Payroll Specialist

Purpose | Te arotahi mātua

The Payroll Specialist is responsible for working collaboratively and cohesively within the Finance team to for the delivery of payroll services, and once payroll duties are complete, the Specialist will provide a range of support and back up duties including processing bank statements and credit card statements, providing assistance to accounts receivable and accounts payable, and general support to the finance team.

The role also provides backup support to the Administration and Logistics Team and the wider Corporate Services Team when required.

Role dimensions | Te ahu mahi

Responsible to:

Responsible for:

Primary location:

Stratford, although travel throughout the region maybe required as part

your duties

Job context:

Permanent, Full-time

Organisational context | Te horopaki whakahaere





Role specific areas of responsibility | Whakaritea ngā wāhanga kawenga

The key responsibility areas are provided as a guide only. Performance measures for this job will need further discussion between the job holder and People Leader/Manager as part of the performance development process.

Payroll

- Prepare, process and administer all payroll functions including tax returns ensuring compliance with legislative requirements.
- Keep up to date with changes to employment law and the impact they may have on how people are remunerated.
- Continually look to develop and enhance business and financial systems around payroll and the support and training of staff in these areas.
- Process bank and credit card statements in a timely and accurate manner.
- General financial administration support.
- Provide assistance and support to accounts receivable, accounts payable, the wider Finance Team, the Administration and Logistics Team and the wider Corporate Services Team.





Organisational areas of responsibility | Ngā wāhanga whakahaere

- **Be a team player** Contribute to the greater team and organisational goals by completing projects and tasks in an efficient and effective manner, including any additional activities as directed by your People Leader.
- **Be flexible and adaptable** Flexible work arrangements meet the needs of our customers, the Council and the individual and may include the need to work outside normal office hours from time-to-time.
- Look after yourself and others Work within the Council's health and safety systems, policies and procedures at all times to limit risk and keep yourself and those around you safe.
- **Work with integrity** Maintain high professional and ethical standards that align with relevant legislation, Council polices and our values.
- Develop yourself and others Proactively seek out opportunities for your own professional development and work alongside others to develop them, including actively taking part in Our TRC.
- **Be culturally aware** Show appreciation and understanding of Māori culture and values and put these into practice in your work.
- **Be an agent for change** Always be on the lookout for ways to do things better, faster or smarter and be an active participant in the continuous improvement culture.
- **Be digitally savvy** Understand and be competent in the use of digital technologies relevant to your role, including processing and storage of Council information in line with relevant policies.
- **Emergency planning and response** Where required, participate in emergency management training exercises and support Council during an emergency management response, having due regard to the safety of your family.
- **Live our values** Be aware of and demonstrate our values in ways that support inclusivity in every aspect of our work.

Delegations of authority | Te tuku mana

Delegations for all roles are set out in the **Taranaki Regional Council Delegations Manual** as appropriate.

Personal specifications | Ngā whakaritenga whaiaro

Qualifications

- A level 3 qualification in accounting/finance and/or a field that is relevant to the specialisation of this role is required.
- Preferably a tertiary qualification in accounting/finance and/or a field that is relevant to the specialisation of this role.

Experience

- At least three years' experience in a relevant finance position.
- Have technical and practical proficiency and competency relevant to this role's specialisation.
- Experience with building and maintaining effective relationships and gaining the cooperation of a wide range of internal and external stakeholders.
- Experience in the development and implementation of financial systems.
- Financial systems and administration experience.

Skills

- Taranaki Regional Council has a skills pathway framework enabling people to plan their development and grow their skills. The core skills required for this position are aligned with **He Pukenga Ara Skills Pathway**, and a summary table is included in Appendix 1.
- Accurate and meticulous approach to financial matters.
- Strong organisational and time management skills.
- Ability to work in a confidential manner including tact and discretion.
- Ability to perform under pressure to meet tight deadlines.
- Able to work with minimum supervision.
- Customer service focus.

Knowledge

- Advanced knowledge of Payroll legislation and processes.
- Awareness and understanding of financial systems and administration.

Personal attributes

- Self-motivated
- Adaptable
- Strong initiative
- A can-do attitude
- Self-awareness
- Commitment to the ongoing development and improvement of financial systems and processes
- Committed to getting the job done, with a high degree of self-motivation.



Functional relationships | Te whanaungatanga mahi

Build, maintain and role model meaningful effective and sustainable relationships with;

Internal

- Finance team
- All Taranaki Regional Council staff
- Councillors

External

- Other Regional/District Councils
- Stakeholders
- Service providers
- Government Departments and other statutory entities
- General public

Changes to job description | Ngā huringa ki ngā whakaahuatanga mahi

From time to time, it may be necessary to consider changes in the job description in response to the changing nature of our work environment. Such changes, including technological requirements or statutory changes, may be initiated by the manager of this job with due consultation with the position holder. This job description should be reviewed as part of the preparation for performance planning for the annual performance cycle.





Our mission | Tō tātou mīhana

To work for a thriving and prosperous Taranaki by:

- Promoting the sustainable use, development and protections of our natural and physical resources.
- Safeguarding Taranaki's people and resources from natural and other hazards.
- Promoting and providing for significant services, amenities and infrastructure.
- Representing Taranaki's interests and contributions to the regional, national and international community.

We will do this by leading with responsibility, working cooperatively, encouraging community participation, and taking into account the Treaty of Waitangi.

Our values | Tō tātou whanonga pono

- Integrity | We do what it is right, rather than what is easy.
- Teamwork | We are one TRC team, working together with courage and purpose.
- Care & Respect | We demonstrate care and respect for ourselves and others; we treat everyone with dignity.
- Agility | We strive for excellence, embracing change as an opportunity for innovation.









Our health and safety | Tō tātou Hauora me te haumaru

The Taranaki Regional Council is committed to a process of continuous improvement in order to achieve excellence in the management of health and safety at all of our workplaces. We recognise the positive impact that the values and benefits of enhanced health and safety bring to the organisation, our employees and our communities.

There are two key points to health and safety:

The safety of our people and the communities in which we operate always comes first.

We are all empowered and expected to challenge any unsafe situation at work.

We will achieve these by:

- Building a positive culture
- Aiming for zero harm
- Taking reasonable practicable steps
- Managing contractors



He Pūkenga Ara Skills Pathway

Skill Area	Capabilities	
Service Delivery	Service StandardsCustomer ServiceJudgement and Decisions	
Organisational Impact	Aligns WorkCollaboratesAssesses Impact and ValuePromotes Change	
Self-Awareness	Knows SelfDevelops Self and OthersBuilds Trust	
Communicates Effectively	Clear MessagesAdapts StyleTact and Diplomacy	
Digital Technology	Systems KnowledgeWorks EfficientlyData Management	
Wellness and Risk	 Policies and Procedures Manages Risks Proactive Wellbeing Site Safety 	
Cultural Awareness	 Reo Tikanga Whakawhanaungatanga Local context Mātauranga Māori Regulatory Environment 	