentary Services Act 1999* to fill similar roles across the Australian Public Service.

**If you are assessed as suitable and placed in a merit pool, do you consent to your application, CV and assessment information being shared with other Commonwealth Agencies to fill similar roles in the Australian Public Service?**

Yes, I agree for my application details to be shared as outlined above.

No, I do not agree for my application/details to be shared and would like to opt out.

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| Recruitment Process – Preference Selections (Please select more than one option if applicable) |
| I wish to be considered for the following roles:  ☐ APS5, Assistant Review Advisor  ☐ APS6, Review Advisor  ☐ EL1, Assistant Director/Senior Review Advisor |

### Submitting your application

When you are ready to submit your application, please send the following document (as one document) by email to [jobs@oaic.gov.au](mailto:jobs@oaic.gov.au):

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| I have included as one document | ✓ |
| Attached my completed application form |  |
| Attached my CV (maximum of 4 pages)  (Including details of two referees, one being my current manager/supervisor) |  |
| Statement of claim of 1 A4 pages explaining my interest, motivation and fit for the role, including the skills and experience I will bring to the organisation and the position. |  |
| *Declaration:*  In submitting my application, I acknowledge that the information I have supplied is true and correct. I understand that providing false or misleading statements may disqualify me from this process and future APS employment. |  |