



Tobacco Action Officer

What does a Tobacco Action officer do?

There are a variety of roles available in the tobacco action network. Some staff assist people to quit smoking by developing mass media health promotion campaigns, others run cessation courses, counsel on the Quitline or work with schools. Jobs can be within government (DHCS) or non-government organisations (NGOs). There are positions for Aboriginal tobacco control officers to work directly with communities developing tobacco control strategies. All roles have a health promotion basis.

What training can you do in the NT to become a Tobacco Action officer?

People enter tobacco control from a variety of backgrounds, but a full understanding of health promotion is essential. A degree in a health (eg health promotion), education or social science field (eg marketing) is generally a prerequisite. There are specialist tobacco control training programs through Sydney University. A strong interest and personal commitment is essential! Community education jobs in tobacco control require a broad range of skills, so people tend to spend time developing professional skills before entering tobacco roles.

Career Opportunities

Tobacco action is one part of population health. Career advancement opportunities are limited within tobacco, but exist more generally in public sector or NGO management.

Salary

Salaries in the NT public system are in accordance to the professional scale.

Link to Office Commission Public Employment for current Salary Scales:

http://www.nt.gov.au/ocpe/public_sector/rates-of-pay/general.pdf

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