

Senior Investigator, Adelaide

- Take the next step in your career
- Full time role with national organisation
- Lead complex rail safety investigations

Undertake investigations into rail transport incidents nationwide using your wide-ranging investigation experience and skills as part of a national team.

About the Role

We are looking for an experienced investigator to be based at ONRSR's national office in Adelaide who can plan, participate, and lead investigations into alleged or suspected non-compliance and breaches of the Rail Safety National Law.

Reporting to the National Manager Investigations, and under the supervision of a Principal Investigator, the Senior Investigator will attend and conduct investigations into serious rail incidents, complete investigation plans, witness statements, records of interview, briefs of evidence, and on occasion represent ONRSR at courts and tribunals.

The position works in close relationship with other rail safety officers and external stakeholders from safety and regulatory agencies when attending rail incident scenes. In addition, this position is required to work closely with subject matter experts to identify safety deficiencies and breaches of legislation by individuals and accredited rail transport operators.

About you

We have Senior Investigators working in most capital cities around Australia. You will need to contribute to a national team and liaise with your team members and supervisors regularly, at times remotely. You will be a team player who can demonstrate initiative and adopt a collaborative approach in the work environment.

It is expected that you will be proactive and possess a strong work ethic to operate autonomously under broad direction. We are a small organisation which means you will be exposed to many areas of the business and develop opportunities to further your career.

You will have extensive experience in conducting interviews, preparing statements, affidavits, and the use of legislated powers to identify, collect, secure, and manage evidence and confidential information from regulatory activities and compliance investigations.

This is a unique role, which will allow you to apply your experience in stakeholder engagement and relationship management. You will conduct investigations involving both private and public sector organisations and your communication and interpersonal skills will need to be strong to represent ONRSR when engaging with individuals from a wide range of fields within the rail industry.

Your comprehensive abilities in research and analysis will see you working collaboratively with Legal Counsel and developing high-quality written reports and briefs of evidence to support ONRSR's regulatory function, which may include education, administration, or enforcement.

You will be required to work in railway environments, so you must be able to meet the requirement of a Rail Industry Category 3 health assessment and have the emotional and psychological maturity to cope with the possibility of difficult situations. You will have a willingness to undertake field work

that may be outside of normal working hours with some interstate and remote travel.

To be successful in the role you should be able to demonstrate experience and/or hold formal qualifications in the following fields:

- Conducting and coordinating complex investigations.
- Incident or accident investigation.
- Knowledge of risk and safety management systems.
- Regulatory, enforcement or compliance experience.

About us

The Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) has the responsibility for regulatory oversight of rail safety throughout Australia. As an independent regulatory authority, ONRSR pursues safe railways for Australia by encouraging safe rail operations, enforcing national compliance with the *Rail Safety National Law*, and promoting and improving rail safety across the country.

ONRSR actively encourages productive working relationships, a healthy work-life balance, workplace diversity and development of expertise. In addition, the organisation offers a commitment to learning and development, and flexible work options.

The Application Process

To apply please click on https://www.seek.com.au/job/60147937

It is to your benefit that you read the Position Description.

Your application must include:

- Your resume
- A cover letter of no more than two pages outlining your most current experience relevant to the position description and demonstrating your suitability for the role.

As part of the recruitment and selection process, you will be required to undertake a criminal history check if you are one of the preferred candidates. The results may not necessarily preclude appointment to the position.

Personal information is handled in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 and the Australian Privacy Principles. For more information, download our privacy notice or privacy policy at www.onrsr.com.au.

Enquiries to: Chris Canning – Principal Investigator on 0427 418 030

Salary: \$110,460 - \$122,313 + 10.5% super

Applications close: 5.00pm Wednesday, 22 February 2023

NOTE:

- You must be an Australian citizen, permanent resident or hold a valid work permit or visa.
- Applications are sought from direct candidates only. No agencies please.
- Application closing dates are at the discretion of ONRSR and may change without notice.



Senior Investigator Position Description

National Operations

Adelaide



About ONRSR

The Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR) plays an integral role in keeping Australians safe across the nation's vast and varied rail networks. Headquartered in Adelaide, and with offices around the country, ONRSR is an independent regulatory authority that encourages safe rail operations, enforces national compliance with the *Rail Safety National Law*, and promotes and improves rail safety throughout Australia.

Our People

At ONRSR we aim to enhance and promote rail safety nationally through effective risk-based regulation. To achieve that, we need people with the vision to contribute to the safety of Australia's railways – people who are professional, whose values align with ONRSRs values of independence, respect, integrity, diligence and excellence. People motivated by the opportunity to improve rail safety and by the benefits this delivers to the Australian community.

Our purpose

Safe railways for Australia



The Role - Your impact and contribution

The **Senior Investigator** plays a key role in conducting safety investigations to identify breaches of legislative or accreditation requirements and to action or recommend appropriate regulatory responses.

Senior Investigators will undertake and prepare investigations plans, witness statements, record of interviews, and on occasions act as a representative of ONRSR at courts and tribunals.



Key Relationships

Reports to: National Manager, Investigations Internal: All ONRSR staff across all locations. External: Accredited Rail Transport Operations



Your Responsibilities

As an appointed Senior Investigator, using your demonstrated ability and understanding of ONRSR's policies, procedures and business processes, you will:

- Undertake assigned regulatory tasks including enquiries and investigations in accordance with the policies, procedures and business processes of ONRSR.
- Provide analysis of rail transport operator's compliance with its safety management system as an input to enquiries and investigations.
- Ensure that technical issues are identified, and appropriate specialist input obtained for specific aspects of enquiries and investigations.

- Prepare enquiry and comprehensive investigation reports including detailed findings and recommended regulatory responses.
- Prepare prosecution briefs based on investigation reports to support court actions.
- Maintain accurate records ensuring all evidence and records are maintained consistent with ONRSR business process requirements.
- Assist in coaching Rail Safety Officers on basic aspects of ONRSR's investigation processes.
- Other duties as directed for the purpose of discharging the duties required by the role.

What you Bring - Key Competencies

Key to success in this role is that you:

- Have an appropriate tertiary qualification in investigations
- Relevant work experience in transport or safety within a regulatory, operational or heavy engineering environment.
- Demonstrated experience in the conduct of safety investigations and/or regulatory investigations.
- Demonstrated experience in the interpretation and administration of legislation.
- Extensive understanding of the principles of integrated safety management systems, risk management, and their application to railway operations and the Rail Safety National Law.
- Excellent interpersonal and written and verbal communication skills, including
 the ability to effectively consult, liaise and negotiate with internal and external
 customers and rail transport operators and to facilitate their cooperation and
 support to achieve desired outcomes.
- Possess self-motivation and flexibility of approach, able to make decisions and adopt work practices to meet changing work requirements and situations.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team.
- Experience in and knowledge of the rail industry is highly desirable.
- Relevant rail industry qualifications are desirable.

Helpful qualifications and experience

While experience and qualifications in the rail industry is highly desirable if you've had previous experience in a safety investigations, coordinating complex investigations or knowledge of risk and safety management systems will also be viewed favourably.

You must hold and maintain a current driver's licence, the right to work in Australia and be comfortable to undertake a criminal history check and meet the requirements of a Category 3 Rail Safety Worker in accordance with the National Standard for Health Assessment of Rail Safety Workers.

Your compliance

As a regulator, it is important that we are all on the same page when it comes to safety and risk management and everyone at ONRSR is responsible to actively



supporting this aspect of our role to promote a positive and safe culture. ONRSR has a zero tolerance to the use of alcohol and non-prescription drugs for all workers while undertaking ONRSR work. This includes workers recalled to duty unexpectedly who should decline to work if doing so puts them in breach of the Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Other items of note

On occasions, this role will require you to work outside of normal business hours, on weekends and public holidays. There is a requirement to travel which may include short stays in ONRSR interstate offices. If you would like more information about how ONRSR regulates please read the ONRSR Way 2020.

Privacy Notification

ONRSR requires personal information and documents relevant to your employment. The collection and handling of this information will be consistent with the requirements of relevant privacy laws.



Our Commitment to you and your Commitment to ONRSR

ONRSR is genuinely committed to investing in the capability of its staff and is proud of its structured Regulatory Officer training program that will support Regulatory Officers in learning the *ONRSR Way* to rail safety compliance in a supportive environment. Opportunities to learn key skills in both a classroom and infield setting are made available through the delivery of our training program and advancing your skills and knowledge in these areas is also available within this program. The success of this program also relies on your engagement and willingness to coach and mentor staff.

ONRSR expects its people to contribute to the efficient and effective functioning of the organisation to meet ONRSR and team strategic goals. This includes actively participating in the Performance Development and Review process; demonstrating appropriate and professional behaviours in accordance with the Code of Conduct and values; providing assistance to team member s if required; and undertaking other key responsibilities or activities as directed.

I have read and understood the requirements of the position and agree to carry out the key responsibilities to the best of my ability.

I understand that I may be required to perform other duties from time to time to fulfill the position requirements.