



# Online legal training course: Law & Noncommunicable Disease

## Information for nominators and participants

The McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer is excited to launch the third edition of its online legal training course on law and noncommunicable disease. Building on the successful editions of the course launched in 2020 and 2021, this virtual learning opportunity will help lawyers and policymakers build capacity to implement legal and policy initiatives to prevent and control noncommunicable disease without having to leave their home countries.

The course will launch on **15 August 2022** and will be accessible for **six weeks**. Course content will take approximately **25 – 30 hours** to complete.

## About the McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer

The McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer is the only centre of its kind in the world advancing law to prevent cancer and to protect people affected by it. Through world-leading research and capacity building programs, the McCabe Centre upskills lawyers and policymakers to use law as an effective tool to prevent and control cancer, and other noncommunicable diseases.

The McCabe Centre is a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Law & Noncommunicable Disease and the designated WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) Knowledge Hub on legal challenges to the Convention's implementation. Established in 2012, McCabe Centre is a joint initiative of Cancer Council Victoria, the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) and Cancer Council Australia, based in Melbourne, Australia with Regional Managers in the Pacific, Asia and Africa.

## About the course

### Course objectives

- To analyse the role of law in NCD prevention and control
- To build capacity in low- and middle-income countries on using law to prevent and control cancer and other NCDs
- To support lawyers and policymakers to implement legal and policy initiatives aimed at improving health and development outcomes in their countries, including implementation of the WHO FCTC
- To foster and encourage the development of a network of lawyers and policymakers working on the prevention and control of NCDs
- To support countries to address NCDs as an intersecting pandemic with COVID-19

- To support participants with the development of leadership and practical policymaking skills in relation to law and NCDs

## Who is this course for?

- The course is open to government lawyers and policymakers of WHO member states who are working in a relevant area. Some participants working in other roles, such as academia or civil society, may also be accepted.
- Countries from all regions and of all income levels are eligible to apply, however, the course is tailored to the needs of low- and middle-income countries.
- Invitations to apply will be sent to countries through partner organisations including WHO Regional and Country Offices, the WHO FCTC Convention Secretariat, Pacific Community (SPC), and others. The relevant contacts will be encouraged to identify participants from their country who they would like to apply for the course via the online application form.
- Please note that the course will be conducted in English and translation is not provided.

## Fees and scholarships

- There is no charge for representatives of countries who are eligible to receive official development assistance.<sup>1</sup>
- Scholarships amounting to a full waiver of course fees are available for representatives from Pacific Island Countries to attend the course.
- For other countries, there will be a mix of scholarship and self-funded places, with priority for scholarship places allocated according to financial need, the applicant's ability to make use of the training, need for law and NCDs training in the country, and regional and gender balance.
- The course fee for high income country participants who are not awarded scholarships will be AUD\$895.

## How to apply

- Applicants should complete the online application form by 31 July
  - Form available at <https://survey.websurveycreator.com/s.aspx?s=510da21e-e296-4131-94f1-3122f5383f82>
- Applicants will be asked to identify their job title, ministry/organisation, country, and which partner organisation has suggested that they participate as part of the online application process, as well as provide a brief statement on their current work and any potential project they may wish to receive follow up assistance with.
- Applicants must complete a declaration of interest statement, in line with Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC.
- In order to ensure that we can provide enough attention to course participants, we will make the following number of places available:

- 35 scholarship places for participants from countries eligible to receive [Official Development Assistance](#)<sup>1</sup>, and/or from Pacific Island Countries (these places are free of charge)
- 5 scholarship places for participants from other countries with priority for scholarship places allocated according to financial need, the applicant's ability to make use of the training, need for law and NCDs training in the country, and regional and gender balance (free of charge)
- 10 self-funded places for participants from other countries (including participants from high income countries) (course fee of AU\$895)
- If we receive a larger number of registrations than places available, places will be allocated based on regional and gender balance, relevance of the course to the participant's work, and limiting the number of participants from any one country.
- There will be an additional expression of interest process following the course for follow up assistance available to participants who have completed the course
- If you have any questions about the course, please email [ILTP@mccabecentre.org](mailto:ILTP@mccabecentre.org)

## Course timeline

1 July – 31 July 2022	Applications open
1 August – 12 August 2022:	Applications reviewed, successful applicants notified and sent a registration link for the online course
15 August – 30 September 2022:	Course content is live

## Course content

The course will be divided into seven modules available via an online web portal, covering a variety of topics across the spectrum of NCD prevention and control. Content is primarily focused on a series of informational videos by the McCabe Centre, with supplementary slides and written resources and activities for participants to build on what they learn. Each module will conclude with a short quiz and a discussion forum. Participants will also be required to develop a short plan for a priority project on law and NCDs as part of the final assessment for the course. Content on the web portal is accessible on demand.

There will be some live online discussion sessions available for participant questions and discussions, to be scheduled at varying times suiting different time zones. All live sessions will be open to all participants.

Participants will also be able to sign up for an individual meeting with McCabe Centre staff to discuss course content, the priority project assignment, and their work on law and NCDs generally.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined by the OECD Development Assistance Committee list for 2022-2023: <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2022-23-flows.pdf>

Course content will take approximately 25 – 30 hours over six weeks to complete, plus scheduled live sessions and individual meetings. We recommend participants allocate approximately 4-6 hours per week to the course.

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Following the course, participants who have completed the priority project plan assignment and all other course requirements will be eligible to receive technical assistance from the McCabe Centre to help develop their plan into a priority project for implementation.

## Participant expectations

### During the course

- Complete the course – including all modules, activities, and quizzes – within the six weeks provided
- Read relevant background material, as identified
- Participate actively in discussion forums provided, communicating professionally and respectfully
- Communicate with McCabe Centre contacts (to be provided during course) with any questions or comments about course material

### After completing the course

- Complete a short post-course evaluation survey
- Engage with the McCabe Centre, as needed, for technical support on relevant work
- Receive relevant updates and notification from the McCabe Centre (with option to unsubscribe)

Participants will need to have access to their own equipment (eg laptop / internet connection) in order to access the content for this course. No equipment is provided.

## Course Overview

### Module 1: Law & NCDs

- NCDs and the COVID-19 pandemic
- NCDs and sustainable development
- NCD global governance instruments
- NCDs and human rights
- Law & NCD prevention

### Module 2: Introduction to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)

- The treaty and its principles
- WHO FCTC obligations, institutions, guidelines
- WHO FCTC and the broader global health agenda
- Overview of key obligations in the WHO FCTC articles
- Novel & emerging tobacco products and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems

- Impact of the WHO FCTC and legal challenges to its implementation

**Module 3a:** Law and alcohol

- Why regulate alcohol?
- Global governance of alcohol
- Case study: alcohol industry interference

**Module 3b:** Law and unhealthy diets and physical inactivity

- Role of law in promoting healthy diets and physical activity
- Global governance of diet and physical activity
- Regulatory measures for unhealthy diets: case study on sugar-sweetened beverage taxes
- Conflicts of interest and the unhealthy food industry

**Module 3c:** Law and air pollution

- Why regulate air pollution?
- Global governance of air pollution
- Case studies on law and air pollution

**Module 4:** Trade law and NCDs

- Introduction to the World Trade Organization
- Discrimination, trade-restrictiveness, intellectual property, health exceptions
- Case studies (US – Clove Cigarettes, Australia – Plain Packaging)

**Module 5:** Investment law & NCDs

- Foreign investment, expropriation, fair and equitable treatment
- Case studies (Philip Morris v Uruguay, Philip Morris v Australia)
- Lessons from the trade and investment disputes on tobacco control

**Module 6:** Law, NCDs, and Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

- Introduction to UHC
- Global governance and UHC
- UHC and NCD prevention and control
- How can UHC be achieved?
- Role of law in UHC

**Module 7:** Putting it into practice

- Developing, implementing and enforcing NCD legislation
- Multi-sectoral collaboration
- Role of evidence
- Building back better from the COVID-19 pandemic