



NOTIFICATION
Professional Standards Act 1994

Notification is hereby given pursuant to Section 8 of the *Professional Standards Act 1994* (NSW) (the *Act*) of a scheme and an instrument amending a scheme prepared by the Australian Computer Society (ACS).

The ACS Limited Liability (NSW) Scheme (the scheme) commenced on 1 January 2010 in New South Wales. The scheme also operates in the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory, Queensland, and Victoria. ACS has applied to the Professional Standards Councils to have the following amendments made to the scheme:

1. That the name of the scheme "The ACS Limited Liability (NSW) Scheme" be deleted and replaced with the name: "The Australian Computer Society Professional Standards Scheme".
2. That paragraph H of the Preamble to the scheme be deleted and replaced with the following text: "The scheme is intended to operate as a scheme of New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia."
3. That clause 5.1 of the scheme, "This scheme will commence on 1 January 2010 and will be in force for a period of 5 years from the date of commencement" be deleted and replaced with the following text: "The scheme shall be in force after its commencement in all applicable jurisdictions until 31 December 2014, unless otherwise extended, or it is revoked, or otherwise ceases operation or to have effect."

The amendment will commence on the date immediately following the date of its publication in the *Government Gazette* or, subject to the provisions of the relevant legislation, 2 months after the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*. The Scheme will expire on 31 December 2014 unless extended in accordance with the *Act*.

The scheme:

- i. Applies to all members of the ACS who are Certified Computer Professionals (CCPs).
- ii. Limits the occupational liability of CCP members of the ACS to \$1.5million.
- iii. Confers a discretionary authority on the ACS, on application by a CCP member, to specify in relation to that member a higher maximum amount of liability than would otherwise apply, up to \$10million.
- iv. Requires CCP members to have insurance for occupational liability of an amount not less than the amount of their limited liability.
- v. Provides for CCP members to apply to the ACS for exemption from the scheme.

Before approving the amendment to the scheme, the Councils hereby invite comments and submissions to be made in writing to the Executive Officer, Office of the Professional Standards Councils (OPSC), within 28 days of the publication of this notice.

A copy of the instrument amending the scheme and the draft scheme document may be obtained from the OPSC, or viewed on the Councils' website.

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Comments and submissions received will be public unless confidentiality is specifically requested, and will be subject to the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW).

The Professional Standards Councils