

Table of Volunteer Practising Certificates

State	Body in charge of practising certificates	Volunteer practising certificates?	Fee for volunteer practising certificate?	Details of Volunteer Practising Certificate	Contact Details
ACT	The Law Society of the ACT	Yes	No	Volunteer Practising Certificates are available lawyers who will be undertaking specified pro bono legal work. Holders of volunteer practising certificates must still arrange appropriate professional indemnity insurance, and they may only undertake work of a pro bono nature. See here for more information.	E: mail@actlawsociety.asn.au T: (02) 6274 0300
NSW	Law Society of NSW	Yes	No	The holder of a Volunteer Practising Certificate is authorised to engage in legal practice both as a volunteer at a community legal service and otherwise on a pro bono basis, only. See here for more information.	E: registry@lawsociety.com.au T: 02 9926 0156
NT	Law Society Northern Territory	Yes	Yes - \$121	Restricted Volunteer Lawyer certificates are available to practitioners who engage in supervised legal practise as a volunteer in a complying community legal centre. See here for more information.	E: lawsoc@lawsocietynt.asn.au T: 08 8981 5104
QLD	Queensland Law Society	Yes	No	Volunteer Practising Certificates are available to solicitors who are not employed but who volunteer at a community legal centre. See here for more information.	E: records@qls.com.au T: 1300 367 757
SA	The Law Society of South Australia	Yes	Yes	A 'Category D' Volunteer Practising Certificate enables the practitioner to undertake legal practice in the manner they are otherwise entitled to, but only as a volunteer for a community legal centre, or for an institution or project approved by LPEAC, and where the practitioner is covered by professional indemnity insurance (being a restricted practising certificate while the practitioner is undertaking supervised practice) and as a volunteer legal practitioner. See here for more information.	E: email@lawsocietysa.asn.au T: (08) 8229 0200
TAS	The Law Society of Tasmania	Yes	No	A Volunteer Practitioner Certificate entitles the practitioner to engage in legal practise only as a volunteer at a complying community legal centre. See here for more information.	E: info@lst.org.au T: (03) 6234 4133
VIC	Victorian Legal Services Board + Commissioner	Yes	No	The holder of a Volunteer Practising Certificate must only engage in legal practice as a volunteer at a community legal centre or otherwise undertake pro bono work the liability for which is covered by appropriate professional indemnity insurance. See here for more information.	Enquiry form: https://lsbc.vic.gov.au/lawyers/lawyer-enquiry-form T: 03 9679 8000
WA	Law Society of WA, Legal Practice Board of Western Australia	No, but 'volunteer or pro bono only' condition imposed on Local Practising Certificate.	No	Holders of a Local Practising Certificate can request a 'volunteer or pro bono only' condition be imposed. This practising certificate is issued free of fees on condition that the holder is only engaged in the provision of legal services on a not-for-profit basis and does not charge any person nor seek to recover a fee from any person (subject to two exemptions). See here for more information.	E: info@lawsocietywa.asn.au T: (08) 6211 3599

This table sets out general information on the availability of volunteer practising certificates in each state and territory. The information represents the Centre's knowledge as of August 2020. The table provides a summary only – please contact the professional body in your state/territory directly if you have any queries or would like to obtain a practising certificate.