

# Mechanics of Government

## Overview

An essential background course for any public sector employee, this one-day course provides a thorough insight into the workings of government in Australia. Focusing on current issues in public administration, participants will gain a better understanding of their own place in the broader system and a sound basis for undertaking further specialised training in policy.

## Competency Framework:

All levels Common

## Facilitator:

Flinders University

## Duration:

1 full day  
 9:00am – 4:30pm  
 (8:45am registration)

## Dates:

Please refer [here](#).

## Location:

Level 6, 12 Pirie Street  
 Adelaide SA 5000

## Inclusions:

Comprehensive workbook, morning tea, afternoon tea, lunch and refreshments.

## Cost:

Professional Member: \$460  
 State Gov. Member: \$495  
 Corporate Member: \$505  
 Non-Member: \$575

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## Content

Topics to be covered include:

- An overview of the Australian system of government, including; the new Australian Leader and Liberal empowerment, the constitution, the federal system, the role of the High Court, how the vote is counted and the three spheres of Government.
- The role of parliament and the legislative process in relation to the Executive Branch and the public service (with examples from Commonwealth and South Australian Parliament).
- Federalism and its impact.
- The role of Cabinet.
- The relationship between Cabinet and ministers, the public service and other public agencies.
- The role of the public service in policy development and service delivery.
- Recent developments in the public sector including management, outsourcing and privatisation.
- The Media – new and old forms.

## Outcomes

By the end of this course you will be able to:

- Demonstrate a better understanding of the role process of government in Australia.
- Understand how the machinery of government relates to current issues in public administration and policy development, and where you sit in the 'bigger' picture.

## Who should attend

This course is highly recommended for those new to the public sector (at any level), for those moving into policy and communication roles, and anyone looking to refresh their knowledge on the workings of government.

## Benefits to you and your organisation

- You will be better equipped to understand the development of policy within the cabinet process.
- You will be better equipped to understand the role of Parliament, its relationship to the public service.
- You will be better equipped to understand the role of Parliament in the passage of legislation.

## Testimonial:

*"I now understand the political system and appreciate the complexities of government departments. I will take a greater interest in local and national politics."*

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