

How to apply

We are looking for senior law and justice officials wishing to:

- build their capacity to develop legal policy advice and legislation
- progress a crime or policing project
- share their experiences with their home agency

Up to three applicants are accepted each year. Participation is subject to passport, visa and security clearances. Highly ranked applicants may be offered other professional development opportunities, including participation in the AGD Pacific Legal Policy Champions Training Program.

For more information, including when applications will be accepted, please refer to our website or contact us at Pacific@ag.gov.au.

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About us

The Australian Attorney-General's Department delivers programs and policies to maintain and improve Australia's law and justice framework. Through the Australian Government Solicitor, we also provide legal services to the Commonwealth.

We work closely with our neighbours in the Pacific to improve policing and criminal law frameworks, working to strengthen the rule of law, combat transnational crime and build more sustainable regional security.



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Pacific Legal Policy Twinning Program



Building strong policy leaders

The Pacific Legal Policy Twinning Program is an annual peer-to-peer program where the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) hosts up to three Pacific Island law and justice officers in Canberra for two months.

The program is a unique opportunity to improve your legal policy development skills through a range of training and development activities, including working on a legal policy or law reform project with a crime or policing focus.



Policy Project

You will be guided and supported by AGD staff in the development of your project and in drafting a final report with recommendations for your home agency.

Projects involve substantial legal policy research and analysis, supplemented by meetings with relevant subject matter experts.

Training

You will participate in the AGD Legal Policy Development course which will provide you with a solid foundation for policy development. We then use a 'train the trainer' model to equip you to become an advocate for good legal policy development practices and deliver the course to colleagues on your return home.

You will also receive formal and informal training to build core skills in:

- legal policy development, research and writing
- written and oral communication
- strategy and leadership
- project planning and management



What will you do as a Twin?

In any given week of the Program, as a 'Twin' you will:

- attend tailored training sessions on policy development and work closely with departmental officers on their policy project
- meet with relevant subject matter experts from across the Australian Government
- meet with senior executive mentors to discuss strategic priorities, leadership etc
- visit prominent Australian institutions such as Parliament House, Australian War Memorial and the High Court

