

FACT SHEET

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

The Roles and Responsibility

The role of a City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Environmental Health Officer (EHO) is to provide a professional service that will maximise environmental and public health within a community environment by identifying, preventing and remedying health and environmental related hazards and risks.

Qualifications/Education

Bachelor Degree of Applied Science (Environmental Health) or other acceptable qualifications.

Responsibilities/Duties

Process applications and conduct routine assessments relating to the following areas:

- Food Safety
- Personal Appearance Services (beauticians, hair-dresser's, tattooists)
- Swimming Pools
- Accommodation
- Sanitation
- Places of Public Amusement
- Public and other Camping Areas
- Pest Control Operators
- Waste Water and Effluent Disposal
- Environmentally Relevant Activities (Industry)
- Public Buildings
- Waste Disposal
- Mobile Refuse Container Cleaners
- Environmental Nuisances
- Noise
- Notifiable Diseases

Conduct investigations of service requests relating to the following issues:

- Mosquitoes
- Vermin
- Asbestos
- Fish kills
- Noise pollution
- Water pollution
- Air pollution
- Land pollution

Provide the following education services:

- Food Handlers Training Course

Powers of an Authorised Officer

Authorised Officers have many powers under various state and local legislation. These powers are relevant to the investigation/legislation and may allow an Officer to:

- Enter any premises or other place, make an inspection and take samples;
- Stop, detain and search any vehicle;
- Require a person to produce any licence, registration, permit, approval, certificate or other documentation;
- Require a person to state their full name and address and ask for verification;
- Question any person and require answers;
- Seize and detain any articles or equipment;
- Open containers and packages;
- Take photographs, video, other images and audio;
- Request assistance from a competent person;
- Use such force that is reasonably necessary.

More Information

Contact the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Environmental Health Team.