

# More Than Words: Understanding Legislation

## Overview

Legislation is pivotal to our society. Rights and obligations flow from legislation. Access to services and entitlement to benefits may depend on meeting statutory criteria. Obligations may be imposed and limitations placed on private actions by legislation. Many public sector roles require an understanding of legislation. Provision of advice to the public as to rights, ability to access government services or compliance processes may ultimately require an understanding of legislation and how it operates. Public sector roles often require a translation of legislation into processes which are legally compliant, yet practical. The focus of the course is to provide a general understanding of how to interpret and apply legislation.

## Competency Framework:

Entry Level Core  
(ASO1 – ASO2)  
First Line Manager Common  
(ASO2 – ASO5)

## Facilitator:

Carolyn Vigar

## Duration:

1 half day  
9:00am – 12:30pm  
(8:45am registration)

## Dates:

Please refer [here](#).

## Location:

Level 6, 12 Pirie Street  
Adelaide SA 5000

## Inclusions:

Comprehensive  
workbook, morning tea and  
refreshments.

## Cost:

Professional Member: \$260  
State Gov. Member: \$295  
Corporate Member: \$305  
Non-Member: \$325

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## Content

Topics to be covered include:

- the legislative context.
- creating legislation.
- identifying legislation.
- the importance of legislation.
- interpreting legislation.
- key legislative concepts, including delegations and statutory powers and duties.
- potential consequences of misunderstanding legislation.

## Outcomes

By the end of this course you will be able to:

- have an appreciation of our constitutional framework
- understand the respective roles of Parliament, public sector and courts in respect of legislation
- understand why legislation is paramount
- understand common methods for interpreting legislation
- appreciate the risks of misapplying legislation.

## Who should attend?

This course is designed for any person who has a role which requires an understanding of legislation.

## Benefits to you and your organisation

- Enhanced understanding of legislation.
- Robust decision-making and activities within legislative frameworks.
- Appreciation of statutory risk.

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## Testimonial:

*"I find that I am better able to read and understand the message conveyed in different legislative materials." – 18 March 2017*