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Investigation into cyber incident

We are writing to inform you that the Legal Practice Board (the **Board**) is investigating a cyber incident which has resulted in some of our systems being taken offline.

We are working to restore access to systems as soon as possible and have implemented manual workarounds to ensure that we can continue to deliver key services, including processing applications and renewals for Australian practising certificates.

We are also investigating what has happened as a priority.

From our investigation to date, we have confirmed that a small amount of information was taken from the Board's systems by the unknown third party which has now been disclosed. This information consists of corporate correspondence containing:

- minimal contact information;
- bank account details for the Board and legal practices; and
- some operational and resourcing information.

To ensure we are taking all available steps in response to this incident, we have also obtained a Court ordered injunction to prevent access, dissemination or sharing of the impacted data. This is part of our efforts to ensure we are taking all available steps to protect any information potentially impacted by this incident. While the media may report on the incident, they are restricted from divulging the specific details of the data.

We do not have any credible evidence to confirm at this point of our investigation that the unauthorised third party possesses any other Board data although we are reviewing what could have been accessed as a priority.

Our investigation is ongoing, and we will provide further updates should this position change as we learn more.

We are also working closely with all relevant authorities including Cyber Security Western Australia part of the Office of Digital Government, in the Department of Premier and Cabinet, as well as the Australian Cyber Security Centre, Western Australia Police Force in response to this incident.

Service disruption

We have implemented manual workarounds where possible to limit the disruption to our members as much as possible.

As mentioned above, we are manually processing applications and renewals for Australian practising certificates. If you need to renew your certificate, you can download a hard copy from our website, complete it, and email it to us on enquiries@lpbwa.com. Please do so before 3 June 2025.

These system issues may impact on our ability to serve our professional members at the speed at which we ordinarily would.

Next steps

We thank you for your understanding and patience at this time.

If you have any questions regarding the incident please email incident@lpbwa.com. We have also arranged a helpline. Details on how to contact the helpline will be available on our website tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

Legal Practice Board