

eLearning: Understanding Local Government

Gain an understanding about Local Government vs State and Federal Governments

Synopsis

In Queensland, Local governments have a responsibility to provide particular services to the community. Other services are the responsibility of the state and federal governments. Both the federal and state governments fund local governments to provide services. Councils may also gain revenue from rates and charges.

Peak's eLearning program explains the differences between all three levels of government and focusses on Queensland Local Government (Councils) and its responsibilities to communities.

Course Details

Delivery: eLearning Program

Duration: 60 minutes

Cost: On request

Learning Outcomes

Participants will gain an understanding of the legislation and compliance pertaining to the Local Government Worker role.

Peak Services training suggests a yearly or bi-yearly refresher of this course for participants.

Course Topics

Local Government overview

- Structure of Government
- Corporate and operational plans
- Code of Conduct
- Roles of councillors

Local Government in the broader context

- Three layers of elected Government Councils
- Federal, State and Local Governments explained
- Councils
- Queensland Councils, responsibilities and power
- Indigenous councils
- Structure of council

Planning for the future

- Sustainability and framework
- The Corporate Plan and the Operational Plan
- Financial planning and the budget
- Policy and local law making

Councillors

- Strategic decision making
- Councillor roles explained
- Rights to information and separation of roles

Services

- Statutory and discretionary
- Services explained
- Revenue and expenditure

Responsibilities

- Role of the CEO and delegations
- Staff responsibilities and Code of Conduct
- Employment practices and relevant legislation
- Staff discipline