Template

Readiness to operate a
professional standards scheme

# Instructions

This template will help you to decide whether your association is eligible and ready to apply for a professional standards scheme.

It includes 27 statements about 7 categories of risk. Consider whether each statement applies to your association and how you would address any associated risk. If a statement does apply or you cannot show how you would mitigate a risk, discuss this with us in your pre-application workshop.

Enter your response in the space indicated. Provide examples wherever possible and supporting documents as needed.

For help completing this template, including sample responses, see the Readiness to operate a professional standards scheme [guidance](https://www.psc.gov.au/sites/default/files/SAF/SAF_Module_1/1_Guidance_Readiness_to_operate_a_PSS.pdf).

# Statements of risk

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| Membership |
| 1. The association cannot compel members to provide data.
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Add your association’s response to this statement here. Type over or delete this text.

Use the Body text style to complete your answer. If you need more styles, use built-in styles:

* Heading 2 and Heading 3
* Bullet list, Numbered list.

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| 1. The association cannot compel members to hold professional indemnity insurance.
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| 1. The association cannot compel members to improve occupational standards.
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| 1. The association’s proposed scheme only includes a small part of its overall membership.
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| 1. The association does not have the minimum number of members to represent the occupational group.
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| 1. The association has corporate members.
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| 1. The association does not have robust and independent systems for resolving consumer complaints and disciplining members.
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| Governance |
| 1. The association is not a corporate body or cannot maintain its statutory responsibilities as an incorporated entity.
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| 1. The association’s constitution does not enable a scheme to be created and approved.
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| 1. The association is part of a complex corporate structure.
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| 1. The association appears to operate as an industrial association (lobbying in the interest of employers) or as a commercial association (sales for the interest of shareholders).
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| 1. The association has no volunteer or member committees.
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| 1. The association has no member representatives on the governing body.
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| 1. The association is a proprietary limited (Pty Ltd) company structure (company limited by shares).
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| 1. The association is a national association with state-based entities that are not strategically aligned.
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| 1. The turnover of governing body members is excessively high or low.
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| Occupational group |
| 1. The association operates in a high-risk occupational environment, such as financial services or the built environment.
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| 1. The association’s occupational group does not require professional indemnity insurance.
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| 1. The association cannot identify consumers of its members’ services or the potential harms against those consumers.
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| 1. The association represents a small proportion of the entire occupational group.
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| Political risk or conflict of interest |
| 1. The association has connections or conflicts of interest with key decision-makers (political, media or administrative).
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| Prior performance |
| 1. The association expects a scheme remake (or replacement scheme), despite poor annual reporting scores or previous non-compliance.
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| Resourcing |
| 1. The association has no visibility over claims and professional indemnity insurance.
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| 1. The association’s application will be largely drafted by an external consultant.
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| 1. The association does not have enough resources to submit an application or operate the scheme over its life cycle.
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| Administrative |
| 1. The association is submitting an application for a scheme remake with less than 10 months until the current scheme expires.
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| 1. The association’s governing body has not considered or approved its application before submission.
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Add your response.