DETERMINATION OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGNATED WHISTLEBLOWER CONTACT OFFICERS
Determination 4 of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGNATED WHISTLEBLOWER CONTACT OFFICERS

Date of Operation: 14 December 2018
Review Date: Date of proclamation of the commencement of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018

Who is covered by this Determination?
Under section 7 of the Public Sector Act 2009 ('the PS Act'):

“Each public sector agency must ensure that a public sector employee (with qualifications determined by the Commissioner) is designated as a responsible officer for the agency for the purposes of the Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993.”

Accordingly, this Determination applies to all public sector agencies in the South Australian public sector.
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1 COMMISSIONER’S DETERMINATION

The Commissioner for Public Sector Employment determines that persons designated as responsible officers for the purposes of the Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993, will possess the following attributes as minimum requirements:

- Knowledge of the content and operation of the Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993 and other relevant legislation and policies;
- Appropriate seniority and standing within the agency with recognised status and reputation and;
- Tact, discretion and sophisticated communication skills.

2 PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE ACT 2018

It is the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment’s intention rescind this Determination upon section 7 of the PS Act being repealed by the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018.

3 REFERENCE MATERIALS

- Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector
- Public Sector Values
- Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993
- Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2012