Model job description

# Network Risk Manager

## Scope, purpose and nature of role

The Network Risk Manager (NRM) is responsible for ensuring that the information risks associated with the organization and workers’ use of networks are identified and treated appropriately. Since the Internet is an integral part of many business and personal activities, the NRM cannot reasonably be expected to be intimately involved with all of them, hence the NRM’s primary function is to coordinate and guide the wide variety of activities associated with identifying and treating network-related information risks throughout the organization. The role includes but stretches well beyond the remit of IT, taking in aspects such as online business, the use of social media for marketing and customer relations, compliance with privacy laws, incident management, business continuity and more. An important secondary function is to gather and pass on relevant information to senior management concerning the organization’s network risk profile, for example by commissioning regular penetration tests and network security audits by competent, independent and trustworthy testers/auditors, and providing appropriate network risk and security metrics.

## Distinguishing characteristics of the ideal candidate

The following personal traits and competencies are high on our wish-list:

* Decisive – able to make difficult decisions, prioritize and take appropriate action without prevaricating or unduly delaying, yet willing to be held to account for those decisions and actions, and willing to seek and accept advice from subject matter experts where necessary;
* Inspirational – while there may be a small staff in the function, the rôle mostly involves working with the rest of the organization and on occasions business partners, suppliers, customers, the authorities *etc*., liaising as appropriate with various specialists to inform and influence network risk-related decisions and activities.
* Strategic thinker – able to step back from the short- and medium-term issues to see the longer-term changes, opportunities and threats associated with networks.

## Qualifications, skills and experience

The following are relevant and desirable for this role:

* **Information or IT risk and security management:** CISSP, CISM, masters or undergraduate degree; at least 5 years work experience; familiarity with applicable standards, methods, models and approaches; some exposure to ISO/IEC 27005, ISO 31000 and ITIL/ISO 20000;
* **Network risk and security management:** extensive hands-on experience as a team member, leader or manager responsible for dealing with network risks, controls, projects, initiatives *etc*.

Candidates must be willing to undergo background checks to verify their identity, character, competence, qualifications, skills and experience.