



Australian Government

**Australian Pesticides and
Veterinary Medicines Authority**



Senior Risk Manager, Veterinary Medicines
Position number: 10260
APS6

Candidate information package
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The position

Position title	Senior Risk Manager
Classification	APS Level 6
Qualifications	Tertiary qualifications in veterinary medicine or biological sciences – e.g. zoology, immunology, biochemistry, pharmacology, or animal science/nutrition.
Security clearance	Baseline
Citizenship requirements	Australian citizens only
Location	Armidale NSW or Canberra ACT
Job type	Ongoing; Full-time (Non-ongoing and Part-time options may be considered)
Salary	\$ 108,510.00 to \$122,184.00 (plus 15.4% superannuation), depending on qualifications and experience

Direct supervisor	Assistant Director Veterinary Medicines
Program	Veterinary Medicines
Section	Veterinary Medicines 2

Position summary

The Veterinary Medicines Branch at the APVMA is responsible for the pre-market technical assessment, risk evaluation, and processing of applications to register veterinary chemical products, approve active constituents for use in veterinary medicines, and manage subsequent variations to existing records. In addition, the team conducts separate technical and risk evaluations to administer short-term permits for veterinary medicines that meet specific market needs. The branch also issues export certificates and delivers regulatory guidance and enquiry support to applicants and stakeholders.

The Veterinary Medicines 2 team within the Veterinary Medicines Branch is responsible for the risk assessment and management of applications for registration, variations and permits of veterinary chemical products. The team has a particular focus on veterinary immunobiologicals products and veterinary medicines permits.

Working within established legislative and policy frameworks, Senior Risk Managers will apply expertise and technical knowledge within the Veterinary Medicines 2 team to manage/coordinate the workflow of registration, variation or permit applications to evaluate the safety, efficacy, trade impact and labelling, as relevant, of regulated veterinary chemical products within legislative timeframes. In undertaking this role, you will work on applications of varying complexity, be required to liaise and consult with internal and external stakeholders, and take the risks and requirements of public health, work health and safety, animal safety, efficacy, trade risks and environmental safety into consideration.

Working collaboratively with APVMA staff, the Senior Risk Manager is required to manage the workflow of their applications to ensure they are scientifically robust and meet both APVMA and legislative requirements and timeframes.

Core functions

The key functions and responsibilities of this position will include:

- Analysing and evaluating scientific and/or technical information associated with veterinary medicines registration, variation or permit applications.
- Applying risk assessment and management principles to applications of varying complexity.
- Considering scientific advice and the legislative framework to make recommendations to the decision maker on applications for registration, variation or permits of veterinary chemical products.
- Ensuring knowledge of, and compliance with, legislative frameworks and agency guidelines.
- Preparing high quality written documents and correspondence incorporating scientific and technical information for decision makers, applicants, and other stakeholders.
- Liaising with internal and external stakeholders to resolve application issues in an appropriate and timely manner.
- Building and sustaining positive relationships with team members and stakeholders.
- Maintaining an understanding of the role and responsibilities of the APVMA, including an understanding of the Australian Public Service operating environment more broadly.
- Adhering to confidential commercial information (CCI) provisions at all times.

Selection criteria

To be a strong contender for the role, you will have:

Essential:

1. Tertiary qualifications and/or demonstrated work experience in a relevant scientific discipline such as veterinary medicine, pharmacology and therapeutics, zoology, biology, animal science, physiology, medicines development/ manufacture or chemical regulation.
2. A well-developed working knowledge of, or ability to quickly develop, the regulation of veterinary chemicals, specifically the pre-market registration and/or approval of permits of veterinary medicines in Australia.
3. Strong analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to evaluate and provide pragmatic advice on complex scientific information.
4. Ability to work independently and prioritise a complex workload, based on importance and urgency while maintaining a high standard of accuracy and meeting timeframes.
5. Effective oral and written communication skills, with the ability to communicate clearly and confidently, develop and support complex relationships, and represent the Authority in a variety of forums.
6. Demonstrated ability to work effectively and efficiently as part of a team and train other team members as required.

Desirable:

- Demonstrated work experience in research, development, manufacture and/or regulation of (veterinary) immunobiologicals.

Your application

In submitting your application, please ensure that you include an up-to-date resume and separate document addressing the selection criteria above. Your response to the selection criteria must not exceed 750 words.

Referee checks are used to confirm a candidate's suitability for a role. They also allow us to verify or gather additional insights about a candidate from their application, resume, interview and other capability-based assessments.

Please ensure you have nominated a current referee who has known you for a reasonable amount of time and has good knowledge of your performance in a relevant context (e.g. current work or education) to provide an objective assessment of your capabilities, knowledge and experience.

The information obtained from referees will be used to inform the final decision of a candidate's suitability for the role.

All applications are submitted online through the APVMA Careers website: apvma.gov.au/join-our-team.

If you have any questions, please contact our People and Culture team by email at hr@apvma.gov.au.

Our selection process

In accordance with the *Public Service Act 1999* we recruit our staff based on merit, which means that from a wide and diverse field of applicants we will select the best person for the position. To do this, we compare the skills, experience and abilities of each applicant. We use different tools and techniques to collect the evidence we need to make a merit-based decision.

The selection process will begin with an assessment of written applications to determine suitability against the role requirements. Based on this assessment, a shortlist of candidates will be formed. Shortlisting is anticipated to be finalised within **4 weeks** of the application closing date.

Shortlisted candidates may be required to undertake additional assessment activities, which could include interviews, work sample exercises, presentation, psychometric assessment and referee checks.

The APVMA reserves the right to vary the assessment approach as required during the recruitment process.

Writing tips

When writing your application (also referred to as your 'response to the selection criteria') you should demonstrate your experience through discussion of real-life examples. It is preferable for you to select an example/s that best allows you to present competencies against the requirements of the position.

For this you should consider using the STAR Method (Situation-Task-Action-Results):

Situation

- What was the situation? This is a brief outline of the situation faced and your role.

Task

- What were the main issues involved with the situation?
- What needed to be done?
- What task/s needed to be achieved and what was the desired outcome?
- What obstacles had to be overcome?

Action

- What were the steps you took to complete the task? This will include allocation of resources, people involved etc.

Results

- What was the outcome?

For additional information on preparing your application and addressing selection criteria please refer to [Cracking the Code](#) on the [Australian Public Service Commission](#) website.



About the APVMA

Our purpose

The APVMA regulates agricultural and veterinary chemicals to protect the health and safety of people, animals and the environment, and to support primary industries, biosecurity and international trade for all Australians.

Our vision

To be a global leader in agriculture and veterinary chemicals regulation for the benefit of Australia.

Our role

The APVMA is the national regulator of agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals in Australia, in line with the responsibilities set out in the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992 and the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994. The regulatory framework for managing agvet chemicals in Australia is collectively referred to as the National Registration Scheme for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (NRS). Under the NRS framework, it is responsible for the regulation and control of agvet chemicals up to and including the point of retail sale. The Authority also administers the import and export of chemicals and medicines.

The core regulatory functions of the APVMA are:

- assess new active constituents and products against the statutory criteria of safety, efficacy and trade
- ensure that the approved label accurately reflects how the product is identified, used, stored and disposed of, including first aid and safety information
- recall non-compliant products, ensuring the quality and safety of agvet chemicals in the marketplace and verify compliance with the relevant legislation
- ensure compliance on manufacturing, importing and exporting of agvet chemical products
- consider applications for permits to use an agvet chemical in a manner that is different to the directions for use specified on the registered product label. A permit may also authorise the use of an unregistered chemical under specific circumstances
- undertake chemical reviews (reconsiderations) of a registered active constituent or agvet product and its label. These reconsiderations assess the currently approved uses against contemporary science to ensure the statutory criteria can still be met.

Our values

The APVMA upholds the Australian Public Service (APS) Values as set out in the Public Service Act 1999 and these values are applied through the APVMA values and behaviours:

- Impartial – apolitical and provide advice that is frank, honest, timely, and based on the best available evidence
- Committed to service – professional, objective, innovative and efficient
- Accountable – open and accountable to our stakeholders across the Australian community
- Respectful – respect all people, including their rights and their heritage
- Ethical – demonstrate leadership, are trustworthy, and act with integrity
- Stewardship – build capability and institutional knowledge and support the public interest now and into the future, by understanding the long-term impacts of what we do.

About us

The APVMA provides regulatory services for the supply of safe and effective agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals in Australia. Our decisions protect human and animal health, the environment, facilitate trade and contribute to Australia's agricultural productivity.

We regulate the manufacturing and supply of pesticides including, herbicides, biocides, insecticides, and seed treatments; animal antibiotics, hormonal treatments and some stock feeds and pet foods. We also regulate household products such as insect repellents, garden sprays and pool chemicals.

We demonstrate and celebrate our commitment to workplace diversity strategies to maximise the contribution and inclusion of our people. We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, mature age people, people with cultural and linguistic diversity, and people with disability.

The APVMA offers exciting opportunities for a challenging career where you can apply your scientific expertise for the benefit of all Australians. You will work as part of a broader team that delivers efficient regulatory services to support Australia's agvet chemical industry and Australian agriculture.

More information about [the roles and responsibilities of APVMA](#) is available on our website.

Benefits of working with the APVMA

Throughout your career with us we will offer you experience in:

- project management
- team work and leadership
- working with multidisciplinary science teams
- understanding of registration process and decision making in a regulatory context
- evaluation of the safety and efficacy of new pesticide or veterinary medicine products
- how product labels are used to manage risks to humans, animals, crops, the environment, and trade
- providing advice to the decision maker on registration of new products
- developing relationships with industry stakeholders.

We offer generous pay and conditions under the [APVMA Enterprise Agreement 2024-27](#).

In return we expect you to:

- comply with the requirements of the *Public Service Act 1999*, including the APS Values, Employment Principles and Code of Conduct
- comply with our policies and guidelines
- participate in our Performance Management process
- as a worker under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*, cooperate with any reasonable instruction, policy or procedures given to you by the APVMA which relates to health and safety in the workplace
- take reasonable care for your own health and safety while at work and ensure your acts or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons in your workplace.

