



2010

AGS Legal training program

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW INTRODUCTORY MODULE

CDDA – making it right

Target group

CDDA decision makers, officers who handle CDDA matters, and agency staff more broadly.

Course outline

Individuals, companies and organisations who have suffered detriment due to defective administration may make claims under the Commonwealth's CDDA scheme ('Compensation for detriment caused by defective administration').

In 2009, the CDDA scheme was the subject of both a published Commonwealth Ombudsman's investigation report and a revised Finance Circular issued by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

Both the Ombudsman report and the Finance Circular support improved administration and decision making in the CDDA context. For CDDA decision makers, officers who handle CDDA matters and agency staff more broadly, it is an appropriate time to consider the most efficient, proper and fair way to manage the scheme and cases under it.

An opportunity to do this is provided by the new AGS course 'CDDA – making it right'. The course focuses on both the policy aim of the scheme – to provide compensation where warranted – and the best way to administer the CDDA scheme and make decisions under it.

The course comprises the following principal elements:

- a description of CDDA and its relationship to other compensatory mechanisms administered by the Commonwealth
- the discussion and illustration of the decision-making criteria for CDDA as specified in the Finance Circular
- the relevance of procedural fairness and other administrative law principles to CDDA decision making
- practical exercises in the identification and resolution of CDDA claims.

Objectives

CDDA is an integral part of Commonwealth public administration. This new course will increase staff knowledge and awareness of best practice in this area, and enhance confidence and efficiency in dealing with CDDA matters.

Presenters

Our presenters are AGS lawyers who have a great depth of knowledge of the government environment, and who practise extensively in the areas of information access and administrative law.

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Duration

This is a new half-day course, being offered in Canberra from 1.30 to 5 pm on Wednesday, 3 November 2010. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Cost

Standard fee – \$560 (inclusive of GST) per person.

If three or more people from the one agency attend the course on 25 May 2010 – \$504 (inclusive of GST) per person.

No more than 20 people will be accepted on each course, and each course will only be conducted if we receive sufficient nominations.

For further information on our calendar training, in-house or customised courses, please contact **Di Harvey on T 02 6253 7126** or **Kirstin Hewitt on T 02 6253 7436**, or email **cbrtraining@ags.gov.au**.

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