



**The
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Trust**

Product Development Officer (Maternity Cover)

Job description

Job Title	Product Development Officer
Department	SFJ Awards, Product team
Reports to	Product Development Manager
Location	Sheffield Office with Hybrid working available
Pay Scale	£33,000k - £36,952k per annum
Contract	Fixed term 12-month (Maternity Cover)
Hours	Full time, 37.5 hours per week

SFJ Awards

SFJ Awards are a regulated awarding organisation, delivering high quality qualifications and custom certification for learners through approved centres in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland. We are also an apprenticeship assessment organisation approved by Ofqual to deliver assessment services for a growing number of standards in England. SFJ Awards is part of the Workforce Development Trust group.

The Workforce Development Trust

The Workforce Development Trust is a not-for-profit organisation that provides services that support employers to develop skilled, sustainable, and efficient workforces in the UK and abroad. We operate via our four brands; Skills for Health, Skills for Justice, SFJ Awards, iCQ Awards and People 1st International, which deliver specialist, targeted skills interventions to support a variety of frontline public services

Job summary

The purpose of this role is to develop qualifications, assessment materials and related products that meet regulatory, organisational and stakeholder requirements. We are seeking an experienced qualification and assessment developer who can quickly take ownership of a product portfolio and work autonomously within a regulated environment.

This role is ideally suited to someone with prior experience developing regulated qualifications and/or apprenticeship assessment products within an Awarding Organisation, Apprenticeship Assessment Organisation or a similar regulated setting. The successful candidate will support the development and maintenance of SFJ Awards qualifications, Apprenticeship Assessment materials, and wider assessment and accreditation products, ensuring they remain compliant with regulatory obligations and meet customer and organisational quality standards.

Working under the direction of the Product Development Manager, the post holder will collaborate with a range of customers, stakeholders and sector bodies involved in the design and development of qualifications, accreditations and assessment materials aligned to National Occupational

Standards and Apprenticeship Assessment professional standards. The role will also involve liaising with commissioning work from and reviewing the outputs of external subject matter experts and associates involved in development activities.

This role requires a highly organised and proactive individual who is comfortable operating within a fast-paced and evolving regulatory environment. The successful candidate will be confident managing multiple priorities, working independently and building effective working relationships with stakeholders, customers and subject matter experts.

Key responsibilities

The post holder's key responsibilities will include:

- Taking ownership of a designated SFJ Awards sector and product portfolio, ensuring products remain compliant, fit for purpose and aligned to stakeholder and organisational needs.
- Working under the direction of the Product Development Manager to develop content for SFJ Awards qualifications, accreditation and assessment products.
- Liaising with colleagues and external stakeholders to ensure that developed content meets with organisational and customer quality standards including, where relevant, regulatory body requirements.
- Allocating work to, and overseeing delivery by, subject matter experts working with SFJ Awards on qualification content development and assessment products.
- Managing development activity independently, using professional judgement to identify solutions, escalate risks appropriately and maintain delivery against agreed timelines.

Specifically, the post holder is responsible for:

- Developing qualifications, accreditation products and assessment materials in line with SFJ Awards procedures and, where relevant, regulatory requirements.
- Developing Apprenticeship Assessment resources and assessment materials in line with SFJ Awards procedures, the relevant apprenticeship standard and where relevant, regulatory requirements.
- Following SFJ Awards procedures to manage the lifecycle of qualifications, including reviewing, withdrawing and extending.
- Developing and providing technical guidance to others in relation to the development and use of qualifications, assessments, and assurance products.
- Working with designated stakeholders to identify their qualification, accreditation, or assessment requirements, proposing solutions that meet their needs.
- Ensuring that own work and the work of subject matter experts upholds required quality standards and follows appropriate processes and procedures.
- Assigning, monitoring and performance managing the work of external subject matter experts and other qualification and assessment development suppliers.
- Working to identified deadlines, timescales, costs and quality standards in line with SFJ Awards processes, reporting any issues to the Product Development Manager.
- Monitoring, resolving and reporting on qualification and assessment risks and issues, seeking advice and support from the Product Development Manager as required.
- Building and maintaining effective relationships with internal and external stakeholders.
- Communicating with stakeholders to collect, record and pass on information relevant to assessments and qualification developments, reviews, withdrawals and extensions.
- Reporting stakeholder feedback to the Product Development Manager.
- Acting in accordance with organisational values and behaviours and as an ambassador for SFJ Awards and the wider Workforce Development Trust in all interactions with contacts, both internal and external

Person specification

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Education and qualifications		
Degree level qualification or equivalent experience	x	
Teaching/training or assessing qualifications and/or experience		x
Knowledge and understanding of...		
The processes involved in the development of qualifications, accreditation and assessment products	x	
The regulatory requirements of the UK qualification regulators	x	
Assessment methodologies and their application to vocational education and training, including apprenticeships	x	
Experiences		
Developing regulated qualifications and/or end point assessment products	x	
Developing learning and assessment resources and materials (e.g. course material, e-learning etc.)		x
Gathering, interpreting and using information from diverse sources to create, review and develop formal materials for external use	x	
Recruiting, assigning work to and performance managing external providers of services/associates	x	
Proof-reading and/or editing documents	x	
Managing the lifecycle of a portfolio of products	x	
Building and sustaining effective working relationships with customers and stakeholders from different organisations	x	
Independently planning and managing multiple streams of work to achieve defined objectives	x	
Skills and abilities		
Strong communication, interpersonal and influencing skills	x	
Ability to interpret and use information from a variety of sources to inform content development.	x	
Strong literacy and numeracy skills	x	
Ability to develop trusting relationships with customers	x	
Ability to interpret and to use information to formulate, propose and implement solutions to problems	x	
Strong organisational skills and attention to detail with ability to manage conflicting demands and deadlines	x	
Ability to work on own initiative and deliver to time, cost and quality requirements	x	
Ability to follow, evaluate and propose improvements to operating processes	x	
Proficiency with a range of applications including MS Office	x	
Other		
A flexible approach to tasks, travel and hours of work to accommodate business needs	x	

Job Description Completion

Name	Chelsea Littleton-Harper
Job title	Product Development Manager
Department	SFJ Awards
Date	20/05/2026

All job descriptions are subject to review. All post holders are expected to be flexible and prepared to carry out any similar or related duties that do not fall within the work outlined. The line manager, in consultation with the post holder will undertake any review.

Safeguarding

The Workforce Development Trust Ltd are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all employees to share this commitment. This role is subject to a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Equal Opportunities

The Workforce Development Trust Ltd are committed to eliminating unlawful discrimination and promoting equality of opportunity. Every employee has a personal responsibility to:

- Ensure their behaviour is not discriminatory.
- Does not cause offence.
- To challenge the inappropriate behaviours of others.
- Adhere to the Equal Opportunities policy.

Health and Safety

Under the provisions contained in the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974), it is the duty of every employer to:

- Take reasonable care of themselves and for others at work.
- To co-operate with The Workforce Development Trust Ltd as far as is necessary to enable them to carry out their legal duty.
- Not to intentionally or recklessly interfere with anything provided, including personal protective equipment for Health and Safety or welfare at work.

The Workforce Development Trust Ltd will take all reasonable practical steps to ensure your health, safety, and welfare whilst at work. If employed, you must familiarise yourself with the Health and Safety policy and Fire Safety rules. It will be your legal duty to take care of your own health as well as that of your colleagues.

Confidentiality

Within this role there will be a need to use or be party to confidential information. The employee may not disclose any information of a confidential nature relating to The Workforce Development Trust Ltd or in respect of which The Workforce Development Trust Ltd has an obligation of confidence to any third party other than where you are obliged to disclose such information in the proper course of your employment or required by law.

The unauthorised use or disclosure of personal information no matter whether in verbal, written, or electronic format, or through negligence, is regarded as misconduct. Employees are expected to act with integrity both inside and outside the workplace.

Data Protection

If you apply for a position with the Workforce Development Trust, we will use the information you provide to assist in the recruitment and selection process. Under GDPR, the general information that you supply about yourself is known as your personal data and information about any criminal convictions, ethnic origin, and health, amongst other things, is referred to as 'sensitive personal data'.

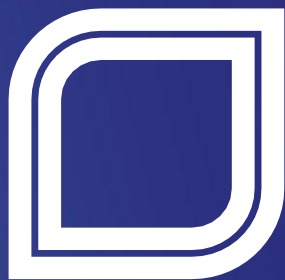
The Workforce Development Trust takes the security of your data seriously, and will not share your data with third parties, unless your application for employment is successful and it makes you an offer of employment. The Workforce Development Trust will then share your data with former employers to obtain references for you, employment background check providers to obtain necessary background checks and, where necessary, the Disclosure and Barring Service to obtain necessary criminal records checks. The Company has a legitimate interest in processing personal data during the recruitment process and for keeping records of the process. Processing data from job applicants allows the Workforce Development Trust to manage the recruitment process, assess and confirm a candidate's suitability for employment and decide to whom to offer a job. The Workforce Development Trust may also need to process data from job applicants to respond to and defend against legal claims.

Your information may be shared internally for the purposes of the recruitment exercise. This includes members of the HR team, interviewers involved in the recruitment process, managers in the business area with a vacancy and IT staff if access to the data is deemed necessary. We will hold details of all applicants until the post applied for is filled. After which, if the candidate is unsuccessful, all documents held will be

confidentially disposed of, both electronically and physically. Data will not be held for any longer than six months after receiving an application. At the end of that period, your data will be deleted or destroyed. If you wish for your data to be destroyed before this period, you may contact the HR department and request for your data to be deleted. If your application for employment is successful, personal data gathered during the recruitment process will be transferred to your personnel file and retained during your employment.

Other Employment

You may not, without prior permission in writing of The Workforce Development Trust Ltd, be employed or otherwise engaged in any other business, trade, or profession, either directly or indirectly in any capacity whatsoever.



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