



## Application Submodule 1.2 – Association governance, conflicts of interest and financial arrangements

### A. TO BEGIN THE SUBMODULE

This submodule covers the governance and financial arrangements of an occupational association, as well as actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest that may affect the administration of a Professional Standards Scheme over its lifecycle.

This information is a relevant consideration for the Professional Standards Councils before approval of a Scheme.

The submodule is designed for initial applications for a Scheme to the Councils and should be read in conjunction with Guidance 1.2.2 *Governance, conflicts of interest and financial arrangements* to assist you in completing the submodule.

### B. SIGNIFICANCE OF GOVERNANCE, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF A PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SCHEME

The Councils have a discretion not to approve a Scheme where the association's capacity for supervision of its risk management strategies, the oversight of disciplinary arrangements, or representing the interests of its members, is in doubt.

Such capacity may be affected by the governance arrangements of the association, its management of actual or perceived conflicts of interest, and its financial resources – making these matters reasonable considerations of the Councils in deciding whether or not to approve a Scheme.

### C. COMPLETING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION

The information required from your association is to be entered in Template 1.2.1 *Governance, conflicts of interest and financial arrangements*.