



## National Licensing System update

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### **The National Licensing Legislation and public consultations**

The Exposure Draft of the National Occupational Licensing Law and a supporting explanatory paper were released for public consultation on 13 November 2009.

Public consultation sessions were held in all capital cities and each session contributed constructive feedback on the Exposure Draft. The issues raised will be taken into consideration, along with the submissions received before the end of December 2009, in finalising the legislation.

The [Exposure Draft](https://www.govdex.gov.au/confluence/display/COAGNL/Home) and the [Explanatory Paper Exposure Draft](https://www.govdex.gov.au/confluence/display/COAGNL/Home) can be downloaded from the National Licensing website (<https://www.govdex.gov.au/confluence/display/COAGNL/Home>). The Explanatory Paper Exposure Draft is provided to assist with interpreting the National Occupational Licensing Law (the Exposure Draft). Information on how to make a submission can also be found on the above website.

### **The Interim Advisory Committees (IACs)**

Membership of the IACs for the first wave of occupational areas was agreed by the Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations at its meeting on 23 October 2009. The first wave occupations of electrical, plumbing and gasfitting, refrigeration and airconditioning and mechanics and property occupations (excluding conveyancers and valuers) will commence in the NLS on 1 July 2012.

Membership of the IACs can be viewed on the National Licensing website - <https://www.govdex.gov.au/confluence/display/COAGNL/Home>.

Each of the four IACs met for the first time during November and December 2009 and considered the following matters:

- governance arrangements during the development of the NLS and the role and terms of reference of the IACs, including a set of operational guidelines to guide the way they do their work;
- a draft IAC work plan and related milestones and timeframes for their work;
- the COAG Principles of Best Practice Regulation and the objectives and principles of the NLS (as set out in the IGA) and how these will apply to the IAC's work; and
- an overview of the consultation draft of the National Occupational Licensing Law.

The IACs will next meet in March 2010. Information and further updates will continue to be posted on the national licensing website as the IACs progress their work in developing advice.