

## Environmental Health Officer

With a number of dynamic, world class initiatives currently in progress, there has never been a better time to become an Environmental Health Officer with Queensland Health.

### What do Environmental Health Officers do?

The role of Environmental Health Officer is an internationally recognised professional health qualification. Environmental Health Officers recognise, evaluate and control issues within our environment that may impact human health. This includes:

- Ensuring environmental health risks are identified and managed
- Responding to health issues
- Maintaining effective monitoring and surveillance systems
- Contributing to the management of a sustainable environment
- Providing evidence-based public health information and advice to Queenslanders
- Intervening when public health and safety has been compromised
- Taking action against public health and safety problems to protect and promote health, and prevent illness
- Enforcing public health legislation

The environmental health workforce is responsible for the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental health policy and legislation in Queensland. Our staff provide advice and strategic leadership on existing and emerging environmental health issues. This may include issues as varied as drugs and poisons, food safety and standards, environmental toxicology, tobacco control and other environmental health risks in disaster situations.

### Entry Level Qualification for Environmental Health Officers

Entry to the beginner practitioner level is via tertiary degree, or equivalent qualification accredited by the *Environmental Health Australia* (EHA).

Environmental Health Officers are recognised as a profession under the *Health Practitioner Enterprise Agreement (Queensland Health) 2007*.

### Want to learn more?

Find out how you can make a real difference to the health of the community as an Environmental Health Officer.

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