



2020 Graduate Program

Legal Career Pathway

Are you a legal graduate with a strong academic record, great interpersonal skills and a ‘can do’ attitude? Do you want to work with friendly and high calibre colleagues who are committed to each other’s success? Do you want to deal with matters that are crucial to the well-being of every Australian and the prosperity of the nation? If so, then we would love to hear from you.

Legal graduates will undertake two placements within the legal practice to gain skills and experience in the broad range of legal work in an Australian Government department and exposure to Australian Government education policies and programs. Legal graduates will also have access to a blended learning program offering a combination of structured training, networking opportunities and on the job experience. Support will also be offered towards completion of a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice and admission as a Legal Practitioner if required. In addition to the eligibility criteria for graduates in the generalist stream, we are looking for graduates who have:

- an interest in pursuing a career as an in-house government lawyer
- a degree in laws from an Australian tertiary institution with a strong academic record
- a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice or a commitment to complete the qualification and gain admission as a Legal Practitioner

The department has an in-house legal practice that provides a wide range of legal services in areas such as government and administrative law, commercial law, litigation (including some advocacy work), and legislation development.

Our legal practice embodies the following principles:

Partnership	Valuing high performers	Trusted adviser	Feedback
We work in partnership with our clients and with each other. Our success is linked to the success of every person in the team	High performing individuals are recognised and rewarded. We don’t settle for average	We build relationships so our clients see us as a ‘path finder’ for achieving their goals	We seek out and act on all feedback because it gives us the opportunity to be better