

# Supreme Court (Admission Guidelines) Notice 2016

Explanatory notes for SL 2016 No. 157

made under the

*Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991*

## General Outline

### Short title

*Supreme Court (Admission Guidelines) Notice 2016*

### Authorising law

Section 86 of the *Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991* (Act)

### Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Under section 86 of the Act, the Chief Justice may issue guidelines about a matter prescribed under the *Supreme Court (Admission) Rules 2004* (Admission Rules).

Section 86 of the Act provides that a guideline is a statutory instrument but not subordinate legislation, and has no effect unless the Minister gives notice of the issuing of the guideline. The notice is subordinate legislation.

Rule 9AA(2) of the Admission Rules provides that, in issuing these guidelines, the Chief Justice must have regard to any relevant recommendations of the Law Admissions Consultative Committee (LACC). The LACC is a national body comprised of representatives of the law admitting authority in each Australian jurisdiction, the Council of Australian Law Deans, the Australasian Professional Legal Education Council and the Law Council of Australia. The LACC's role is to facilitate consensus on matters related to admission to the Australian legal profession, including academic and practical legal training requirements.

The Chief Justice has issued the following guidelines under rule 9AA of the Admission Rules, which comprise the relevant standards or principles recommended by the LACC:

- Admission Guidelines For Approving Academic Qualifications - Admission Guidelines Number 1 of 2016;
- Admission Guidelines For Approving Practical Legal Training Requirements - Admission Guidelines Number 2 of 2016; and
- Admission Guidelines For Assessing Overseas Applications - Admission Guidelines Number 3 of 2016.

The objective of the *Supreme Court (Admission Guidelines) Notice 2016* (the Notice) is to give effect to the guidelines issued by the Chief Justice and repeal the *Supreme Court (Admission Guidelines) Notice 2015*.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The primary objective of the Notice is to give notice of the issuing of the guidelines by the Chief Justice.

## **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The Notice is consistent with the objectives of the Act.

## **Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation**

The Notice is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

There are no costs associated with implementation of the Notice.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Notice is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

The Chief Justice has issued guidelines under rule 9AA of the Admission Rules.

The Queensland Productivity Commission has advised that the Notice is excluded from the Regulatory Impact Statement system.