

CPD Discussion Group [Pursuant to rule 14 of the *Legal Profession Rules 2009*]

What is a discussion group?

A discussion group is defined as “*A group of 2 or more legal practitioners, or small law practices, formed for the purpose of providing CPD to members of that group*”.

The inclusion of the category ‘Discussion group’ in the Board’s approved QA providers is intended to provide a method for practitioners to access interactive CPD when they may not be otherwise able to attend face-to-face CPD seminars. In particular, this category is particularly applicable to country practitioners in different law practices. The Board takes a narrow interpretation of the ‘Discussion Group’ definition.

What structure should a discussion group take?

This is up to the discussion group. For example, the group may choose to form a committee, or they may choose to rotate responsibility between practitioners or law practices.

It is the responsibility of the discussion group to provide the necessary information set out in Section D of the CPD Form 1 *Application for Approval as a QA Provider of CPD*.

What activities can a discussion group undertake?

Training should be structured and relevant to the immediate and long term needs of the legal practitioners in relation to professional development and to the practice of law.

Discussion groups can:

- Have guest speakers;
- Use the expertise from within the group to provide specific training;
- Use an electronic presentation such as an educational DVD with structured discussion points; or
- Participate electronically in a live link to a relevant activity.

How to apply for approval of a discussion group.

Complete a [CPD Form 1 Application for Approval as a QA Provider of CPD](#) available on the Board’s web site at www.lpbwa.org.au.

Any questions regarding discussion groups should be directed to the Board’s CPD team on (08) 6211 3600 or by email to general@lpbwa.com.