

Latest news for registered organisations

NEW: Streamlined WHS permit applications

A new [Work Health and Safety \(WHS\) entry permit application](#) has been released, following approval of the new form by Justice Hatcher, President of the Commission.

The new application simplifies the process by combining two separate forms into one and is expected to improve turnaround times for applications.

The application is for those seeking a WHS entry permit for workplaces covered by the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (Cth).

For information on how to apply for a WHS permit for workplaces covered by State or Territory WHS legislation, please contact the relevant [State or Territory tribunal or workplace safety agency](#).



Model Rules for elections will be released this month

In March, we released [annotated Model Rules and an accompanying guidance note](#) for registered organisations.

There is a rule book for organisations with branches and one for organisations without branches. Every rule has notes explaining the regulatory requirements, case law, any practical impacts and how a rule can be changed to suit your rule book. The model rules are a great place to start if you are considering altering your organisation's rules.

Stage two of the Model Rules will be published at the end of this month. This includes drafting election rules for Appendix B of the rule books, with assistance from AEC and our stakeholders. Stay tuned for this announcement!



Updated resources for Loans, Grants and Donations Statements

Registered organisations are required to provide certain information about loans, grants and donations following the end of the financial year.

We have recently updated our [loans, grants and donations statement template](#) and the [accompanying fact sheet](#) to better assist organisations to comply with this requirement. Highlights include a new section on common definitions of relevant terms, the option to provide the amounts inclusive or exclusive of GST and calculate the totals.



Update to CFMEU administration

On 18 June 2025 the High Court of Australia delivered its judgment in the matter of *Ravbar v Commonwealth of Australia [2025] HCA 25*, in which it unanimously determined that the legislation to establish the Administration of the CFMEU Construction and General Division (C&G Division) was not invalid on any of the applicant's asserted grounds of invalidity.

The effect of the decision by the High Court is that Administration of the C&G Division under the control by the Administrator, Mr Mark Irving KC, will continue.

The General Manager is the independent financial regulator of all registered organisations, including the C&G Division under administration. The General Manager's role in relation to the [administration of the C&G Division of the CFMEU](#) was outlined in his statement of 3 October 2024.

We will continue our ongoing engagement with the independent Administrator to provide education, assistance and advice to the Administrator and staff of the C&G Division of the CFMEU. We are committed to working collaboratively with the CFMEU administrator and other regulators and law enforcement to share information where appropriate to ensure the C&G Division functions lawfully and effectively for the benefit of its members. We welcome any information that is relevant to the General Manager's regulatory responsibilities under the RO Act.



2024–2025 model financial statements and updated resources released

The [2024–2025 model financial statements](#) have been released to assist registered organisations and branches prepare their financial reports.

The following resources have also been updated for use in relation to financial years ending on or after 30 June 2025:

- [Fact sheet – Disclosing new and future accounting standards – 2024/25 financial year](#)
- [2025 Financial report checklist – primary assessment](#)
- [2025 Financial report checklist – advanced assessment](#)

If you have any questions about your organisation’s financial reporting obligations, please email regorgs@fwc.gov.au or call 1300 341 665 to speak to a member of the Financial Analysis Team.



Wrap up of in-person education events

Since April last year, we’ve hosted six in-person information events as part of our Registered Organisations Education and Support Program.

The last of these sessions was our Hobart event in March. We had attendees from a range of backgrounds, including employer associations, unions, and registered auditors. Thank you for those who attended and participated.

We plan to deliver further events in Melbourne and Sydney next financial year. Stay tuned for announcements of these events!

New podcast episode released

We have released a new episode of our podcast, ‘RO pod – talking about the governance of registered organisations’.



[Episode 58: Good governance in practice – from an organisation’s perspective](#)

An important part of the Commission’s regulatory approach is to listen to and learn from stakeholders in our registered organisations community.

“I took on a leadership role in my registered organisation because I love paperwork...said nobody ever.”

In this episode, we have invited Tom Lynch, the Federal President of the Community and Public Sector Union

(CPSU) to share what good governance looks like in his organisation.

New episodes, and most of our previous episodes are available on [Spotify](#) and [Apple](#), as well as on as well as on our [podcast page](#).

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