



THE VICTORIAN BAR INCORPORATED

CONTINUING PROFESSION

DEVELOPMENT POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The *Legal Profession Uniform Continuing Professional Development (Barristers) Rules 2016 (CPD Rules)* came into operation on 1 July 2015.

The CPD sub-committee of the Victorian Bar, in conjunction with the Legal Services Board + Commissioner (LSBC) as the designated local regulatory authority under the Legal Profession Uniform Law (LPUL), have developed this policy in order to support the implementation of the LPUL and provide guidance to barristers on the operation of the CPD Rules and to ensure continuity of the professional development of barristers at the Victorian Bar.

Introduction

1. This policy –
 - (a) is known as *The Victorian Bar Continuing Professional Development Policy 2016*;
 - (b) is made pursuant to Rule 6(3) of the CPD Rules;
 - (c) takes effect from 1 July 2015; and
 - (d) applies to Australian legal practitioners who practise solely as barristers.

Definitions

2. The definitions in Rule 5 of the CPD Rules are incorporated into this policy.

Format of CPD activity and cap on the points that may be gained

3. The format of CPD activity and the cap (if stated) on points that may be gained from a CPD activity in that format, is as follows:
 - (a) attending, listening to or viewing (including by podcast or DVD) a CPD program or online course: one point for each hour of engagement;
 - (b) undertaking a subject or unit of study as a student in an advanced study course in law: one point for each hour of engagement up to a maximum of eight points.

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- (c) preparing for and presenting a CPD program or a subject or unit of study in an advanced study course in law:
 - i. one point for each hour engaged in preparation up to a maximum of two points;
 - ii. one point for each hour engaged in presenting the CPD program or unit of study for the first time in any CPD year, up to a maximum of eight points (for the avoidance of doubt, no points are earned for re-presenting the CPD program or unit of study in the same CPD year);
 - (d) publication of a learned book, loose-leaf service, article or like work, including editing and updating: one point for each hour of engagement up to a maximum of five points for each book, loose-leaf service, article or like work;
 - (e) law reporting: one point for each hour of engagement up to a maximum of eight points;
 - (f) preparation of a submission to government, a law reform body or inquiry or like authority on legislation or matters relating to the practice of law: one point for each hour of engagement up to a maximum of five points;
 - (g) membership of a committee, taskforce or section of the Bar, the Law Council of Australia or the Australian Bar Association that routinely examines or considers matters of significant intellectual or practical content and that deals primarily with matters related to the practice of the law: one point for each hour of engagement up to a maximum of three points for each committee, taskforce or section; and
 - (h) any other activity approved by the Victorian Bar CPD Committee (whether prospectively or retrospectively) pursuant to paragraph 4 below.
4. The CPD sub-committee may on application by a member of the Victorian Bar or of its own motion resolve:
- (a) that a particular activity is or is not a CPD activity within the meaning of the CPD rules or this policy;

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- (b) into which category or categories of CPD a particular CPD activity falls; and
- (c) to impose or change a cap on the points that may be gained in a particular CPD activity.

| CPD Record/Statement (Report) | | | | | | | |
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| Practitioner No: _____ | | Email: _____ | | Contact no: _____ | | | |
| Activity Date | CPD Activity Title | Name of CPD Provider | Format | CPD Units (No.) | | | |
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| <small>Insert the date activity undertaken</small> | <small>Insert the title of the seminar/course. For example "Ethical Issues in Mediation"</small> | <small>Insert the name of the provider or publisher of the activities. For example Victorian Bar</small> | <small>For example: seminar, workshop, study group, committee work, submission, presenter</small> | | | | |
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