

Frequently Asked Questions – Accredited Domestic Violence Training for Religious & Community Leaders

What training is available?

CHCDFV001 - Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence.

The training provides participants with the knowledge and skills required to identify and respond to the needs of people who may be experiencing domestic and family violence, including responding to immediate intervention and support needs.

Participants will be supporting the wellbeing of individuals, families or communities, and be an agent of social change. Participants will learn techniques and practical skills to prepare them for working with people who have experienced domestic and family violence.

A role play assessment will be used to determine successful completion of the course. The role play will require participants to use learnings from the training to effectively respond.

Those who successfully complete the training will gain a statement of attainment that can be used as recognition of prior learning for many qualifications that have this and/or similar units.

Who should apply for the training?

Religious and Community Leaders who work closely with their community, and regularly speak to their congregation. Leaders who work with families on matters of family disputes are encouraged to apply.

Is there any cost involved to participate in the training?

This training has been approved by the NSW Attorney General and is fully subsidised by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice. Participants will attend the course and received materials free of charge.

How often is the training run?

There will be 4 sessions run. The first sessions are scheduled for the 7th & 8th of October 2020. The remaining sessions are anticipated to be run before the end of June 2021.

Approximately how many leaders will be trained?

Each course will have a capacity of 25 leaders. In total it is anticipated that a maximum of 100 leaders will participate in the training.

How long does it take to complete the training?

The training and assessment process requires 2 full days face to face. Due to changing COVID-19 public health restrictions, the training may be moved to an online connected classroom, this may be modified to delivery of the training and assessments over several days and/or weeks.

Where will the training take place?

The first session is scheduled to be held at the St George TAFE NSW Campus. If face to face training continues for the remaining sessions it is anticipated that 1 will be delivered in a regional area, with the remaining 2 delivered in metro areas of Sydney.

If the training is moved to an online connected classroom, this modified delivery of the training will be accessible to all leaders across NSW.

Can you apply to have the training delivered in your area?

Due to the training being a pilot program, combined with COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, there are only 4 sessions currently planned. These sessions can only be delivered at TAFE NSW campuses that are assessed as safely meeting social distancing requirements.

Will there be community language materials available?

Training resources can be translated and an interpreter can also be obtained. Leaders can indicate language support needs during the enrolment process.

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What if I have specific religious/cultural or physical access needs/requirements?

The NSW Department of Communities & Justice respects and acknowledges the diversity within our Religious and Community Leaders and will work with you to accommodate any cultural, religious and access requirements as needed. During the enrolment process you will be able to provide information on any specific requirements that you have.

Will the NSW Department of Communities & Justice undertake an evaluation of the training?

Yes, the NSW Department of Communities & Justice will undertake an evaluation of the pilot and make recommendations relating to future training and support needs for leaders.

Privacy and Disclosure

Any information shared during the training will be kept confidential and will not be shared outside of the classroom environment that will be made up of a teacher from TAFE NSW and other students.

If I would like more information about the training who do I contact?

For more information please contact either Camilla Wawi or Sam Borka at <u>diversity-services@justice.nsw.gov.au</u>