

Company Directors Course™

Building confident governance capability in local government

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), in partnership with the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD), delivers the Company Directors Course™ - Australia's leading governance education program—exclusively for local government leaders.

For more than 50 years, the Company Directors Course has set the benchmark for governance education in Australia. Delivered through MAV, the program brings together **elected members, mayors, council CEOs** and senior executives from across Victoria, creating a peer learning environment grounded in shared local government experience.

Learning is interactive and practice-focused, combining facilitated discussion, **real-world case studies** and a **boardroom simulation**. Faculty are selected by AICD for their governance expertise and, where possible, experience in **government** and local government settings, enabling meaningful contextualisation to council-specific responsibilities, risks and community expectations.

The course strengthens **strategic thinking, financial literacy and risk oversight**, while clarifying the roles and responsibilities of directors operating in highly scrutinised, community-focused environments.

This is the full AICD Company Directors Course.

It is identical in content, assessment and outcomes to the AICD public program. Participants who successfully complete the assessment are eligible to use the **GAICD post-nominals**.

Key Course Themes

The Company Directors Course is delivered in-house through the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV). Participants complete five core content themes using a structured and rigorous learning approach that maintains the integrity of the AICD Company Directors Course.

Course Delivery Options

The Company Directors Course is offered through two separate cohorts. Participants may enrol in either the face-to-face program or the online program.

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1	GOVERNANCE AND THE PRACTICE OF DIRECTORSHIP Understand the duties and practices of Directorship, and a Council's functions and responsibilities
2	THE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT Analyse the roles and responsibilities and functions of directors and officers and consider the impacts of a changing legal environment on council decision making
3	RISK AND STRATEGY Examine the council's role in developing a culture appropriate for the risk tolerance of the organisation and explore the council's roles in developing and executing strategy
4	FINANCIAL LITERACY AND PERFORMANCE focus on financial literacy for directors and evaluate the council's explicit role in driving organisational performance.
5	ACHIEVING COUNCIL EFFECTIVENESS Investigate effective decision making, council dynamics, the impact of individual and collective performance and how a constructive council culture can create significant value for an organisation

Face-to-Face Cohort

- Location: MAV, 1 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002
- Delivery Format: Five consecutive full-day sessions delivered in person
- Dates: 15~19 June 2026 (Mon ~ Fri)

Online Cohort (via Zoom)

- Delivery Format: Once per week over five weeks, delivered live via Zoom
- Dates: Thursdays, 6 August ~ 3 September 2026

Participant Course Cost

- Face-to-face cohort: \$9,200 (ex GST) per participant
- Online cohort: \$8,000 (ex GST) per participant

Pricing includes:

- Course fees and materials
- Venue and catering (face-to-face cohort)
- 12-month AICD membership (valued at \$750)

Registration

Face-to-face cohort: Registration payment must be received by Monday 27 April 2026

Online cohort: Registration payment must be received by Friday 3 July 2026

Places are limited to support an interactive, peer-based learning experience. Registrations are confirmed upon receipt of payment.

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