



Anti-Money Laundering / Counter Terrorism Financing (AML / CTF) Compliance

Why do we have AML / CTF Laws?

Money laundering and terrorism financing has a significant social and economic impact on our country. Money laundering is where sums of money are generated from criminal activity and given the appearance of originating from a legitimate source. Terrorism Financing is the provision of financial support to terrorists to carry out terrorist activities or to benefit terrorists or their organisations.

Strict laws

The Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing laws in Australia are designed to combat such activities by identifying and requiring reporting of such risks at the 'gatekeeper' level.

This gatekeeper level captures financial service providers, gambling services, digital currency exchanges and bullion dealers (Tranche 1 entities). From 1 July 2026, this will also extend to real estate professionals, professional service providers (lawyers, accountants and trust and company service providers) and dealers in precious metals and stones (Tranche 2 entities).

How we can help you

Our team of dedicated professionals can assist you with your compliance readiness (whether you currently have policies and procedures in place or not). We will separate out your preparation and compliance stages into digestible components to ensure you and your team understand its obligations and responsibilities.

This includes:

- Uplift of Tranche 1 policies and programs to ensure compliance with current AML / CTF laws
- Assisting you with risk analysis of your clients and the designated services you may provide and identifying your AML/CTF risk profile
- Preparing or reviewing and updating your AML/CTF policy
- Preparing or reviewing and updating your AML/CTF program document
- Advising on key personnel required to support your AML/CTF compliance activities
- Advising on types and timing of AML/CTF reporting
- Providing tailored training for you and your staff
- Working closely with you to refine your compliance procedures at both an initial and ongoing basis
- Helping you identify what may constitute suspicious activities
- Advising on due diligence requirements with respect to your clients and staff

Professional Support

Our commercial and compliance lawyers understand the AML/CTF compliance requirements and can provide the support and guidance that you need.

How we work

Our approach is grounded in experience. We focus on what matters commercially, communicate clearly, and support stakeholders at every level.

When needed, we work in an integrated way with our tax, property, commercial disputes, workplace law and culture and other legal service areas, providing clients with holistic coverage for their business needs.

Providing value

We know that providing excellent customer service and delivering value is crucial. Our lawyers will work with you to provide tailored legal training at your office, as well as ensuring you receive invitations to our legal seminars and regular e-updates on legislative/regulatory changes.

Why clients choose us

- Practical legal advice to align with your commercial goals
- Clear communication that is easy to understand and solutions-focused
- Flexibility - we work seamlessly with in-house legal teams and external advisors
- Early preparation for Tranche 2 reforms through practical training guidance
- Tailored and risk based AML solutions aligned to operational needs
- Comprehensive AML CTF support from program design to investigations management

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