



**NOTIFICATION OF SCHEME AND
INSTRUMENT AMENDING A SCHEME**
(Professional Standards Act 2003 (Vic))

Notification is hereby given pursuant to Section 9 of the *Professional Standards Act 2003* (Vic) of a scheme, and of an Instrument amending a Scheme, both prepared by the Victorian Bar Inc ("Vic Bar") of 205 William St, Melbourne, Victoria.

The Instrument amending a Scheme is intended to amend the Victorian Bar Inc Professional Standards Scheme approved on 8 February 2008. The Scheme was approved to be in force for five years from 1 July 2008. The Instrument, if approved, will amend the Scheme and allow the Scheme to operate in Victoria, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory of Australia, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

The scheme:

1. Applies to all members of the Vic Bar ('participants') with a current Practising Certificate issued by the Victorian Legal Services Board or the Vic Bar and who have been admitted to membership of the Scheme by the Vic Bar, unless exempted.
2. Limits the occupational liability of participants to \$2 million.
3. Provides that the Vic Bar may specify a higher maximum amount of liability on application by a participant.
4. Requires the participants to have insurance for occupational liability of an amount not less than the amount of their limited liability.

The Vic Bar requires the participants to comply with relevant risk management strategies.

The Instrument amending a Scheme and the Amended Scheme may commence on a day 2 months or more after the date of the gazettal of the scheme as may be specified when approved.

A copy of the Instrument and the Amended Scheme may be obtained from or inspected at the office or website of the Professional Standards Council.

Before approving the Instrument or the Amended Scheme, the Council hereby invites comments and submissions to be made in writing to be received by the Executive Officer, Professional Standards Council within 28 days after the publication of this notice.

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Comments and submissions received will be public unless confidentiality is specifically requested, and will be subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Vic).

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