



Australian Government

BSBLEG421 Apply understanding of the Australian legal system

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version first released with BSB Business Services Training Package Version 7.0.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to apply understanding of the Australian legal system. This includes understanding and applying knowledge of the Federal system, sources of law, and the trial system for resolving disputes.

The unit applies to individuals who are in legal assistant job roles, as well as those who are required to apply basic legal knowledge in a work environment.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Unit Sector

Technical Skills – Legal Services

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Research sources of law	1.1 Identify sources of Australian law 1.2 Identify hierarchy of sources of law 1.3 Access sources of legislation according to organisational policies and procedures 1.4 Apply principles for reading and interpreting legislation
2. Identify and revise inconsistencies between laws	2.1 Resolve conflicts between pieces of statute law according to hierarchy of sources of law 2.2 Resolve conflicts between pieces of common law according to hierarchy of courts 2.3 Resolve conflicts between statute and common law according to hierarchy of sources of law

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
3. Research the trial system	3.1 Examine elements of the adversary trial system 3.2 Identify and examine differences in law and procedures between civil and criminal proceedings

Foundation Skills

This section describes language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills incorporated in the performance criteria that are required for competent performance.

Skill	Description
Writing	Records results of investigations using clear and comprehensible language and grammar to convey detailed information and capture different perspectives
Initiative and enterprise	Applies knowledge of legislation, regulations, jurisdictions and procedures relevant to role accurately and comprehensively
Planning and organising	Uses systematic, analytical processes in non-routine situations, gathering relevant information and identifying and evaluating options

Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is equivalent to BSBLEG413 Identify and apply the legal framework.

Supersedes but is not equivalent to BSBINT407 Prepare business advice on export Free-on-Board Value.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guide is found on VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=11ef6853-ceed-4ba7-9d87-4da407e23c10>