

Training: Public Interest Disclosures

Helping NSW public sector managers better understand key changes to meet their legal obligations



The Challenge

The Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 (PIDA) sets out the arrangements under which people working within the NSW public sector can make complaints about the functioning of the public sector in a way that minimises the risk of reprisal. For example, serious maladministration, corrupt conduct and serious and substantial waste.

In March and July 2011, a number of amendments came into effect. Public authorities should determine who will have particular responsibility for understanding and implementing the changed system and respond to any protected disclosures received.

In addition, public authorities will need to have a policy and procedures in place by October 2011 for receiving, assessing and dealing with protected disclosures.

Our Solution

The purpose of this training is to provide participants with an overview of PIDA, refresh awareness, highlight the key regulatory requirements and their impact on public authorities.

Course Overview

This course covers:

- Background to PIDA (history, objectives).
- Key differences between the old Protected Disclosures Act and PIDA.
- Psychology of whistleblowing.
- What disclosures are covered (and not covered) by PIDA.
- How to make a public interest disclosure.
- What protections are available.
- How public interest disclosures are dealt with.
- Role of disclosure officers and disclosure coordinator.
- External disclosures.
- Relevant case studies/scenarios to put theory into practice.

Who Should Attend?

All staff responsible for overseeing and administering the provisions of the Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994.

Key Benefits

This course will help:

- Reinforce your organisation's commitment to the principles and processes of protected disclosure.
- Ensure key staff have the necessary knowledge and understanding of their responsibilities under PIDA.
- Reduce the chances of non compliance and any resultant consequences.

The course is available as in-house training.

Duration

2.5 Hours. A certificate of attainment is issued upon completion. Participants can claim 2hours CPE points/hours.

Would you like more information?

If you would like to find out more about this PIDA training course, contact InConsult for an obligation free discussion on 02 9241 1344 or email us at info@inconsult.com.au.