

Position Description | Te whakaturanga ō mahi Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora

Title	Household Cleaner			
Reports to	Team Leader HSE, Orderlies & Drivers Supervisor HSE			
Location	Nelson			
Department	Service Supply			
Direct Reports	Nil		Total FTE	Casual
Budget Size	Opex	Nil	Capex	Nil
Delegated Authority	HR	Nil	Finance	Nil
Date	April 2026			
Salary band (indicative)*	Household SECA CAWU Grade 1 to Grade 4			

The Health System in Aotearoa is entering a period of transformation as we implement the Pae Ora/Healthy Futures vision of a reformed system where people live longer in good health, have improved quality of life, and there is equity between all groups.

We want to build a healthcare system that works collectively and cohesively around a shared set of values and a culture that enables everyone to bring their best to work and feel proud when they go home to their whānau, friends and community. The reforms are expected to achieve five system shifts. These are:

1. The health system will reinforce Te Tiriti principles and obligations.
2. All people will be able to access a comprehensive range of support in their local communities to help them stay well.
3. Everyone will have equal access to high quality emergency and specialist care when they need it.
4. Digital services will provide more people the care they need in their homes and communities.
5. Health and care workers will be valued and well-trained for the future health system.

Te Mauri o Rongo – The New Zealand Health Charter

The foundation for how we ensure our people are empowered, safe and supported while working to deliver a successful healthcare system, is Te Mauri o Rongo – the New Zealand Health Charter. It guides all of us as we work towards a healthcare system that is more responsive to the needs of, and accessible to all people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

It applies to everyone in our organisation and sits alongside our code of conduct as our guiding document.

Te Mauri o Rongo consists of four pou (pillars) within it, including:

Wairuatanga – working with heart, the strong sense of purpose and commitment to service that health workers bring to their mahi.

Rangatiratanga – as organisations we support our people to lead. We will know our people; we will grow those around us and be accountable with them in contributing to Pae Ora for all.

Whanaungatanga – we are a team, and together a team of teams. Regardless of our role, we work together for a common purpose. We look out for each other and keep each other safe.

Te Korowai Āhuru – a cloak which seeks to provide safety and comfort to the workforce.

These values underpin how we relate to each other as we serve our whānau and communities.

Together we will do this by:

- caring for the people
- recognising, supporting and valuing our people and the work we all do
- working together to design and deliver services, and
- defining the competencies and behaviours we expect from everyone.

About the role

The primary purpose of the role is to:

Provide an efficient and effective household service for the patients and staff. This includes:

- Cleaning to the hospital's standards and ensuring all rubbish is removed.
- Offering morning and afternoon tea (drinks and snacks).
- Collecting meal trays from patients after each meal.
- Assisting other staff as requested e.g. Health Care Assistants, Nurses.
- Mopping the floors using specific equipment which training is provided to use.

Full training is provided on how to maintain the required standards and expectations of cleanliness throughout the hospital.

Key Result Area	Expected Outcomes / Performance Indicators
Areas required to work for Household Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All on site buildings, office buildings, departments and wards on the main hospital base. • Discharge beds are remade with clean linen as necessary and soiled linen is removed for cleaning as appropriate.
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove soiled linen from discharge beds, wash and remake as per Health NZ procedures in specified areas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean floors, furniture, bathrooms, toilets, offices, treatment areas, ward kitchens, corridors and stairs to the approved standard and in accordance to Infection, Prevention and Control Standards. • Dusting and other wall/furniture/equipment washing duties is carried out in a hygienic manner which involves using a damp cloth. • Ensure areas are free of rubbish and supplies of rubbish bags and other items are maintained. • Replenish supplies of toilet rolls, paper towels, soap, stores and other supplies. • Conduct other departmental duties as per instructed. • Maintain a hygienically clean and tidy environment within the allocated time and ensure Infection Control guidelines and departmental standards at meet.
Fluid/Food Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve fluids/meals to patients. • Appropriate meals and fluids will be served in allocated timeframe and in accordance with Hygiene Standards.
Internal & External Networks / Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop effective and supportive interpersonal relationships with peers . • Interpersonal relationships will be conducted in such a way that it does not adversely affect patients, staff, the unit or the organisation.
Quality Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A quality, customer-focused service is provided at all times, which follows best practice. • Participation in quality improvement processes in your area of work.
Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participates in annual performance review process including review of performance goals and identification of areas for professional development. • There is opportunity to upskill via CareerForce.
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety for staff and patients to be a priority. • Other duties as negotiated with your Manager.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remains focused on the pursuit of Māori health gain as well as achieving equitable health outcomes for Māori. • Supports tangata whenua- and mana whenua-led change to deliver mana motuhake and Māori self-determination in the design, delivery and monitoring of health care. • Actively supports kaimahi Māori by improving attraction, recruitment, retention, development, and leadership.
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commits to helping all people achieve equitable health outcomes. • Shows a willingness to personally take a stand for equity. • Supports Māori-led and Pacific-led responses.
Innovation & Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is open to new ideas and create a culture where individuals at all levels bring their ideas on how to 'do it better' to the table. • Models an agile approach – tries new approaches, learns quickly, adapts fast. • Develops and maintains appropriate external networks to support current knowledge of leading practices.
Collaboration and Relationship Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models good team player behaviour, working with colleagues to not allow silo thinking and behaviour at decision making level to get in the way of doing our best and collegially supports others to do the same. • Works with peers in Hauora Māori Service and Pacific Health Business Unit to ensure the voice of and direct aspirations of Māori and Pacific People are reflected in planning and delivery of services.
Health & safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercises leadership and due diligence in Health and Safety matters and ensures the successful implementation of Health and Safety strategy and initiatives. • Takes all reasonably practicable steps to eliminate and mitigate risks and hazards in the workplace that could cause harm, placing employee, contractor and others' health, safety, and wellbeing centrally, alongside high-quality patient outcomes. • Leads, champions, and promotes continual improvement in health and wellbeing to create a healthy and safe culture.
Compliance and Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes responsibility to ensure appropriate risk reporting, management and mitigation activities are in place. • Ensures compliance with all relevant statutory, safety and regulatory requirements applicable to the Business Unit. • Understands, and operates within, the financial & operational delegations of their role, ensuring peers and team members are also similarly aware.

Matters which must be referred to the TEAM LEADER/SUPERVISOR

- Health & Safety or Injury at Workplace
- Infection Prevention

Relationships

External	Internal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of Public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffs Patient

About you – to succeed in this role

You will have

Essential:

- No specific qualifications are required.

Knowledge

- Knowledge of commercial type cleaning in the health sector would be an advantage.
- Knowledge of good basic housekeeping skills.
- Basic knowledge of Microsoft Office applications e.g. Outlook (email).
- Keeps up to date with available information technology relevant to position.
- Understands and complies with Health NZ Information Technology policies.

Skills and Abilities

- A proven ability to work without supervision is essential.

Personal Attributes

- Ability to communicate clearly.
- Preparedness to work within a team or alone depending on the area assigned to.
- An ability to get on well with others.
- Personal commitment to personal and professional standards.
- Able to work in a quiet, efficient manner.
- Ability to follow directions.
- Displays versatility and copes with unexpected delays or happenings.

Desired:

- Experience in implementing Te Tiriti o Waitangi in action.

You will be able to

Essential:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the significance of and obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including how to apply Te Tiriti principles in a meaningful way in your role.
- With the support of Health NZ, proactively take care of your own health and safety, to ensure a safe and supportive work environment.
- Maximise the quality and contributions of individuals and teams to achieve the organisation's vision, purpose and goals.

- Establish and maintain positive working relationships with people at all levels within the public and private sectors, related industry and community interest groups and the wider national and international communities.
- Demonstrate a strong drive to deliver and take personal responsibility.
- Demonstrate self-awareness of your impact on people and invests in your own leadership practice to continuously grow and improve.
- Demonstrate the highest standards of personal, professional and institutional behaviour through commitment, loyalty and integrity.

This position description is intended as an insight to the main tasks and responsibilities required in the role and is not intended to be exhaustive. It may be subject to change, in consultation with the job holder.

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