

Legal Profession Act 2006 61(1) or 62 (1)

Notification of a "Show Cause Event"

Section 61(1) of the *Legal Profession Act 2006* applies to all applicants for a local practising certificate and this notice forms part of the application. Section 67 of the Act applies to local practising certificate holders.

A notice under Section 62 must be given to the Council of the Law Society Northern Territory within 7 days of the date of the event. Within 28 days after the date of the event the person the subject of the obligation to disclose must provide to the Council with a written statement explaining why, despite the event, he/she continues to be a suitable person to hold a practising certificate.

Failure by a practitioner to provide a written notice and/or a written statement may amount to professional misconduct. Such failure may lead to refusal to grant, cancellation or suspension of a practising certificate.

The term "conviction" is defined under Section 15(1) of the *Legal Profession Act 2006* and includes a finding of guilt whether or not a conviction is recorded. A "show cause event" is defined in Section 4 of the *Legal Profession Act 2006*.

"Tax Offence" means an offence under the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth), whether committed inside or outside of the Northern Territory.

Details of the conviction / insolvency

I, (name) _____

of (name of practice) _____

hereby give notice of the occurrence of a "show cause event" as defined in sections 61(1) and 62(1).

Date of conviction / insolvency

Conviction

Insolvency

Date _____ / _____ / _____

Nature of offence / insolvency

Offence

Insolvency

Nature _____

Sentence (if applicable)

Should there be insufficient space to complete a full response please annex particulars and mark with the letters "AN1". You should also provide a copy of any relevant court documentation eg; copy of court order etc.

Signed _____

Date _____ / _____ / _____

“show cause event”, in relation to a person, means:

- (a) his or her becoming bankrupt or being served with notice of a creditor’s petition presented to the Court under section 43 of the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cth); or
- (b) his or her presentation (as a debtor) of a declaration to the Official Receiver under section 54A of the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cth) of his or her intention to present a debtor’s petition or his or her presentation (as a debtor) of such a petition under section 55 of that Act; or
- (c) his or her applying to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounding with his or her creditors or made an assignment of his or her remuneration for their benefit; or
- (d) his or her conviction for a serious offence or tax offence, whether or not:
 - (i) the offence was committed in or outside this jurisdiction; or
 - (ii) the offence was committed while the person was engaging in legal practice as an Australian legal practitioner or was practising foreign law as an Australian-registered foreign lawyer, as the case requires; or
 - (iii) other persons are prohibited from disclosing the identity of the offender.