

# Domestic & Family Violence Duty Lawyer Accreditation Requirements

Domestic & Family Violence Duty Lawyer (DFVDL) accreditation is open to experienced legal practitioners holding current practising certificates whose firm or employer firm (including Legal Aid Queensland) is on Legal Aid Queensland's Domestic & Family Violence Preferred Supplier panel.

To be accredited as a Domestic & Family Violence Duty Lawyer, the practitioner must meet the following criteria: -

1. Holds a current Practising Certificate from the Queensland Law Society;
2. Has been admitted to practice in Queensland for a minimum of 6 months;
3. Has a minimum of 6 months experience practising in domestic violence law;
4. Is an employee, either part-time or full-time, of a law firm or community legal centre, or other legal service provider;
5. Has attended a DFVDL training session conducted by LAQ;
6. Is familiar with the [Domestic and Family Violence Best Practice Guidelines](#) published by LAQ;
7. Observed two duty lawyer sessions conducted by an accredited DFVDL;
8. Conducted a DFVDL session under the supervision of an accredited DFVDL;
9. Provide a Statutory Declaration stating the sessions observed, the relevant experience in DFV law, such as the length of time practising in the area of law, the number of DV applications/variations, etc. and any other relevant matter; and
10. Provide a Statutory Declaration from the supervisor of the supervised duty lawyer session stating that in the supervisor's opinion, the candidate is capable of providing a "stand alone" duty lawyer service.

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

To submit an application for DFVDL accreditation, book a DFVDL Training Session or seek further information, please call Legal Aid Queensland on 3917 0403 or email [dv.dutylawyer@legalaid.qld.gov.au](mailto:dv.dutylawyer@legalaid.qld.gov.au).