Australian Government

Salary
$ 127908 to $ 141555

Opportunity Type
Full-Time;Part-Time

Opportunity Status
Ongoing

APS Classification
Executive Level 1

Closing Date
12/07/2026

Job Category
Legal,
Policy,
Regulation,
Research

Office Arrangement
Hybrid

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Assistant Director - Mergers

Adelaide SA,Brisbane QLD,Canberra ACT,Darwin NT,Hobart TAS,Melbourne VIC,Perth WA,Sydney NSW,Townsville QLD

We are looking for new team members to commence soon, and also as late as the second quarter of 2027.

While the roles will most likely be in one of our Mergers branches, similar opportunities may also be available in the Competition Exemptions Branch.

Assistant Directors work under limited direction of Directors and are responsible for a range of work which may include:

- Analysing, and leading teams to analyse submissions, facts and data to draw evidence-based conclusions on competition issues arising from mergers and presenting that analysis in recommendations to ACCC Commissioners and Senior Managers.
- Managing consultation with key stakeholders, which may include market participants and other Australian government agencies.
- Strategic planning and appropriately engaging with risk.
- Supervising and developing staff including assisting with providing effective leadership and development to a team of skilled professional staff and contributing to the leadership of the Branch and Division.
- Working closely with other parts of the ACCC and leading productive working relationships with the ACCC’s internal lawyers & economists.
- Liaising with other Australian Government agencies and overseas competition and consumer agencies about the ACCC’s mergers work.
- Leading aspects of Australian Competition Tribunal review matters and litigated merger matters, including preparation of instructions for the ACCC’s lawyers and liaison with consultants.

The key duties of the position include:

In order to succeed in the role, you will have:

All candidates are expected to meet the APS Integrated Leadership Profile (ILS) for the classification advertised. Follow the link for more information on the ILS. This role in particular requires:

Work Experience

- Four or more years relevant work experience after graduating from relevant undergraduate tertiary qualifications.
  - Relevant work experience could include:working within an economic context that required providing economic advice, recommendations or analysis
  - working professionally within a legal context that required undertaking legal analysis or drafting
  - working as a data analyst, particularly with a focus on contributing to economic or market analysis
  - working for a government entity or a non-profit organisation in a position that required research, drafting or contributing to the interpretation or application of Australian legislation
  - working within a regulatory context as an investigator/analyst or compliance officer
  - working in an academic context relevant to competition or consumer protection law or related field.

Technical knowledge

- An understanding, or ability to quickly acquire an understanding, of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 and, in particular, Part IVA of the Competition and Consumer Act, as well as an understanding of the roles and functions of the ACCC.
- Tertiary qualifications in economics, law, data or similar fields.

Skills

A demonstrated ability to effectively:

- research, investigate and analyse competition issues, interpret and apply legislation, policies and procedures,
- engage, support and work collaboratively with other people,
- plan, organise and prioritise a demanding workload and multiple projects, and
- supervise, develop and invest in junior staff.

The following job specific criteria are **highly desirable**:

- Experience supervising or managing staff in a professional context.

Eligibility

You will be asked to respond to two behavioural questions with a maximum response of 300 words per question.

- Why do you want to become an Assistant Director in mergers at the ACCC?
- What experience, skills, or qualities do you possess that would make you successful in the role?

and submit your resume with key outcomes or what you are most proud of in each role you have held (2 pages maximum).

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Getting to know the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

The ACCC is an independent statutory authority that administers the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 and other Acts.

The ACCC works to promote effective competition and fair trading in the market place to benefit consumers, business and the community, and efficiency in the delivery of certain infrastructure services.

The AER is a part of the ACCC. The AER is Australia's national energy market regulator and has an independent board. The AER shares employees, resources and facilities with the ACCC.

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