



2017 GRADUATE & SEASONAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAMS

WHY CHOOSE VGSO? AND WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

The Victorian Government Solicitor's Office (VGSO) is responsible for the provision of professional legal services to the State Government of Victoria.

The VGSO offers Graduates and Seasonal Clerks the opportunity to work in specialist areas of law including human rights, Native Title, Royal Commissions, the State's constitutional powers, high profile infrastructure projects, and working towards outcomes to keep Victorian citizens safe.

Working at the VGSO not only provides valuable insight into a career in the public sector, it presents unique opportunities to challenge yourself as a legal practitioner. Lawyers at VGSO have to balance both advocacy and advisory skills in the context of achieving the best outcomes for the State. With this comes a great sense of contribution and job satisfaction.

WHAT WE LOOK FOR

The VGSO places great emphasis on our core values, *professionalism* and *working together*. During the recruitment process we look for candidates who:

- are interested in and are committed to working in government;
- value the importance of client responsiveness;
- demonstrate collegiality, collaboration, openness and respect; and
- strive for excellence and efficiency, and take pride in their work.

We select Graduate Lawyers and Seasonal Clerks who are seeking a different career path, demonstrate initiative, have good interpersonal skills, are motivated, have strong academic results and lead balanced lives.

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SEASONAL CLERKSHIPS

THREE WEEK PRACTICAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

The Seasonal Clerkship Program is the ideal opportunity to explore what the VGSO has to offer, gain insight into the benefits of working as a government lawyer, meet our talented and highly motivated staff, and gain practical legal experience.

VGSO Seasonal Clerks are placed in one of our five legal branches. During the three week placement, Clerks will work closely with a mentor and have the opportunity to:

- attend courts and tribunals;
- draft complex advices;
- develop practical research skills;
- attend client meetings;
- participate in internal professional development programs; and
- experience our collegiate and supportive culture.

GRADUATE PROGRAM

12 MONTH PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING

The VGSO Graduate Program combines practical legal training, continuous professional development and formal training through the Leo Cussen Centre for Law.

During the 12 month program, VGSO Graduate Lawyers rotate through four of our five legal branches, enabling practical experience in specialised areas of law.

Working with a great deal of autonomy and responsibility, our Graduates:

- attend courts and tribunals;
- draft complex advices;
- extend practical research skills;
- develop presentation skills through participation in internal and external events; and
- participate in internal professional development programs and a wide range of learning and development sessions.

2016/17 SEASONAL CLERKSHIP RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION CALENDAR

Applications open:	9am Monday, 11 July 2016
Applications close:	11:59pm Sunday, 14 August 2016
Interviews to commence:	September 2016
Offers made:	10am Tuesday, 11 October 2016
Seasonal Clerkships to commence:	February & August 2017

2016 /17 GRADUATE PROGRAM RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION CALENDAR

Applications open:	9am Monday, 18 July 2016
Applications close:	11:59pm Sunday, 21 August 2016
Interviews to commence:	September 2016
Offers made:	10am Monday, 26 September 2016
Graduate Program to commence:	14 March 2017

CONTACT US



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For further information about the VGSO, our Graduate or Seasonal Clerkship Programs, or our application process and dates, please visit www.vgso.vic.gov.au/working-vgso/ or contact VGSO People and Culture:

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