

NSW Privacy Law Training 2023

The Crown Solicitor's Office delivers training to help individuals working in the NSW Government sector to understand and handle their agency's obligations under the NSW privacy legislation.

These courses are offered exclusively to NSW Government sector employees.

Courses available

All courses are delivered face-to-face in the Sydney CBD. Each course is limited to no more than 20 people, to maximise participation and learning.

COURSE NAME	DATE	TIME	COST
Introduction NSW privacy law	Thursday, 6 April	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	\$300 +GST*
Advanced NSW privacy law	Thursday, 1 June	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	\$300 +GST*
Advanced NSW privacy law	Thursday, 20 July	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	\$300 +GST*
Conducting privacy internal reviews	Thursday, 12 October	9.30 am to 12.30 pm	\$300 +GST*

* GST does not apply to cost centres grouped under NSW Department of Communities and Justice, except for Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Legal Aid NSW, and Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

How to register

[Register for courses here.](#)

Continuing Professional Development

If these courses extend your knowledge and skills in areas that are relevant to your practice needs or professional development, then you may be able to claim one CPD unit for each hour of attendance, refreshment breaks not included.

About the facilitator



ANDREW BELL, SENIOR SOLICITOR

Andrew advises and acts for NSW Government agencies in relation to privacy internal reviews, statutory interpretation, the exercise of statutory powers and intergovernmental agreements.

Andrew is an experienced litigator, representing clients in administrative and judicial reviews and statutory appeals, including matters under the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009. Prior to joining the Crown Solicitor's Office, he was an Associate to a Judge of the NSW Court of Appeal.

Course details

Introduction to NSW privacy law

Recommended for: anyone working in NSW Government involved in the collection, use or management of records containing personal or health information.

No prior knowledge of the information protection principles and the health privacy principles is assumed.

Course outline

This course provides an overview of the privacy obligations all NSW government agencies must follow, and consequences of non-compliance.

The course will cover the following topics:

- ▶ statutory definition of "personal information" and "health information"
- ▶ information protection principles and health privacy principles that address the collection, use, disclosure, access, amendment, retention and security of personal and health information
- ▶ practical legal consequences of breaching an agency's privacy obligations
- ▶ the importance of privacy management plans and having policies and procedures in place.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this course, participants will:

- ▶ understand the data handling principles that apply to "public sector agencies" and "organisations" under NSW privacy legislation in relation to personal and health information.
- ▶ recognise practical legal consequences of breaching statutory privacy obligations.

Advanced NSW privacy law

Recommended for: anyone working in NSW Government seeking to develop a deeper understanding of NSW privacy law.

The course assumes participants have a basic knowledge of the information protection principles and the health privacy principles.

Course outline

This course provides a deeper understanding of NSW privacy law, and will cover the following topics:

- ▶ the interaction between the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* and the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998
- ▶ exemptions to the applications of the information protection principles and the health privacy principles
- ▶ other legal mechanisms that can be sought by an agency to avoid breaching the information protection principles and the health privacy principles
- ▶ issues surrounding when conduct should be attributed to a "public sector agency"
- ▶ privacy issues surrounding agency projects, activities or initiatives involving another agency's information.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this course, participants will:

- ▶ recognise exemptions and exceptions to information protection principles and the health privacy principles and where to find them
- ▶ understand legal measures to seek to avoid breaching the information protection principles and health privacy principles
- ▶ recognise key privacy issues impacting projects or activities between agencies or for agencies.

Course enquiries: csomarketing@cs0.nsw.gov.au.

Conducting privacy internal reviews

Recommended for: anyone working in NSW Government who may be directed to deal with an application for internal review under the NSW privacy legislation.

The course assumes participants have a basic knowledge of the information protection principles and the health privacy principles.

Course outline

This course provides practical guidance to those directed to deal with an application for internal review under s. 53 of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

The course will cover the following topics:

- ▶ determining when a privacy complaint constitutes a valid internal review application
- ▶ setting the scope of the internal review to be conducted
- ▶ conducting the fact-finding investigation of the internal review
- ▶ what the reasons for the internal review should address
- ▶ dealing with querulant applicants
- ▶ setting the timeframes for the internal review process.

Learning outcomes

On completion of this course, participants will:

- ▶ understand good practice and the strategies to employ in conducting an internal review.
- ▶ recognise some of the common pitfalls in responding to internal review applications and how to avoid them.

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