



Application Submodule 2.1 – Scheme instrument

A. TO BEGIN THE SUBMODULE

This submodule sets out the Scheme instrument drafting requirements for applicant associations when preparing a scheme for approval by the Professional Standards Councils under the Professional Standards Legislation.

This submodule is to be read in conjunction with Guidance 2.1.2 *Scheme instrument guidance* which is designed to assist you completing the submodule.

B. WHAT IS THE SCHEME INSTRUMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF A PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SCHEME?

The Scheme instrument is the most important document to be submitted with the application to the Professional Standards Councils (Councils). All other material you may be required to submit is evidence in support of this document and must not be inconsistent with it.

The legislation does not prescribe the form that a Scheme instrument should take. However, the Councils strongly recommend that you adopt the Scheme template referred to in section C below, with modifications as may be required, having regard to your association's unique circumstances.

The drafting used in the template complies with the Professional Standards Legislation in all states and territories.

C. COMPLETING THE SCHEME INSTRUMENT

The information you will be required to provide is set out in Template 2.1.1 *Draft Scheme instrument*. Guidance 2.1.2 *Scheme instrument guidance* provides the statutory and/or policy basis for each element of the recommended drafting.