

Online Member Induction Program

10 August – 2 October 2020 (8 weeks)

Program Overview

The Council of Australasian Tribunals is again offering its on-line interactive training program designed for recently appointed Tribunal members. Led by the Honourable Mr Alan Wilson QC, former Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland and inaugural President of QCAT, Sandy Horneman-Wren, Judge of the District Court of Queensland and Deputy President QCAT 2012 to 2015, and Ms Nancy Hennessy, Deputy President, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal since 2014.

The program will offer practical guidance on carrying out the challenging role of a Tribunal member.

It is advised that participants have at least 6 months experience in the role of a Tribunal member prior to commencing the program.

Content includes

- the role of a Tribunal member
- the rules of procedural fairness
- fact finding and assessing evidence
- decision writing and decision making
- conducting a hearing, including dealing with self-represented applicants.

Program benefits

Participants will be able to:

- participate in online discussions in a collegiate and supportive environment
- obtain practical guidance from experienced Tribunal members
- access online resources, including videos featuring experienced Tribunal members discussing a range of topics, from decision writing to conducting hearings
- access the program when and wherever suits
- access the program via smartphone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computers – both Mac & PC friendly.

Participant commitment

Participants will need to devote at least **four hours per week** to the program: reading resources, responding to module activities and engaging with other participants and the experts by contributing thoughts and ideas to the online forums. The success of this program and the benefits gained are very much dependent on each participant contributing and engaging with others.

A certificate of completion will be awarded to participants who complete each module and engage throughout the course. **Please note if you are not able to commit sufficient time** to participate and actively contribute throughout the eight week program, you should not register for this program.

Program numbers are restricted to 20 to ensure participants gain maximum benefit.

Program orientation

Participants will have access to an orientation video that provides guidance on how to use the platform. The technology is simple to navigate and support is available throughout the program. There will also be at least two Zoom meetings organised during the program to support participants and increase opportunities to liaise with experts.

Cost: \$ 550 to be paid prior to the commencement of the program. COAT is registered for GST and the amount stated includes 10% GST.

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