



The New South Wales Bar Association

CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF ARBITRATORS

1. A minimum of at least 7 years experience as a legal practitioner.
2. **Must** have undertaken an **accredited course** of arbitration training.* To remain on the list, once a barrister has undertaken an accredited course, the barrister is also required to undertake one hour of training by way of a refresher course once every two years.
3. Demonstrated regular provision of advice and/or appearance in the area/s of specialisation.
4. High degree of competence in the said area.
5. Good repute in manner, demeanour and presence.
6. Demonstrated understanding of the arbitration process.
7. A person who applies for inclusion on the list is required to be, and whilst on the list to remain the holder of a practising certificate issued by the New South Wales Bar Association.
8. Recommendations for appointment to the court lists are solely at the discretion of Bar Council.
9. All recommendations for appointment on the court's list is on the condition that, other than in exceptional circumstances, awards should be given **within 30 days of the hearing**. If an arbitrator cannot meet the 30 day deadline, they are required to advise both the Court and the Bar Council in writing, setting out the reasons why, so that it can in turn advise the relevant court

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* Bar Council resolved on 29 April 2003 that 'all barristers who wished to be recommended by the Bar Council for appointment to Court Arbitrator lists be required to have undergone a course of training arranged through the Association, or by an accredited provider. The training would be at the cost to the barristers concerned.' Participation in accredited courses counts towards the satisfaction of annual CPD obligations.

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