

Module 1.2-Aus: Legislation as it affects research in Australia

This module covers the most common legislative frameworks affecting research in Australia and focusses on the essential elements that a research manager needs to know about legislation. It looks at the types of legislation, jurisdictional issues, understanding legislation and the legal status of research institutions. It also covers general legislative obligations in research as well as research specific and project specific legislation.

This module is not designed to make research administrators legal experts, but to enable them to take a proactive role in assessing research project proposals and to be involved in the design of research projects in light of applicable legislative obligations.

Case studies and group work during the presentation enable participants to discuss their own legislative issues in research management.

Key learning outcomes

After completing this module, research administrators should be able to:

- Describe how legislation and legislative frameworks affect research in Australia
- Formulate appropriate questions to ask about a project to be able to proactively review project proposals and identify (“issue spot”) possible legislative compliance issues and risks for their organisations
- Identify when legal advice is required on particular legislative issues and know what the process is for doing this within their organisations
- Understand that compliance risks arising in a research project can be managed and that organisations have different systems in place for managing risk
- Identify which legislative requirements require ongoing monitoring and management for a particular project
- Identify who should for legislative reasons be consulted or involved in a particular deal
- Know where to go for further information and advice on a particular legislative issue

Who should attend?

This module is suitable for those who are new to the research management profession, those who have specialised in one area of research management and wish to broaden their knowledge, and/or those who are experienced research managers but wish to refresh their knowledge in a specific topic area.

Research managers and administrators from all organisations and institutions will benefit from this module including those from:

- Research agencies and institutes
- Medical research institutes
- Research and development corporations
- Research centres



- Government departments
- Funding bodies
- Industrial research and development teams
- Service providers
- Commercialisation bodies; and
- Consultancies

This is a compulsory module for individuals completing the ARMS Foundation Level Accreditation Program in all regions. Each module can also be taken as a stand-alone unit for professional development purposes.