

Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interests

For the mayor, councillors and senior managers/managers in councils | 1 day*

*Can also be completed in a half-day, or over 1 day together with training in areas such as effective chairing & meeting skills etc.

It is vital for all councillors and senior managers/managers to be very conversant with the revised Model Code of Conduct and procedures and principles in relation to conflict of interests. This training provides practical training in these key areas.

Objectives

Upon completion of training, participants will be able to:

- distinguish between public duty and private interest
- know how the law interprets conflict of interests and pecuniary interests.
- take steps to resolve pecuniary and non-pecuniary conflict of interests
- know the requirements set out in the Local Government Model Code of Conduct
- identify the recent key changes made to the Model Code of Conduct
- promote organisational and personal integrity and accountability

Key Content

- Model Code of Conduct summary
- Key changes to the Code of Conduct
- Model Code of Conduct: introduction and purpose
- General conduct obligations
- Conflict of interests
- Personal benefits
- Relationship between council officials
- Access to information and council resources
- Maintaining the integrity of the Code
- Workshop challenge

Comments by Participants

- Very clear and informative
- It was informative and moved along at a great pace
- Met expectations – meeting processes, local government expectations
- Now know much more about council advisory committees, etc.
- It was good to go over the issues in relation to the code of conduct/meeting motions, bringing back to the fore of our minds
- It gave a clear guide to the procedure of meetings
- Good training – enables all committee members to have the same understanding of the code of conduct and meeting procedures
- Made my role on committee much clearer
- Clarified rights and meeting procedures