

Employers For Childcare

Job Description

Job Title:	Senior Finance Officer/Accounting Technician
Reporting to:	Senior Finance Manager
Salary:	£24,982 - £27,041 NJC Scale 6
Contracted hours:	37.5 hours per week (Monday – Friday 9am-5pm)
Contract type:	Permanent

Main Responsibilities

To work as part of a busy, highly focused and professional team providing accurate financial administration of all Employers For Childcare divisions, excellent customer service, advice, guidance and query resolution to the organisation and its clients.

Core Duties

Financial Records

- Adhere to operational procedures which require quotations for all expenditure and that purchase orders are available for all purchases above a certain level.
- Maintain purchase and sales ledgers using Sage Accounts Line 50.
- Prepare accounts up to Trial Balance.
- Manage an effective credit control and purchase ledger systems to ensure payments are made/received in line with our terms and conditions and liaise with the line manager where problems arise.
- Maintain by category a register of all assets purchased and ensure adequate depreciation is provided in the management accounts.
- Assist auditors when required.
- Assist with the preparation of monthly management accounts.
- Assist Senior Finance Manager with preparing weekly/monthly/quarterly and ad hoc reports for the CEO, Finance Committee and Board.

Bank

- Reconcile weekly/ monthly bank statements to include Sage reconciliation.
- Liaising with bank when required
- Control cash to ensure that adequate funds are available and that the accounts are kept within their limits, including moving of funds between accounts as necessary.

Payroll

Payroll services for external and internal clients to include:

- Setting up new employees on Sage Payroll Line 50.
- Processing monthly / weekly payroll.
- Processing BACS payments to employees.
- Making returns and payments to HMRC and pension providers.
- Dealing with payroll enquiries.

- Auto-enrolment services.

VAT

- Assist with completion of quarterly Group VAT returns when required.

Childcare Vouchers

- Processing Childcare Voucher orders and reimbursements in line with agreed processes
- Organise redemption of vouchers, checking childcare provider bank details, entering information onto voucher database, and issuing payments by BACS transfer or cheque.
- Managing Childcare Voucher accounts on behalf of key clients.
- Attend meetings with key clients as required to ensure accuracy of account details, investigate and resolve any potential problems or issues.

High Rise

Provide financial management and reporting for High Rise (reopening later in 2022) as required.

Customer Service

- Professionally and effectively resolve customer queries, problems and issues over the telephone or email
- Investigate, follow up and take ownership to resolve queries to the customer's satisfaction within agreed response times.
- Adhere to company internal customer service standards in terms of telephone greeting & manner, written communications agreed response times etc, at all times.
- Develop and sustain strong working relations with existing customers, ensuring that customer promises and commitments are met.

Communication, Personnel and Organisational Development

- Participate actively in staff and team meetings to update and share information with colleagues.
- Participate in regular staff training and development activities on company services, operating systems, processes and procedures and contribute to same.
- Acquire and retain in-depth knowledge of existing and new company services.
- Take ownership of own training and development by putting forward personal training needs, undertake such training as is required to meet these needs and fully utilise all training and support materials which are available.
- Become familiar with the general duties of other staff and assist with other duties as required.
- Train colleagues in general duties of post in order to ensure organisation has adequate cover in times of need.
- Undertake any other reasonable duties appropriate to the achievement of the organisations goals and targets.

Information Security

- Comply with the organisation's Security & Confidentiality policy at all times, ensuring the highest levels of information security, data protection and confidentiality.

This job description is neither exhaustive nor exclusive and may be reviewed depending upon operational requirements and staffing levels.

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Personnel Specification

The Personnel Specification shows **essential** skills, abilities, knowledge and/or qualifications required to be able to carry out the duties of this post. Please therefore address, in completing the application form, each criterion listed in the specification, drawing upon all of your experience, whether at work or on a voluntary basis.

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Factor	Essential Criteria	
Qualifications	<p>Qualified Accounting Technician or equivalent Finance/Accounting degree</p> <p>Or where the applicant does not hold the relevant qualification, they must have 5 years' relevant experience gained during the last 8 years working in an accounts department.</p>	
Factor	Essential Criteria	Desirable Criteria
Work Experience	<p>Minimum of 3 years' experience working in an accounts department to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing payroll • Bank and cash reconciliations • Preparation of accounts up to Trial Balance • Preparation of payment runs • Working with a computerised accounting package which uses nominal ledger, sales and purchase ledger invoice processing and payroll package • Extensive use of Microsoft Excel, web-based systems, internet, email, databases and word processing. 	<p>Experience of using Sage Accounts package line 50.</p>
Factor	Essential	
Skills & Aptitude	<p>Good standard of numeracy & literacy</p> <p>Good understanding of MS Office (especially Excel) and accounts packages.</p> <p>Good organisational skills including ability to prioritise workload and work to strict deadlines.</p> <p>Good administration skills including ability to maintain and update records and files.</p>	

	<p>Ability to work with figures and check details for accuracy.</p> <p>Ability to work with minimum supervision and on own initiative.</p> <p>Ability to build good working relationships.</p>
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