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Join the ACCC

ACCC employees enjoy:

❯ a competitive salary package
❯ extensive on-the-job learning and formal training
❯ working in different parts of Australia (each state and territory)
❯ flexible working conditions.
Welcome

Hello

Welcome to the ACCC. Your skills and enthusiasm are important for the work we do.

The ACCC is responsible for protecting consumers, encouraging competition and regulating industries. We work across the economy and in all communities to protect the interests of Australians of all backgrounds.

To achieve our objectives, we depend on our team of motivated and talented professionals. Our diverse workforce helps us ensure that the ACCC is effective. This is why it is important to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are represented as members of our staff.

I am sure you will find the ACCC to be a challenging and ever-changing workplace—a workplace in which you will be able to grow and use your expertise to benefit all Australians.

Mark Pearson
Deputy CEO, ACCC

What does the ACCC do?

The ACCC is responsible for promoting competition, fair trade and consumer protection in Australia.

Employees of the ACCC may also work for the Australian Energy Regulator—the national energy market regulator.

The ACCC employs around 800 staff nationally and has offices in each state and territory. We are a culturally diverse agency.

As an ACCC employee you will:

❯ work in a national agency applying and developing your skills and knowledge
❯ provide input into decisions with far-reaching economic, industrial and legal implications
❯ become part of a high-profile, professional public service agency
❯ develop a strong foundation for a rewarding and challenging career.
A great place to work

Hi

It’s great that you’re considering the ACCC as a place to start your professional career. This is a fun place to work, a place that will give you the satisfaction of working to benefit all Australians.

The ACCC has given me many challenging opportunities to use my training in economics and law. I’ve investigated organisations unfairly taking advantage of customers and participated in court proceedings. I’ve also contributed to the Australian Energy Regulator’s decisions on large investments in electricity and gas infrastructure.

An important part of my life is family. The ACCC encourages me to maintain a healthy work—life balance through flexible work arrangements. This means I can spend time with my children and further my studies while building my career in an exciting area that I enjoy.

The ACCC needs employees in a broad range of other areas such as finance, accounting, management and information technology. Please have a look at what some of my colleagues around the country say about working at the ACCC. I look forward to meeting you. Kurt

See what our Darwin office is up to…

I chose to work at the ACCC as I wanted to use my law degree in an organisation that benefits the Australian community. During the ACCC graduate program, I completed rotations in the Enforcement Operations Branch (in a regional office) and the Adjudication Branch, and now work in the Enforcement Operations Branch in Darwin.

As a senior investigator in the Enforcement Operations Branch, I lead investigations into anti-competitive conduct (such as exclusive dealing and misuse of market power) and also into consumer protection matters (such as unconscionable conduct, misleading and deceptive conduct and product safety issues). My work involves gathering evidence, analysing legislation and evidence, preparing matters for litigation and instructing external solicitors in court proceedings.

As a graduate, I was actively involved in projects and given a lot of responsibility. I was impressed at how approachable senior management and even the Commissioners were. I still have contact with colleagues at all levels within the ACCC.

For all these reasons, and more, I recommend starting your career with the ACCC. Kate
Hi from Adelaide

After completing my economics degree, I wanted to work where I could continue to learn about economics and engage with real-world economic problems. So I joined the ACCC.

I’ve worked for the Australian Energy Regulator in Adelaide and Enforcement Operations in Melbourne.

My current work involves the economic regulation of energy networks. I help ensure that energy network customers only pay for efficient capital expenditure and that network providers can recover efficient expenditure to maintain their businesses. This involves number crunching and thinking about the arguments energy network companies make for specific expenditure programs.

I’m also involved in assessing whether these networks are efficient under the rules governing them. In this position I’ve learned a lot about gas and electricity (as well as the laws that govern those markets), and I’ve come into contact with interesting problems specific to network businesses.

I’ve had exposure to different areas of the ACCC, which enabled me to build a diverse range of skills in a relatively short time. The culture of the ACCC is supportive and the people who work here are welcoming and encouraging of new starters. Ben
New graduate in Canberra

The major project I’m working on is the ACCC’s annual report. I’ve completed legal research for the report by reviewing and summarising the legislative requirements for the ACCC when submitting an annual report.

I’ve also undertaken a secretariat role for the project and have drafted sections of the annual report outlining the roles and responsibilities of different groups in the ACCC. This work has helped me build many skills which I can transfer to other areas of the agency. My work has also included submitting documents to boards for feedback and liaising with internal and external stakeholders.

I’m also a member of the Working Group for the ACCC’s Indigenous Program. This involves attending off-site meetings with external stakeholders as part of developing the ACCC’s Reconciliation Action Plan. In this role I have drafted minutes of meetings, terms of reference and have identified the ACCC’s work on Indigenous consumer issues. This has helped me develop my relationship-building skills and a better awareness of issues facing Indigenous consumers today.

The culture at the ACCC is sociable and inclusive to new staff. Being an employee enables you to experience a broad range of work. I recommend the ACCC to anyone who wants a challenging job that offers a variety of work and a supportive environment.  

Rachel
Who we are looking for?

We employ staff from many disciplines and backgrounds. You should apply if you:

❯ have analytical and problem solving skills
❯ enjoy writing
❯ enjoy working in a team
❯ have good interpersonal and communication skills.

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