Technical Job Family – GRADE 1

Role Summary

Roles at this level carry out routine and often repetitive practical tasks/duties within a well defined programme of work. Role holders will operate under close and direct supervision. Knowledge required for the role is typically gained through on-the-job training and/or limited work experience. The role may be defined as a training role, where role holder is working towards a relevant qualification or certificate.

HERA Elements

Communication

- Communicate basic/straightforward information e.g. everyday communications on routine work related matters with supervisor and fellow workers, providing straightforward information to others, receiving instructions etc.
- Communication is typically oral, but there may be a requirement to do some basic record keeping, write brief notes, complete stock order forms etc.

Teamwork and Motivation

- An active participant in the team, co-operating and working with colleagues in order to meet team objectives/deadlines.
- Will normally have easy access to a supervisor/line manager for day-to-day support and guidance.

Liaison and Networking

Not a requirement of the role.

Service Delivery

- Provide a routine defined technical service e.g. cleaning glassware, simple equipment maintenance/set up, cleaning and tidying workshop/laboratory etc.
- Standards and requirements of the service are set by others.

Decision Making

 Decisions made are routine in nature e.g. order in which to complete tasks, deciding when support/assistance is required to complete a task, when to refer a matter to a supervisor.

Planning and Organising

Complete tasks to a given plan/detailed set of instructions with allocated resources.

Initiative and Problem Solving

Respond to/solve standard day-to-day problems as they occur. Problems will be straightforward and resolved by
following working practices and procedures or by referring the problem to others e.g. carrying out
straightforward/routine repairs, reporting faults/complaints to relevant person, reprioritising tasks due to
workload/issues which have arisen.

Analysis and Research

 Expected to establish the basic facts in situations and/or perform basic checks e.g. filling out standard/basic forms, check/monitor stock levels etc.

Sensory and Physical Demands

Required to carry out tasks at a level which would require either learning certain methods or routines or involve

moderate physical effort over a prolonged period e.g. on feet/working in awkward positions.

Operates standard office/workshop/laboratory equipment.

Work Environment

- Required to follow standard health and safety guidelines when undertaking role and may be exposed to some unfavourable conditions such as dirt, dust, unpleasant substances e.g. detergents etc.
- While role holder may be required to work in a laboratory environment, they will not be directly working with/operating hazardous equipment, substances etc.

Pastoral Care and Welfare

Show consideration to others and refer to relevant people if necessary.

Team Development

Not typically a requirement of the role.

Teaching and Learning Support

Not required to teach/train others outwith the team.

Knowledge and Experience

- Required to be aware of basic principles and have an understanding of the systems and procedures which directly impact on work.
- Knowledge gained through on-the-job training and/or limited work experience.
- Required competencies should be attained within a period of weeks/months.
- Knowledge of and adherence to the University's Health and Safety and Equal Opportunities policies/procedures.

Personal Skills/Attributes

- Work is carried out accurately, on time and to prescribed standards.
- Ability to follow clear instructions.
- Ability to provide good customer service.
- Ability to make effective use of basic equipment/machinery.
- Courteous and effective exchange of basic factual information.
- Basic numeracy and literacy skills, where required.
- Attention to detail.
- Flexibility around basic routines eg change of workplace or team etc.