

A new era of mandatory training for strata committees

Pending reforms to strata management legislation — including the Strata Schemes Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2025 — are expected to commence later this year. A key part of these reforms is the introduction of mandatory strata committee training. In particular:

Strata Committee Training

Section 257B introduces a clearer and more structured framework for mandatory strata committee training. The provision provides that:

- The training which must be provided by a training provider approved by the Secretary includes the training specified in section 37 and other training specified by the regulations.
- The regulations may make further provisions regarding training providers.

Key Training Requirements

From 1 October 2026, new and returning strata committee members in NSW will be required to complete free online training delivered by Fair Trading within 3 months of being appointed. At present, Fair Trading is the only approved provider for mandatory strata committee training. The key points are:

- The training is free, self-paced and takes approximately 1 hour to complete.
- It will be available via Strata Hub (a link will be provided by Fair Trading once launched).
- Strata committee members must complete the training annually to remain eligible.
- Failure to complete training on time results in automatic removal from the committee.

Training Exemptions

Training requirements do not apply to strata committee members:

- In two-lot strata schemes;
- Who are members of the Australian College of Strata Lawyers;
- Who are strata managing agents; or
- Filling a casual vacancy for less than 3 months.

Committee members who are exempt from mandatory training should provide evidence of their exemption to the committee secretary. Once the introductory training is completed, committee members will have access to additional training each year. For more information, click [more information](#) to learn about Fair Trading's training requirements.

What is the impact of these changes on strata managing agents?

Strata managing agents will need to update internal processes to support schemes in meeting these new training requirements. In practice, agents should:

- Maintain training registers so schemes can demonstrate that all committee members have completed the required training.
- Support committee members in their role by sending reminder notices to committee members approaching the 3-month deadline.
- Inform committees on the new requirements to complete mandatory training and the potential consequences of non-compliance.
- Monitor updates regarding additional training courses.

Is a motion required for committee training?

There is no requirement for an additional motion for the AGM as the obligation is on the individual committee member to undertake the training. However, it may be useful to provide an explanation in the explanatory note to the motion for the strata committee election with a link to Fair Trading's website [here](#). We have also included an explanatory note in our AGM templates for Compliance Pack members with the motion to elect the committee below:

- [6.2 First Annual General Meeting Notice](#)
- [6.3 Annual General Meeting Notice](#)

We have considerable experience with these reforms and could assist you with any practical issues you may be experiencing or expect.

If you are a Compliance Pack member, please click here to download the [Strata Reforms Guide](#).

Key takeaways

- From 1 October 2026, new and returning strata committee members must complete free online training within 3 months of appointment.
- Failure to complete the mandatory training on time will result in automatic removal from the committee.
- Exemptions from training apply to members of two-lot strata schemes, members of the Australian College of Strata Lawyers, strata managing agents, and those filling casual vacancies for less than 3 months.
- Strata managing agents must update internal processes to support compliance with the new training requirements.

- Committee members will have access to additional training each year after completing the introductory training.

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