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News update for all practitioners from the Victorian Legal Services Board + Commissioner

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Reminder: new Principal practising certificates from 1 January 2019

From **1 January 2019**, the Board's [policy on granting Principal practising certificates](#) comes into effect. This policy applies to solicitors applying for a grant of a Principal practising certificate for the first time, or applying to vary to an existing practising certificate to become a Principal practising certificate. The policy **does not apply** to solicitors who have an **existing** Principal practising certificate.

Solicitors subject to this policy must satisfy the Board that they have the skills and expertise needed to run a law practice competently and ethically.

Solicitors can demonstrate to the Board that they possess the required skills by:

- successfully completing a practice management course which has been assessed as meeting the Board's [Practice Management Course Guidelines](#) (see courses below); or
- providing evidence of having completed a comparable practice management course in another jurisdiction; or
- providing evidence of appropriate past experience managing a business or law practice.

The following organisations provide practice management courses in Victoria which have been assessed by the Board as meeting the Guidelines. Courses planned for the next 6 months are:

- [The Law Institute of Victoria](#), courses commencing
 - 12 September 2018
 - 21 November 2018
 - 13 February 2019
- [The College of Law](#), courses commencing
 - 29 October 2018
 - 21 January 2019
- [Leo Cussen Centre for Law](#), a course commencing
 - 23 January 2019

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