



PSPF Communities of Practice

What is a Community of Practice?

Our PSPF Communities of Practice (commonly referred to as CoPs) bring together subject-matter experts and other interested parties to explore protective security-related topics. They facilitate open government dialogue to learn from each other and share the accumulated experience and resources.

A CoP is a flexible and informal environment where members can share work-related protective security knowledge and experience, including challenges, insights, templates and tools.

Selected CoPs are also important forums for discussing policy development and testing new ideas with leading stakeholders and security practitioners. They enable collaboration and communication between government entities on issues of mutual interest or concern.

Who can participate in our CoPs?

Unless otherwise stated, PSPF CoPs (organised by the Attorney-General's Department) are open to Commonwealth and state and territory government employees with an interest in the particular subject matter. CoP members have a wide-variety of experience and expertise in protective security or related topics.

Current PSPF CoPs

Subject	Purpose
Security Culture CoP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing and strengthening the security culture across Australian Government entities. • Developing a Cultural Transformation Strategy to support Chief Security Officers (CSOs) with their obligation to foster a positive security culture in their entity. • Facilitating information sharing, problem solving and horizon scanning.
Vetting officers CoP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and refining existing best practices by vetting officers. • Developing tools and strategies to enhance the quality and consistency of vetting decisions. • Enabling information sharing and consultation.
Ongoing suitability CoP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating security practitioners' engagement and discussion on the ongoing suitability of employees and security clearance holders.
Baseline authorisation CoP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This CoP developed a framework for government entities to issue Baseline security clearances, where they demonstrate the mandatory requirements of a vetting agency. The CoP will continue as a forum to discuss issues and learnings from implementation of the framework.

If you would like to organise a CoP or suggest topics for future discussion at an existing or new CoP, please contact the PSPF Team using details below.

Find out more

Further information on these CoPs is available on the Protective Security Policy GovDex Community website. Access to the GovDex community can be arranged by contacting the PSPF Team via email: PSPF@ag.gov.au or phone the PSPF Hotline on **(02) 6141 3600**.