

**BAR READERS' COURSE  
SPECIFIED TIME, ATTENDANCE & DEFERRAL POLICY**

March 2016

Clause 5(1)(b) of the Constitution provides that membership of the Association is conditional upon an applicant having completed, or having undertaken to complete within a time specified by Bar Council, any Bar Readers' Course prescribed by Bar Council.

**Specified Time**

Where an undertaking has been given to complete the Bar Readers' Course, it is expected that, unless written approval to defer has been granted by Bar Council, members are required to complete the first Bar Readers' Course offered after commencing practise exclusively as a barrister. Bar Council is mindful of the difficulties in attending all modules during the same year for those members who have family commitments. In such circumstances, Bar Council is willing to accommodate members who wish to spread completion of the four modules over 2 years.

**Attendance**

Subject to any exemption granted by Bar Council, participants are required to attend all seminars in each module. Participants will be required to sign a registration sheet as a record of attendance at each seminar.

If, for very good reason, a participant is unable to attend a particular seminar, prior notice must be given by email to the Executive Officer. In the event of an unexpected absence from a seminar, participants are required to provide a written explanation for the absence to the Executive Officer, the following day.

In the event that a participant is absent from more than one seminar in a particular module, the Western Australian Bar Association will not certify that the participant has successfully completed that module of the Bar Readers' Course. Participants will be required to attend the particular seminar/s from which they were absent, in the following year's Bar Readers' Course. Certification of successful completion of that module will then be provided.

**Deferral**

Application to defer completion of a module/s may be made in writing to Bar Council.