

Domestic & Family Violence Duty Lawyer Accreditation Requirements

Domestic & Family Violence Duty Lawyer (DFVDL) accreditation is open to practitioners who meet the following requirements:

- Hold a current Queensland Law Society Practising Certificate
- Have a minimum of 6 months recent post-admission experience in Domestic and Family Violence Law in Queensland
- Are employed by a law firm or community legal centre that is currently on Legal Aid Queensland's Domestic Violence and/or Family Law preferred supplier panels.

Practitioners who wish to apply for DFVDL Accreditation must:

1. Attend a DFVDL Accreditation Training session conducted by Legal Aid Queensland (LAQ).
2. Become familiar with the [Domestic and Family Violence Best Practice Guidelines](#) published by LAQ
3. Have a sound understanding of the [DFV Benchbook](#) and [DFV Protection Act 2012](#).
4. Observed at least **two** DFVDL sessions conducted by an accredited DFVDL.
5. Conducted at least **one** DFVDL session under the supervision of an accredited DFVDL.
6. Complete an Application for Duty Lawyer Accreditation form.
7. Provide a copy of current QLS Practising Certificate.
8. Provide a Statutory Declaration by Applicant addressing the mandatory requirements above, and declaring:
 - a. Details of admission (including admission date)
 - b. Date of attendance at DFVDL Accreditation Training
 - c. Details of duty lawyer sessions attended, including date, court locations, and name of accredited DFV Duty Lawyer/s in your company.
 - d. Details of relevant experience in DFV law, such as length of time practising in the area of law, number of DV applications/variations, advocacy experience, etc. and any other relevant matter.
9. Provide a Statutory Declaration from the accredited DFV Duty Lawyer that supervised the Applicant, stating the date and court location of the supervised session, and that in the supervisor's opinion, the Applicant is capable of providing a "stand alone" duty lawyer service.

Legal Aid Queensland will only approve accreditation when satisfied the above criteria have been met and applicants have sufficient experience to provide a 'stand-alone' DFV duty lawyer service.

To submit an application for DFVDL accreditation, book a DFVDL Training Session or seek further information, please contact the LAQ Duty Lawyer Services Team on (07) 3917 0404 or email dv.dutylawyer@legalaid.qld.gov.au.