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## AGS Legal training program

### GOVERNMENT LAW TRAINING MODULE

#### Understanding Legislation

##### Target group

This course has been designed for participants who do not have legal training. It provides an introduction to a range of legal concepts relevant to everyone whose job requires them to understand legislation.

##### Course outline

The course provides an introduction to sources of law including the common law, the Constitution and legislation. There is also an explanation of usual structure of legislation and terminology used in statutory interpretation. The key components of the course are sessions on the principles of statutory interpretation and the role and key features of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

It is an interactive course and there are a variety of examples and exercises to illustrate key concepts. Course materials will be given to each participant for use as future reference material.

##### Objectives

Participants will come away from the course with a working understanding of the key issues in interpretation, how to approach the task of interpreting Commonwealth legislation and when legal advice may be required.

##### Presenters

Our presenters are experienced lawyers from our Office of General Counsel who have a great depth of knowledge of the government environment, and who specialise in statutory interpretation, machinery of government and constitutional law.

##### Duration

This is a half-day course, either 9 am to 12.30 pm or 1.30 pm to 5 pm. The calendar indicates when sessions are being offered by either 'am' or 'pm'. Morning/afternoon tea will be provided.

##### Cost

Standard fee – \$560.00 (inclusive of GST) per person.

If three or more people from one agency attend the same course on the same day **or** if one person attends three or more courses in the same week of training – \$504.00 (inclusive of GST) per person.

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

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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](mailto:cbrtraining@ags.gov.au).

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