

Version 2  
LPB FORM 2

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

*Legal Profession Uniform Law (WA)*  
Section 51(1)

*Legal Profession Uniform General Rules 2015*  
Rule 15

To: Legal Practice Board  
PO Box 5720  
St Georges Terrace  
Perth WA 6831

**Notice of an Offence**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(full legal name)

of \_\_\_\_\_  
(residential address, including postcode)

hereby give notice of:

(Please tick each box that applies to you)

- a conviction for a summary offence (Rule 15(2) of the *Legal Profession Uniform General Rules 2015*)
- a conviction of a notifiable summary offence (Rule 15(4) of the *Legal Profession Uniform General Rules 2015*)
- I have become the subject of disciplinary proceedings as a lawyer in a foreign country (Section 51(1)(c) of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law (WA)*)
- I have been charged with a serious offence or tax offence (Section 51(1)(a) of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law (WA)*)

Note: If you are subject to an automatic show cause event, you must lodge a *LPB Form 4 Notice of an Automatic Show Cause Event*

An automatic show cause event includes the conviction of a serious offence or tax offence, or if a bankruptcy-related event has occurred. Further details on an automatic show cause event can be found at page 4 under the heading "For your Information"

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Please submit this form and all supporting documents via email to [enquiries@lpbwa.com](mailto:enquiries@lpbwa.com).

**Section A – Details of the conviction**

This section is to be completed if you are giving notice of a conviction for a summary offence or a notifiable summary offence required to be disclosed under rules 15(2) or 15(4) of the *Legal Profession Uniform General Rules 2015*.

*(It should be noted that the term 'conviction', for the purposes of the Uniform Law also includes a finding of guilt or a plea of guilty, whether or not a conviction was recorded as part of the sentencing disposition. All outcomes must be disclosed.)*

(a) Date of conviction:

*(insert date of conviction)*     \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

(b) Nature of offence:

*(insert type of offence)*

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(c) Sentence:

*(insert details of sentence)*

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*(Should there be insufficient space to complete full response please annex particulars and mark with the letters "AN1" etc. You should also provide, if possible, a copy of any relevant court documentation, e.g. copy of court order etc.)*

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**Section B – Details of charge**

This section is to be completed if you are giving notice of a charge for a serious offence or tax offence.

Please give details of the charge:

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**Section C – Certification**

I certify that the information set out in this form is true and correct, and I have not omitted any relevant information.

**Signed:**

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**Full name:**  
*(printed)*

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**Date:**

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### For your information

Under section 51 of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law (WA)*, it is a statutory condition of an Australian practising certificate granted in this jurisdiction that the holder must notify the designated local regulatory authority in writing within seven days of the charge or conviction of a serious offence, a tax offence or an offence specified in the *Legal Profession Uniform General Rules 2015*.

If you are the subject of an 'automatic show cause event' you must also lodge an *LPB Form 4 Notice of an Automatic Show Cause Event*.

### What is an automatic show cause event?

An 'automatic show cause event', in relation to a person who is an applicant for or the holder of a certificate, means:

1. A bankruptcy-related event, meaning:
  - (a) The person becoming bankrupt under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cth), or corresponding provisions of the law of a foreign country or external territory; or
  - (b) The person being served with notice of a creditor's petition presented to a court under section 43 of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cth); or
  - (c) The person's presentation (as a debtor) of a declaration to the Official Receiver under section 54A of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cth) of the person's intention to present a debtor's petition or the person's presentation (as a debtor) of such a petition under section 55 of that Act; or
  - (d) The person applying to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounding with the person's creditors or making an assignment of the person's remuneration for their benefit.
2. The person's conviction for a 'serious offence' (described below) or a 'tax offence' (described below), whether or not:
  - (a) the offence was committed while the person was engaging in legal practice as an Australian legal practitioner or was practising foreign law as an Australian-registered foreign lawyer, as the case requires; or
  - (b) other persons are prohibited from disclosing the identity of the offender.

'Serious offence' means an indictable offence against the law of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory whether or not the offence is or may be dealt with summarily. It also includes an offence against a law of a foreign country that would be indictable if committed in Australia whether or not the offence could be dealt with summarily if committed in Australia.

'Tax offence' means any offence under the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth).

NOTE: a 'conviction' for the purposes of the Uniform Law also includes a finding of guilt or a plea of guilty, whether or not a conviction was recorded as part of the sentencing disposition. All outcomes must be disclosed.

### What you must do after lodging the notice

Within 28 days after the happening of the event, you must send to the Legal Practice Board a written statement explaining why, despite the show cause event, you consider yourself to be a fit and proper person to hold a certificate.

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