

Why join NATSPEC?

In January this year, I started working as the NATSPEC Feature Writer. I had just finished a journalism degree and was looking for a full-time job. From the Feature Writer job description, I imagined that the job would involve writing journalistic articles without daily news pressure. It turned out to be exactly that – which was just what I wanted.

The Feature Writer is part of the NATSPEC team and at the same time is largely autonomous. Much of your work – researching, interviewing and writing – is self-directed. But this definitely doesn't mean that you're isolated from your colleagues. You'll often find yourself turning to the architects and engineers around you to ask questions about this material or that standard when you check information for your articles. And the Feature Writer doesn't just write articles. You'll be involved in different projects with different managers, writing copy for brochures or website pages, and helping in other ways with your communications skills. You'll certainly expand your knowledge base as you research aspects of construction, architecture and engineering. It won't take long for you to see how your own work fits together with the work of NATSPEC as a whole, and that's a satisfying feeling.

The role of Feature Writer is the perfect job for a journalism graduate who likes writing and researching and who prefers a more relaxed climate compared to the daily newsroom. The office is friendly and welcoming, the work is interesting and challenging, and, as always, it's nice to see your name in print.

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