



Australian Government IP Australia



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I hope you'll join us!

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Message from the Director General

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Candidate Kit

Position Title:	Senior Cloud Engineer
Classification:	Executive Level 1
Employment status:	Ongoing/Non-ongoing
Number of vacancies:	One
Employment type:	Full-time
Salary:	\$119,737 – \$134,764 + 15.4% employer super contribution (pro-rated for part-time)
Section:	ITO
Group:	Data and Technology
Location:	Canberra on Ngunnawal Country preferred, other locations considered
Security Classification:	BASELINE
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Group Responsibilities

The Data and Technology Group (DTG) is driven by the IP Rights ecosystem. We work across many digital, technology and business domains to deliver ICT services and products to IP Australia, customers, stakeholders and ultimately the Australian public. DTG works across the agency to ensure our people have fit for purpose tools, products, and services to meet our commitments to the Australian Government. In collaboration with our stakeholders, we make decisions on information, data, investments, risks and IT security as they apply to our current and future capability. Our core focus is enabling the reliable and efficient administration of IP Rights through resilient and secure technology systems and platforms. Our aim is to improve the delivery and quality of experience for our DTG staff, customers and for our people.

Section Responsibilities

Infrastructure and Technology Operations (ITO) comprise of teams that manage and improve IP Australia's infrastructure and core operational services. We are responsible for delivering end-user computing, middleware, application services, infrastructure and cloud services. These services are delivered through on-premises and cloud environments. The Cloud Platforms team is the team within the ITO section that is responsible for leading the implementation of cloud services, governance and the FinOps capability within IP Australia.

Our Opportunity

The Senior Cloud Engineer is responsible for building, governing and collaborating with stakeholders in relation to IP Australia's cloud platform for consumption by business areas and automation of cloud services. IP Australia's cloud services are hosted in AWS and Azure with automation hosted in Azure DevOps.

As a member of a multi-disciplinary team, this is a role requiring effective stakeholder engagement, a high level of system design and cloud automation work, managed within a software development framework. As the Senior Cloud Engineer, you will:

- Develop cloud system designs for cloud infrastructure and cloud applications
- Troubleshoot cloud services and system issues and bugs, perform changes and fixes in non-production and production environments
- Provide subject matter expertise (including solution design and best practice recommendations, etc) and support for cloud services
- Liaise with product owners and stakeholders to deliver continuous improvements to cloud services and systems
- Develop documentation and provide training and mentoring to junior members of relevant teams
- Provide advice and recommendations in relation to FinOps best practices and emerging trends.

We are looking to fill this position on an ongoing basis. Future positions may be offered on an ongoing or non-ongoing basis subject to operational requirements.

At the end of the recruitment process, a merit pool of suitable candidates may be created. Those found suitable will be advised that they have been placed in the pool. The merit pool is valid for 18 months from the date the process was advertised. The merit pool may be used throughout the period to fill similar positions in the event positions become vacant.

Job specific capabilities

The successful candidate will have the following:

- 3+ years' experience in cloud architecture, management, operations, or related roles
- Self-motivation, with a track record of taking responsibility, managing and prioritising competing workloads, and delivering results
- Well-developed research, analysis, solution design and problem-solving skills
- Excellent stakeholder management, communication, and presentation skills
- Demonstrated ability to provide advice and direction on complex technical matters
- Leadership, including ability to train and supervise staff, work flexibly across various initiatives, and develop and manage productive stakeholder relationships
- Understanding of the importance of quality assurance, consistency/reuse, version control and deployment processes in an ICT context
- Knowledge/experience relating to intellectual property rights administration (or similar administrative processes) and their relevant Acts and Regulations, or demonstrated ability to pick up this knowledge quickly
- Experience with service, project, content, and knowledge management tools such as Jira, Confluence, SharePoint, Azure DevOps and/or ServiceNow
- Experience in cloud financial management
- Relevant tertiary and/or industry certifications, or equivalent experience is highly regarded.

To support the technical elements of the role, you will also demonstrate that you have ongoing experience with ICT Infrastructure, hyperscale cloud providers and infrastructure as code, with expertise in:

- Development, implementation and support of secure cloud services in AWS and/or Azure
- Development, implementation and support of secure automation pipelines using Azure DevOps, Terraform, CloudFormation, ARM and CDKs/SDKs (Python, Go, Rust) or similar.

It is expected that all IP Australia employees:

- demonstrate attitudes and behaviours responsive to workplace change (including participate in and encourage others to participate in change and contribute to successful outcomes)
- improve organisational performance through effective engagement with and management of risk within relevant sphere of influence
- establish clear expectations and create an environment to achieve stated goals and objectives, take ownership and honour commitments
- uphold and maintain the APS Values and Code of Conduct
- maintain an understanding of their/worker responsibilities under the *Work Health & Safety Act 2011* (WHS Act) and a commitment to promoting a healthy and safe workplace.

Applicants are encouraged to refer to the attached Capability Framework documentation which outlines agency wide behavioural descriptors for the five core capabilities at this classification.

Eligibility requirements for employment at IP Australia

Under section 22(8) of the *Public Service Act 1999*, employees must be Australian citizens to be employed in the Australian Public Service (APS).

All applicants offered employment will be required to successfully undergo a pre-engagement screening check, even if they have a security clearance. The screening check involves reviewing your background & personal circumstances to minimise risks in giving access to IP Australia information/resources. This screening check is conducted in accordance with the Australian Government Protective Security Policy Framework requirements.

Some applicants may be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance at a specified clearance level – please check the vacancy information section for security clearance requirements.

The successful applicant must be willing to disclose all relevant and required information.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted through IP Australia's online recruitment system, IP Hire. If you have difficulties using IP Hire, please contact the Recruitment Solutions team on 02 6283 2567.

To apply for this vacancy, you are asked to complete the online application form which includes submitting:

- A one-page statement (max 750 words) outlining how your skills, knowledge, and experience make you the right person for the role. You should include details of relevant achievements/examples that demonstrate your suitability.
- A current CV detailing recent employment history which is relevant to the advertised position.
- The name and contact details of two referees.

Most of the communication you'll receive about this process will be via email so please take this into consideration when submitting your application. For example, it is best not to use a work email if you are going on leave as we cannot change the process to accommodate the non-receipt of emails.

How you will be assessed

IP Australia use competitive merit-based recruitment processes. Candidates will be assessed against the job specific capabilities and duties, so it is important you frame your response around these.

IP Australia has its own capability framework that provides clarity and consistency for a professional and highly competent workforce, now and into the future. There are five core capabilities, relevant to each classification, and a +1 technical capability which varies depending on the role.

IP Australia uses a range of assessment methods which may include application and resume assessment, interview and/or written assessment and/or psychometric assessment and the collection of a referee report/s.

Diversity and inclusion

We celebrate and champion diversity to ensure we reflect the community we serve, and pride ourselves on our inclusive culture. We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people of all genders, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, those who identify as LGBTQA+, mature aged employees and carers.

Reasonable adjustments

We want you to be able to shine in the assessment process so if you require any personalised adjustments to assist you to participate fully in this recruitment process, please indicate this in your application form (or by contacting the Recruitment Solutions Team).

A member of either the Recruitment Solutions Team or the Selection Panel will contact you to discuss your needs. All reasonable requests for adjustments will be facilitated if possible. Personalised adjustments are also available to employees who commence with IP Australia to assist them to perform the duties of their role to the best of their ability.

Any information provided is private and confidential and will only be used to provide accommodations and will in no way determine the outcome of an application.

RecruitAbility

The [RecruitAbility scheme](#) has been applied to this vacancy. RecruitAbility is a scheme which aims to attract and develop applicants with disability.

Applicants with disability who opt into the scheme; declare they have disability; and meet the minimum inherent requirements of the vacancy will be advanced to a later stage in the selection process. Merit remains the basis for engagement and promotion.



About IP Australia

IP Australia is the Australian Government agency responsible for administering Australia’s intellectual property (IP) rights system, specifically patents, trademarks, designs, and plant breeder’s rights. IP Australia also undertakes programs to educate and promote an awareness of IP, provides IP policy input to Government, develops legislation to support the IP system and contributes to bilateral and multilateral negotiations to improve IP protection internationally.

Australia’s IP rights system supports innovation, investment, and international competitiveness. IP investment in Australia is valued at about 40 billion dollars.

We are an Australian Government agency with a passion for bright ideas, offering a great work-life balance, flexible working arrangements and rewarding career paths in the IP industry and/or Australian Public Service.

IP Australia embraces flexibility, including hours and location. Most of our roles can be done from anywhere in Australia, as long as you have reliable internet connection and an appropriate office set-up. We have offices in Canberra (Ngunnawal Country) and Melbourne (Naarm) for employees who are located within a reasonable distance to the office and most employees work a mixture of days in the office and days from home. Employees who are not located near an office, work completely remotely.

The graphic consists of two rectangular panels with black borders. The top of the left panel has a horizontal bar with segments of blue, red, green, and yellow. The left panel contains the text 'Live Work Achieve' in large, bold, black font, with 'IP AUSTRALIA - TOGETHER WE CAN.' in a smaller font below it. The right panel contains a list of six items, each with a yellow circular bullet point and bolded title: 'FLEXIBILITY' (Maintain a balanced lifestyle), 'PRIDE IN THE WORK WE DO' (Contribute to high quality outcomes every day), 'A SENSE OF BELONGING' (Enjoy a sense of belonging and purpose, rich with diversity), 'PROFESSIONALISM' (Use your expertise in a rewarding and fulfilling environment), 'INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION' (Work with world leaders in intellectual property), and 'THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE' (Experience all the advantages of the APS, with the size and agility of enterprise).

Working in the APS

Australian Public Service (APS) [Values](#) guide us through our working lives, setting expectations for shared behaviour that keep our workplace harmonious and productive. The values are also a promise to the people of Australia that we can be trusted to act with integrity, in their service and in accordance with the Public Service [Code of Conduct](#).

You can find out more about the APS’s Employee Value Proposition here: [Work with us | APS jobs](#)



CAPABILITY FRAMEWORK - RELEVANT TO EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1



Agility and innovation – lead and empower a culture of agility and innovation

- Independently or collaboratively develop new insights, solutions and recommendations for complex situations.
- Regularly scan the horizon and undertake research and analysis where appropriate to anticipate and address issues, identify opportunities, innovative methods, trends, capabilities and products.
- Select the most effective solution for the benefit of the organisation and effectively communicate the benefits and risks to the decision-maker.
- Lead the team to adapt and participate in change activities to contribute to business group outcomes.



Customer centric – lead and empower a culture of quality customer service

- Actively engage internally and externally where relevant to improve outcomes for customers.
- Actively engage with customers to ensure equitable access to services.
- Monitor customer service and service delivery functions, including anticipating and identifying customer service needs, collecting evidence to inform decisions, and implementing solutions that deliver quality customer centric outcomes.
- Promote, lead and embed customer centric behaviours within a team environment.



Data literacy – lead and empower appropriate use and creation of data

- Effectively and appropriately obtain and use data to lead the team to meet business group outcomes.
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of IP Australia's frameworks that guide data use and the broader context in which data is managed in the APS.
- Demonstrate the ability to plan, identify opportunities and understand how data can be improved to align with the strategic direction.
- Identify key stakeholders and understand how the data will be used to inform decision-making.
- Ensure that systems are in place to protect the privileged use and integrity of the data.



Engages with risk – lead and empower positive risk behaviour

- Lead an environment where staff are empowered to have open communication about risk that leads to IP Australia's target risk culture.
- Have a sound understanding of IP Australia's risk management framework to ensure that risks are defined, documented, communicated and managed.
- Understand and manage risks within span of influence, including those managed by staff.
- Provide and encourage an environment where risk-taking is supported within clear boundaries.



People, network and self-leadership – lead and empower authentic leadership behaviour

- Lead and develop the team through mentoring and guidance; recognise and reward achievements and behaviour.
- Lead the team by building trust, encouraging conversations about change and challenging environments, and model behaviours including resilience, flexibility and persistence.
- Develop and strengthen new and existing relationships across the APS and IP Australia; represent IP Australia in various fora where appropriate.
- Cultivate and promote strong relationships to support business objectives and decision-making.
- Actively seek out feedback on own performance; respond proactively and make appropriate changes.



Job Specific Technical Capabilities

- Maintains a high level of knowledge of relevant sources, standards, frameworks, policies, guidelines, legislation and best practice models.
- Provides technical guidance on complex problems to colleagues, particularly where there is no clear or definitive course of action.
- Applies expertise and leadership to the development and promotion of new standards, tools or products.
- Develops others by sharing specific technical expertise with the broader agency.
- Recognises complex technical risks and escalates appropriately.