

Professional Standards Council of Queensland

Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Protecting consumers by improving professional standards

Professional Standards Council Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 30 June 2023

OPERATING RESULT	Note	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Income from continuing operations			
User charges and fees	B1-1	421	392
Other revenue		22	4
Total Income from continuing operations		443	396
Expenses from continuing operations Supplies and services	B2-1	426	403
Total expenses from continuing operations		426	403
Operating result for the year		17	(7)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		17	(7)

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	C1	578	543
Receivables	C2	9	5
Total current assets	-	587	548
Total assets		587	548
Current liabilities			
Payables	C3	136	114
Total current liabilities	-	136	114
Total liabilities	-	136	114
Net assets	-	451	434
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		451	434
Total equity		451	434

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Accumulated Surplus	TOTAL	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Balance as at 1 July 2021	441	441	_
Operating result from continuing operations	(7)	(7)	
Balance at 30 June 2022	434	434	
Operating result from continuing operations	17	17	
Balance at 30 June 2023	451	451	

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows:			
User charges and fees		419	393
Interest receipts		20	4
GST input tax credits from ATO		40	43
Outflows:			
Supplies and services		(404)	(429)
GST paid to suppliers		(40)	(43)
Net cash used in operating activities		35	(32)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		35	(32)
Cash and cash equivalents - opening balance		543	575
Cash and cash equivalents - closing balance	C1	578	543

Professional Standards Council Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

SECTION 1 ABOUT THE COUNCIL AND THIS FINANCIAL REPORT

A1 BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION

A1-1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Professional Standards Council ("the Council") is a not-for-profit statutory body established under the *Professional Standards Act 2004* and controlled by the State of Queensland, which is the ultimate parent.

The head office and principal place of business of the Council is Level 2, St James Centre, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney New South Wales, 2000.

A1-2 COMPLIANCE WITH PRESCRIBED REQUIREMENTS

The Professional Standards Council has prepared these financial statements in compliance with the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* and the *Financial and Performance Management Standard 2019*.

These general purpose financial statements are prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures. The financial statements comply with the recognition and measurement requirements of all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations applicable to not-for-profit entities, and the presentation requirements in those standards as required by AASB 1060.

The financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis, with the exception of the Statement of Cash Flows which is prepared on a cash basis. Except where stated, the historical cost convention is used as the measurement basis.

A1-3 PRESENTATION

Currency and Rounding

Amounts included in the financial statements are in Australian dollars and rounded to the nearest \$1,000 or, where that amount is \$500 or less, to zero, unless disclosure of the full amount is specifically required.

Comparatives

Comparative information reflects the audited 2021-22 financial statements.

Current/Non-Current Classification

Assets and Liabilities are classified as either 'current' or 'non-current' in the Statement of Financial Position and associated notes.

Assets are classified as 'current' where their carrying amount is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting date. Liabilities are classified as 'current' when they are due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting date, or the Council does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement to beyond 12 months after the reporting date.

A1-4 AUTHORISATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR ISSUE

The financial statements are authorised for issue by the Chairperson, Professional Standards Council and Acting Executive Director, Financial Services Branch of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General at the date of signing the Management Certificate.

A1-5 THE REPORTING ENTITY

The financial statements include the value of all income, expenses, assets, liabilities and equity of the Council. The Council does not control any other entities.

Professional Standards Council Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

A2 OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL

The objectives of the Professional Standards Council are to promote consumer protection and excellence in professional standards by encouraging the self-regulation of occupational groups through Professional Standards Schemes.

a) PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SCHEMES

Professional Standards Schemes apply to members of occupational associations that administer professional standards schemes approved by the Councils. Professional Standards Schemes:

- Recognise those occupational associations who implement robust risk management strategies;
- Limit occupational liability for members of occupational associations who carry professional indemnity insurance and/or business assets which comply with the association's standard of insurance and are at (or above) the level of the limitation of liability amount (cap).

b) THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCILS

The Professional Standards Councils were constituted under state and territory professional standards legislation, with the mandate to approve Professional Standards Schemes. There are a total of eight Councils, one for each Australian state and territory. Each Council consists of eleven members, who are nominated and appointed pursuant to the *Professional Standards Agreement 2011*.

c) THE QUEENSLAND COUNCIL

The Professional Standards Council was established under the *Professional Standards Act 2004* (the Act). The Council is responsible for determining the limitation of liability. When doing so, the Council must consider the claims history of each association member and the need to adequately protect consumers. The Council's other functions are set out in section 43 of the Act, and are in summary:

- To advise the Minister about publication in the Gazette, amendments to, or revocation of a scheme; the operation of the Act; and anything else about the occupational liability of members of occupational associations;
- To advise occupational associations about insurance policies relating to limitation of liability;
- To encourage and assist in the improvement of occupational standards of members of occupational associations;
- To encourage and assist in the development of self-regulation of occupational associations;
- To monitor the occupational standards of members of participating occupational associations;
- To monitor the compliance by an occupational association with its risk management strategies;
- To publish advice and information about the functions of Council;
- To conduct forums, approved by the Minister, on issues of interest to members of occupational groups;
- To collect, analyse and provide the Minister with information on issues and policies about the standards of occupational groups; and
- To start proceedings in its own name for the prosecution of an offence against the Act or for injunctive or other relief for the offences.

d) FUNDING OF THE COUNCIL

The Council is fully funded through the following:

- A fee of \$5,000 is payable to the Council for a Professional Standards Scheme application for approval, amendments or revocation as per the *Professional Standards Regulation 2017*;
- The annual fee of \$50 for each member of occupational associations participating in a Professional Standards Scheme as per the *Professional Standards Regulation 2017*;
- Interest payable on unpaid annual fees as per the Professional Standards Regulation 2017; and
- The interest on accumulated funds.

Professional Standards Council Notes to the Financial Statements

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SECTION 2 NOTES ABOUT OUR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

B1 REVENUE

B1-1 USER CHARGES AND FEES

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Application fees	5	_
Annual fees	416	392
Total	421	392

Accounting Policy - User Charges

User charges and fees are pursuant to the *Professional Standards Regulations 2017*. Application fees are recognised on receipt. Annual fees are recognised over the annual scheme period, with accruals raised where regulated fees have not been received at 30 June. Where a scheme year is not equal to the fiscal year, a portion of the revenue is deferred (contract liability) until the next fiscal year. There is no deferred revenue required to be shown as at 30 June 2023.

B2 EXPENSES

B2-1 SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

Secretariat support charges*	425	402
Bank charges	1	1
Total	426	403

Accounting Policy - Supplies and Services

Included in secretariat support charges is an amount of \$6,500 for external audit (2022: \$5,225). External audit fees as shown in note B2-1 represents 8.89% of the total expected external audit fees for the consolidated eight jurisdictional Professional Standards Councils and does not represent the actual audit costs incurred for the Professional Standards Council of Queensland. External audit fees of the Professional Standards Council of Queensland are paid to the Queensland Audit Office and relate to the 2022-23 financial statements. There are no non-audit services included in this amount.

^{*}This represents secretariat support provided by the Department of Customer Service, New South Wales. The total cost of secretariat support proportionately shared among the eight Councils is determined by the percentage of revenue each Council has recognised. These costs include employment costs, remuneration of all members of all eight Councils, other operating expenses, occupancy costs and depreciation and amortisation of assets solely procured for the Councils and held by the Department of Customer Service, New South Wales. In 2023, Queensland's percentage is 8.89% (2022: 8.22%).

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SECTION 3 NOTES ABOUT OUR FINANCIAL POSITION

C1 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Cash at bank	578	543
Total	578	543

Accounting Policy - Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Cash Flows, cash assets include all cash and cheques receipted but not banked at 30 June as well as deposits held at call with financial institutions (Queensland Treasury Corporation - Cash Fund Facility).

Cash held in 2023 with the Commonwealth Bank earned interest at a rate between 0.80% to 4.05% (2022: 0.05% to 0.80%), and with the Queensland Treasury Corporation at a rate between 1.92% to 4.17% (2022: 0.29% to 0.90%). If interest rates changed by +/-1% from the year end rates applicable to the Council's financial assets, with all other variables held constant, the Council would have a surplus and equity increase/(decrease) of \$5,780 (2022: \$5,430). This is mainly attributable to the Council's exposure to variable interest rates on its cash deposited in interest bearing accounts.

C2 RECEIVABLES

Total	9	5
Annual fees receivable	7	5
Interest receivable	2	-

Trade debtors, being amounts receivable as per the *Professional Standards Regulations 2017* are recognised as amounts due at the time of sale or service delivery i.e. the regulated price. Settlement of these amounts is required within 30 days in order to avoid regulated simple interest at the rate of 0.05% per day being payable on the outstanding balance until that balance is paid. The interest is payable on and from the day after the 30 days ends, until and including the day the amount is paid.

The collectability of receivables is assessed periodically with provision being made for expected credit losses. Expected credit losses have been assessed as not material. All known bad debts were written-off as at 30 June 2023.

Other debtors generally arise from transactions outside the usual operating activities of the Council and are recognised at their assessed values. Terms are a maximum of three months, no interest is charged and no security is obtained.

C3 PAYABLES

Trade creditors	136	114
Total	136	114

Trade creditors include 2022-23 service charges for the period 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023. Trade creditors are recognised upon receipt of the goods or services ordered and are measured at the nominal amount. Amounts owing are unsecured and are generally settled on 30 day terms.

Professional Standards Council Notes to the Financial Statements

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SECTION 4 NOTES ABOUT RISK AND OTHER ACCOUNTING UNCERTAINTIES

D1 FINANCIAL RISK DISCLOSURES

Recognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position when the Council becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Classification

Financial instruments are classified and measured as follows:

- Cash and cash equivalents (Note C1)
- Receivables held at amortised cost (Note C2)
- Payables held at amortised cost (Note C3)

The Council does not enter into transactions for speculative purposes, nor for hedging. The Council holds no financial assets classified at fair value through profit or loss.

D2 CONTINGENCIES

The Professional Standards Council has no material contingencies as at 30 June 2023.

D3 EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

The Professional Standards Council does not have any favourable or unfavourable events occurring between the reporting date and the date when the financial report is authorised for issue.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

SECTION 5 OTHER INFORMATION

E1 KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL (KMP) DISCLOSURES

Details of Key Management Personnel

The Council's responsible Minister is identified as part of the Council's KMP, consistent with additional guidance included in the revised version of AASB124 *Related Party Disclosures*. The Minister is the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.

KMP Remuneration Policies

Ministerial remuneration entitlements are outlined in the Legislative Assembly of Queensland's Members' Remuneration Handbook. The Council does not bear any cost of remuneration of Ministers. The majority of Ministerial entitlements are paid by the Legislative Assembly, with the remaining entitlements being provided by Ministerial Services Branch within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. As all Ministers are reported as KMP of the Queensland Government, aggregate remuneration expenses for all Ministers is disclosed in the Queensland General Government and Whole of Government Consolidated Financial Statements, which are published as part of Queensland Treasury's Report on State Finances.

In accordance with the *Professional Standards Agreement 2011*, the remuneration for the Professional Standards Councils members is set by the NSW government in line with NSW guidelines. In accordance with the *Inter-Departmental Service Agreement*, the NSW government manages payroll processing for the eight Professional Standards Councils. Total remuneration, including superannuation for the Councils' key management personnel was \$257,841 (2022: \$273,786). The Council is required to fund 8.89% or \$22,922 (2022: 8.22% or \$22,505) of total key management personnel remuneration. This expense is included in secretariat support charges (Note B2-1).

No KMP remuneration packages provide for performance or bonus payments.

E2 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No transactions with related parties have materially affected the Council's operating result or financial position.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

E3 NEW AND REVISED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The Council has not implemented any new or revised accounting standards during 2022-23 that have any material impact on the financial statements.

The Council did not voluntarily change any of its accounting policies during 2022-23.

The Council is not permitted to early adopt a new or amended accounting standard ahead of the specified commencement date unless approval is obtained from Queensland Treasury. Consequently, the Council has not applied any Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective. The Council applies standards and interpretations in accordance with their respective commencement dates.

E4 TAXATION

The Council is a State body as defined under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* and is exempt from Commonwealth taxation with the exception of Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) and Goods and Services Tax (GST). Where applicable, FBT and GST are the only taxes accounted for by the Council.

Professional Standards Council Management Certificate

for the year ended 30 June 2023

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared pursuant to s.62(1) of the *Financial Accountability Act 2009* (the Act), s.39 of the *Financial and Performance Management Standard 2019* and other prescribed requirements. In accordance with s.62(1)(b) of the Act we certify that in our opinion:

- (a) the prescribed requirements for establishing and keeping the accounts have been complied with in all material respects; and
- (b) the financial statements have been drawn up to present a true and fair view, in accordance with prescribed accounting standards, of the transactions of the Professional Standards Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and of the financial position of the Council at the end of that year; and

We acknowledge responsibility under s.7 and s.11 of the *Financial and Performance Management Standard 2019* for the establishment and maintenance, in all material respects, of an appropriate and effective system of internal controls and risk management processes with respect to financial reporting throughout the reporting period.

Steve Shevlin FCPA

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Acting Executive Director, Financial Services

Department of Justice and Attorney-General

John Vines OAM

Chairperson

Professional Standards Council

29 August 2023



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Council Members of the Professional Standards Council

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report of the Professional Standards Council. In my opinion, the financial report:

- a) gives a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2023, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended
- b) complies with the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, the Financial and Performance Management Standard 2019 and Australian Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosures.

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements including material accounting policy information, and the management certificate.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report.

I am independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code and the *Auditor-General Auditing Standards*.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the entity for the financial report

The Council Members are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, the Financial and Performance Management Standard 2019 and Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures, and for such internal control as the Council Members determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Council Members are also responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is intended to abolish the entity or to otherwise cease operations.



Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
 procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. This is not done for the purpose
 of forming an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls, but allows
 me to form an opinion on compliance with prescribed requirements.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of material accounting policy information used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the entity.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the entity's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. I base my conclusions on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Council Members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.



Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Statement

In accordance with s.40 of the Auditor-General Act 2009, for the year ended 30 June 2023:

- a) I received all the information and explanations I required.
- b) I consider that, the prescribed requirements in relation to the establishment and keeping of accounts were complied with in all material respects.

Prescribed requirements scope

The prescribed requirements for the establishment and keeping of accounts are contained in the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, any other Act and the Financial and Performance Management Standard 2019. The applicable requirements include those for keeping financial records that correctly record and explain the entity's transactions and account balances to enable the preparation of a true and fair financial report.

31 August 2023

Jacqueline Thornley as delegate of the Auditor-General

Queensland Audit Office Brisbane



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