



Application Submodule 1.1 – Occupational group and occupational association

A. TO BEGIN THE SUBMODULE

This submodule sets out the information required to demonstrate to the Professional Standards Councils that the association applying for a Professional Standards Scheme is an occupational association.

The Professional Standards Legislation provides that only an *occupational association* may apply for a Scheme. The term *occupational association* is defined in the legislation in each jurisdiction. The relevant statutory provisions are in the table below.

NSW	ACT	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA
s. 4(1)	Sch 4 s. 4.2	s. 4(1)	Sch 2	s. 4(1)	s. 4(1)	s. 4(1)	s. 4(1)

The submodule should be read in conjunction with Guidance 1.1.1 *Occupational group and occupational association* which is designed to assist you in completing the submodule.

B. WHAT IS AN OCCUPATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN THE CONTEXT OF A PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SCHEME?

Under the legislation, the definition of *occupational association* requires the following:

- a) that the association is a 'body corporate' (or 'corporation' in the ACT).
- b) that the association represents the interests of persons who are members of the same occupational group (or related occupational groups in states and territories which permit related occupational groups).
- c) that the association's membership must be limited principally to members of that (or those) occupational groups.

An *occupational group* in the legislation is defined to include professional groups and trade groups.

The information that your association is required to provide will allow the Councils to form a view in relation to whether the association applying for a Scheme is an occupational association.

C. COMPLETING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION

The information required from your association is to be entered in Template 1.1.1 *Occupational Group and Occupational Association*.